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
Economic Summit AND the President's
visit to Bitburg

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8514416

Date July 16, 1985

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: The Chairman
Citizens Rights Association

Date: April 30, 1985 Subject: Economic summit and
the President's visit to Bitburg

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 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- X An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks:

for Deborah Under
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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10 July, 1985

The Chairman
Citizens Rights Association
"Appassionato"
Martin Luther Str.19
1000 Berlin 30

Dear Mr. Chairman:

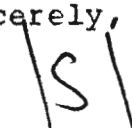
Thank you for your letter of April 29 to President Reagan, concerning the economic summit and his visit to Bitburg.

We appreciate very much your concerns about the necessity to preserve and enlarge the area of economic activity so that the economic needs of mankind are served in the best way possible. Allowing the marketplace the greatest possible leeway in which to operate also contributes to the atmosphere in which freedom and human dignity have the best possibilities to flourish. As you know, since its beginning, the United States has had as a major goal the protection of individual liberties.

The President's visit to Bitburg was intended to emphasize the themes of peace and reconciliation. We believe it was successful; the visit helped to strengthen the ties between Germany and the United States in a positive manner from which all humanity can draw hope.

Thank you for sending your thoughts to the President.

Sincerely,


John C. Kornblum
Director, Office of
Central European Affairs

REFERRAL

DATE: 10 MAY 85

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

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DUE DATE: 17 MAY 85

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

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"Appassionato"
Martin Luther Str. 19
1000 Berlin 30
Tel. 2 11 20 38

April 30, 1985

U.S. Mission
Clayallee 170
1000 Berlin 33

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Citizens Rights Association "Appassionato" would like to request transmission of this letter to the U.S. President.

The Chairman

signature

Citizens Rights Association
"Appassionato"
Martin Luther Str.19
1000 Berlin 30
Tel. 2 11 20 38

April 29, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

The Citizens Rights Association "Appassionato" was recently founded as an instrument in the service of humanity. In what was called our "May Appeal", the association declared that mankind has reached a critical stage at which it may achieve a new level of consciousness or, failing that, may slip into the abyss and perish.

We will take a stand at the abyss and passionately (appassionato) fight to save mankind from a last and fatal step in the wrong direction.

Peace, friendship, and especially humaneness; these are the new goals.

You, Mr. President, wanted to bring understanding to friends and found to your distress how difficult it obviously is today to reach out to others, to hold mankind back from false steps towards the abyss when other interests are pushing it.

It is not really a matter of the dead, but of animosity, spite, and extortion attempts. There is method in this madness, for what they really mean concerns their own self-interest and economic power. For this they do not hesitate to disturb the dead and black-mail friends.

Many in your country would do well to remember Vietnam, Hiroshima

and Nagasaki, the suppression of the American Indians, the enslavement of the blacks, and the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Those who act the way a number of highly-placed representatives of your nation are now doing has truly not learned anything and are clearly concerned only with the President pursuing a hard line at the economic summit. If you are well-to-do and living in the lap of luxury, it is easy to talk of freedom and human dignity.

You, Mr. President, are on the right track. Don't let a hopelessly stubborn economic mafia hobble you at the economic summit. What is important is not the consolidation of the system and the avoidance of unpleasant consequences for a few of the powerful.

Seize the chance that fate has offered you in this field, too. In addition to being a president who stands for humane impulses, you must also become a president who stands for the liberalization of the economy. American economic interests are not the only ones in the world.

Your visit to Bitburg, Mr. President, should strengthen the friendship between all men. It should lead to greater humanity.

We appeal to all men of good will: Go to Biburg! Embark on a campaign for humanity.

Bitburg must be allowed to become a symbol for a new intellectual climate in which hate, extortion, and group egotisms can no longer thrive.

Dear Mr. President, we hope you will be a Bitburger in this spirit.

For the Citizens Rights Association
"Appassionato"
The Chairman

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US Mission
Clayallee 170

1000 Berlin 33

Berlin, den 30.04.1985

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren,

der bürger-recht-verein "appassionato" überreicht hiermit ein Schreiben an den amerikanischen Präsidenten, mit der Bitte um Weiterleitung.

für den bürger-recht-verein "appassionato"

Der Präsident



An den
amerikanischen Präsidenten

Berlin, den 29.04.1985

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident,

der bürger-recht-verein "appassionato" stellte sich kürzlich als Neugründung im Dienste der Menschlichkeit vor. In einer sogenannten Maiparole verbreitete der Verein, daß sich die Menschheit im Aufbruch befindet, daß sie auf dem Weg sein könnte, eine neue Bewußtseinsstufe zu erklimmen oder, wenn das nicht gelingt, in den Abgrund zu stürzen, zu enden im Nichts.

Wir stellen uns vor den Abgrund und wollen mit Leidenschaft (appassionato) kämpfen und die Menschheit vor einem letzten Fehltritt zu bewahren.

Friede, Freundschaft, vor allem Menschlichkeit. Das sind die neuen Ziele.

Sie, Herr Präsident, wollten Freunden Menschlichkeit bringen und mußten traurigen Herzens erkennen wie schwer es heute offensichtlich ist, einem anderen die Hand zu reichen, die Menschheit vor falschen Schritten in Richtung Abgrund zu bewahren, wenn andere Interessen dagegen stehen.

Anfeindungen, Gehässigkeiten, Erpressungsversuche, nicht die Toten sind es. Methode steckt dahinter, denn was sie in Wirklichkeit meinen sind ihre eigenen Egoismen und wirtschaftliche Macht. Dabei schrecken sie vor den Toten und vor Erpressung von Freunden nicht zurück.

Viele in Ihrem Lande täten gut daran, sich an Vietnam, Hiroshima und Nagasaki zu erinnern, an die Unterdrückung der Indianer, Versklavung der Schwarzen und die Ermordung von John F. Kennedy und Martin Luther King.

Wer so vorgeht wie ein Teil hoher Repräsentanten Ihres Volkes, der hat wahrlich nichts gelernt und dem kommt es offensichtlich nur darauf an, daß der Präsident wenigstens Härte im Wirtschaftsgipfel zeigt. Mit vollem Magen, gebettet in Wohlstand, spricht es sich leicht von Freiheit und Menschenwürde.

Sie, Herr Präsident, sind auf dem richtigen Wege. Lassen Sie sich auch für den Wirtschaftsgipfel von einer unbelehrbaren Wirtschaftsmafia keine Bremsklötze vorlegen. Es geht nicht nur um Festschreibung des Systems und Vermeidung lästiger Folgen für nur einige Mächtige.

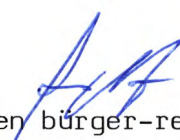
Ergreifen Sie auch hier die Chance. Werden Sie neben einem Präsidenten der Menschlichkeit ein Präsident der Liberalisierung der Wirtschaft. Es gibt nicht nur amerikanische Wirtschaftsinteressen in der Welt.

Ihr Besuch in Bitburg, Herr Präsident, soll die Freundschaft aller Menschen stärken. Er soll zu mehr Menschlichkeit führen.

Wir rufen alle Menschen auf, die guten Willens sind: Geht nach Bitburg! Begebt euch auf den Feldzug der Menschlichkeit.

Bitburg muß zu einem Zeichen, zu einem neuen geistigen Klima werden, in dem Haß, Erpressung und Gruppenegoismen nicht mehr gedeihen können.

Herr Präsident, seien Sie in diesem Sinne ein Bitburger.


für den bürger-recht-verein "appassionato"
Der Präsident

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cc: Ceci Cole-McInturff

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 10, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES G. MILES

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF VISIT TO THE BITBURG
CEMETERY IN WEST GERMANY

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June 11, 1985

Dear Senator Miles:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful and particularly so for your approval of my recent visit to West Germany. I felt from the start that I was doing the morally right thing, and feel that even more so now that the trip is over. Your message strengthens my conviction.

Sincerely,

THE HONORABLE JAMES G. MILES
EIGHTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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AGANA, GUAM 96910

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Bitburg 6 ✓

cc: Ceci Cole-McInturff

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Eighteenth Guam Legislature

P.O. Box CB-1

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JAMES G. MILES

Senator

May 3, 1985

Ceci Cole - McInturff

President Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Although the chances of you personally receiving this letter are slim, I am sending it nonetheless.

I just wanted you to know that I support your visit to the WWII cemetery in Germany where German soldiers are buried. As a retired military man myself, I know that soldiers of all nations have certain righteous qualities that are common to the military profession; such as love of country, to answer the call to arms in defense of what they believe in, to do their duty and be prepared to give their lives if necessary. It is my understanding that the typical German soldier of WWII wasn't really that different from American soldiers and those of our allies. With the exception of Hitler's death squads and factions within the SS, the Japanese soldiers were probably much more brutal and sadistic than the majority of German soldiers.

American prisoners of war in Germany generally received humane treatment from their captors. Of course, there were exceptions even on our side in the treatment of prisoners.

Field Marshal Irwin Rommel, for example, insisted that prisoners of war be afforded humane treatment, food, clothing, shelter and medical attention.

West Germany is one of our most important allies. Your presence in a brief ceremony to pay respect to their war dead was, in my opinion, appropriate. It wasn't condoning the atrocities that took place in the concentration camps or paying tribute to Hitler. It merely recognized the price paid by all soldiers who died in defense of what they believed in. A simple and fitting tribute to our West German allies.

General Patton had great respect for the German military, excluding of course those factions involved in the death camps and other atrocities. Patton wanted to accept the conditional surrender of conventional German Military Units and then use them to oust the Soviets from German soil. If we had done that, I'm convinced that the situation in Europe would be much more stable, militarily than what it is today.

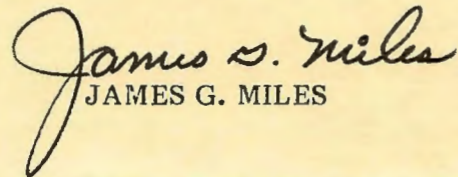
The media, in my opinion, have been thirsting to find a "chink" in your armor and they have latched onto the German War Cemetery visit and made it a sensationalized controversy. I don't have to remind you of just how notorious they are at distorting the truth

President Reagan
May 3, 1985

twisting the facts and inflaming the appropriate segments of our society to suit their needs.

Please keep up the good work and God Bless.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES G. MILES

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 10, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LILA M. SAPINSLEY

SUBJECT: URGES CANCELLING OF THE BITBURG CEMETERY
VISIT

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Department of Community Affairs
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
150 Washington Street
Providence, R.I. 02903

April 27, 1985

Andy Carol

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Political leaders sometimes find that their intentions and the public perception of those intentions differ.

In the case of the Bitburg cemetery visit, I do not question your intentions. But since your visit there seems to say we want to forget the atrocities designed by the Nazis, when in fact remembering them as atrocities is the best guarantee we can have that we will not let this happen again, you should not appear to have written the Holocaust off as unpleasant history.

Yes, we want to establish strong ties with Germany. But Germany cannot expect us to in any way honor SS criminals.

Please cancel your Bitburg visit.

Sincerely yours,

Lila M. Savinsley
Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 10, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERTO C. GOIZUETA

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF HANDLING OF EVENTS ON
SUNDAY AT BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY

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ROBERTO C. GOIZUETA
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 8, 1985

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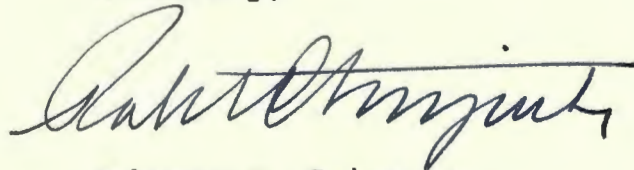
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I simply want to express my high regard for your handling of the events of this past Sunday. Mrs. Reagan and you conveyed a dignity and compassion which touched me deeply -- transforming what I know was a difficult situation into a proud moment for our Nation.

With warm regards to you and to Mrs. Reagan.

Sincerely,



Roberto C. Goizueta

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR12301

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURE LETTER FROM MR. MIKE SCHNEIDER, AN
EIGHT YEAR OLD, REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
VISIT TO BITBURG

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May 20, 1985

Dear Senator Biden:

This is to acknowledge your May 1 letter forwarding Mike Schneider's correspondence regarding the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your constituent's concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

President Reagan is certain your constituent agrees that, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. The President was asked by Chancellor Kohl to pay a visit to a German military cemetery in Bitburg, and he has honored that request.

For four decades, the Federal Republic of Germany has faced up to the guilt and responsibilities of its Nazi past and has, in countless ways, demonstrated concretely its commitment to democratic ideals and human rights, including standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the Alliance in defense of freedom. With particular regard to the younger generation in Germany, it is important to demonstrate that, while we continue to hold the nation responsible for its past, we do not consider them to bear individual responsibility for the crimes of Nazism.

Let me make clear that the President does not consider his appearance at Bitburg to represent an act of forgiveness for those crimes, but rather one of acknowledgment of the democratic society the German people have built. He considers this to be

a positive gesture which in no way detracts from his full and heartfelt commitment to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust and the American soldiers who gave their lives to defeat the Nazi regime and its crimes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 1, 1985

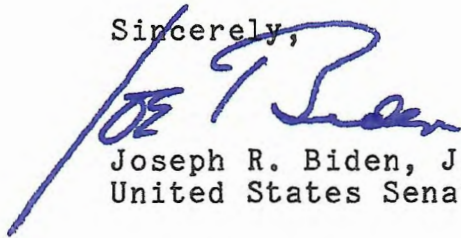
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a letter from a young constituent of mine, Mr. Mike Schneider of Wilmington, Delaware. Mike is eight years old, and asked me to forward his letter to you.

Mike is concerned about your visit to the cemetery at Bitburg, and would like to have your comments.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senator

Dear President Reagan and
Senator Biden,
I am only eight years old and I
know the meaning of what
President Reagan is doing, but I don't
know why. To me it is a sin
because I am Jewish. You are
honoring murderers who have
killed six million of my people.
Personally I think you are
doing something wrong. And I
really don't like it.

Protestingly
Mike Schneider

MICHAEL

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BILL LOWERY

SUBJECT: CORRECTS THE RECORD REGARDING HIS POSITION
ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BITBURG

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

May 10, 1985

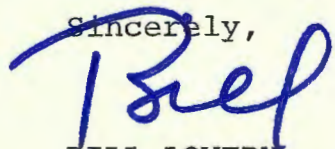
BILL LOWERY
CALIFORNIA

Dear B:

I would like to take this opportunity to correct the record regarding my position on the President's visit to Bitburg.

The Gary Ackerman letter to the President, deploring the visit, incorrectly included my name. Immediately after the error was discovered, one of the members of my staff contacted your office by telephone to have my name removed.

I apologize for any misunderstanding this might have caused, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,


BILL LOWERY
Member of Congress

Mr. B Oglesby
Assist. to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 304111

TR 123-01

MAY 14 1985

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LOU PILTZ

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF VISIT TO THE
BITBURG CEMETERY

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*Ronald Reagan*

# 304111

# City of La Mirada



April 30, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

It is my hope, and that of many others, that you reconsider your proposed visit to the Bitburg Cemetery during your trip to West Germany.

How can you, or your advisors, equate the "murder" of eleven million persons with "honor and dignity"? These lives were lost, not on the battlefields, but were lost due to monstrous inhumanity to man. Should we forgive and forget? We must never forget, but your reminder, today, provides division amongst us and makes forgiveness much more difficult.

Mr. President, you have changed your mind, with respect to a visit to a death camp, why can you not change your mind concerning the cemetery? There are other means for accomplishing your intended purposes, and yet add another opportunity for respect and stature for yourself and your office.

Listen, Mr. President, listen to the voices of those past and of the present for what they consider to be ethical or justice; and if that is not sufficient, ask yourself what will be the immediate effects or the lasting effects on the Republican Party?

With best wishes for your health and wiser advice.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

Lou Piltz  
Mayor

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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MAY 14 1985

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FRANCIS T. PURCELL

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF VISIT TO CEMETERY  
IN BITBURG

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June 21, 1985

Dear Mr. Purcell:

President Reagan has asked me to acknowledge your message and your deep concern. I can assure you that the President understands the sense of personal pain you expressed as a combat veteran regarding the President's decision to visit the German cemetery at Bitburg. I regret the delay in this response.

As I am sure you know, the President spoke at Bitburg Air Base on May 5 of his regret that his visit had reopened old wounds in what should be a time of healing. The President made clear, however, that the reconciliation which he sought in no way diminishes our love and honor for those who fought and died for our country. Nor does it mean forgetting or forgiving either the terrible crime of the Holocaust or the evil deeds of the SS whose crimes, the President said, "must rank among the most heinous in human history."

Because of your concern, I am sending you the enclosed full transcripts of the President's remarks at the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp and at Bitburg Air Base.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Francis T. Purcell  
County Executive  
One West Street  
Mineola, NY 11501

✓ Enclosures

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Ronald Reagan

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FRANCIS T. PURCELL  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
ONE WEST STREET  
MINEOLA, N. Y. 11501

April 23, 1985

Honorable Ronald Reagan  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

I fully share your wish to formalize the reconciliation between Germany and the United States by taking part in an appropriate ceremony 40 years after the end of World War II. The antagonisms are now long behind us, democracy is firmly established in Germany, and Germany and the West have enjoyed four decades of peace and friendship. I am sure that is what you had in mind when your staff scheduled a visit to Bitburg cemetery. Your intentions and Chancellor Kohl's were the best.

But Bitburg is more than just a military cemetery. Because it contains the graves of members of the Waffen-SS, it has come to symbolize the Nazi barbarities that were committed four decades ago in the name of the German people. As a U.S. Army captain, I was sent to Buchenwald concentration camp a few days after its liberation. The horrors that I saw there are seared forever into my mind. The SS were the hunters who scoured Europe for victims to feed into the concentration camps. They were the butchers who planned and executed the genocide that occurred in the camps.

The SS were not simply draftees. They were eager volunteers, the elite of Nazi Germany's New Order, solemnly sworn to uphold Hitler and all he stood for. To honor them, even indirectly by their presence in the same cemetery with German Army dead, is a blasphemy on the memory of the millions who were consumed in the Holocaust.

I urge you to change your plans to visit Bitburg and to find some other, more appropriate, less offensive, action to symbolize the reconciliation of the former enemies of World War II. Bitburg does not symbolize reconciliation. It symbolizes inhumanity, and it will re-open rather than heal old wounds.

Sincerely,

Francis T. Purcell  
County Executive

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 304114

TR 123-01

**MAY 14 1985**

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. HOWARD GOLDEN

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE  
BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN  
CITY OF NEW YORK

HOWARD GOLDEN  
PRESIDENT

May 3, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you to express how shocked and dismayed I was when you announced your stopover at the Bitburg military cemetery. It seemed unbelievable that you would proceed with this ill-advised and insensitive way of symbolizing the friendship of the American and West German peoples.

As President of the Borough of Brooklyn, which is home to more survivors of the Holocaust than any other locale outside of Israel, I have talked to many of my constituents on this matter. The Jewish people feel mortally wounded by your action, other constituents are taken aback. I cannot believe that there was no change in your plans and that you did not reverse an obvious mistake and error of judgement.

While you were in Europe, I have gone throughout Brooklyn. The anger and anguish has not abated. Your visit to Bitburg continues to cause great sorrow among the people of Brooklyn. I do not know, frankly, how these wounds can ever be repaired.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature of Howard Golden*  
Howard Golden

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. DONALD N. SILLS

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS DECISION TO VISIT CEMETERY IN  
BITBURG

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# COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

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(202) 544-5160 (800) 852-2528

Dr. Greg Dixon, President  
Dr. Donald N. Sills, Executive Director

May 9, 1985

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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Today I bring you and your administration two points of mutual interest.

(1) In a recent telegram from our office Dr. Greg Dixon objected in the name of the Coalition for Religious Freedom to your decision to visit the graves in Bitsburg, Germany. As of today I assure you our organization stands behind your decision and action in this matter. I am grateful for your role as a reconciler of nations in this most vital area.

(2) Dr. Dixon has resigned as president of the Coalition and I have accepted this position as of May 8, 1985.

Mr. President, I may not always agree with you or your decisions but I assure you the Coalition for Religious Freedom will stand behind and support your leadership. As fellow Americans we must stand together to guarantee that tomorrow our children and grandchildren will have a place of freedom from which their aspirations and dreams may become a reality.

Our prayers are with you.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Donald N. Sills  
President

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cc-Ron Alvarado

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STEPHEN D. HILL

MAY 14 1985

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS ACTION IN VISITING THE CEMETERY AT  
BITBURG

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June 11, 1985

Dear Mayor Hill:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful and particularly so for your approval of my recent visit to West Germany. I felt from the start that I was doing the morally right thing, and feel that even more so now that the trip is over. Your message strengthens my conviction.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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The Honorable Stephen D. Hill  
Mayor of Lordsburg  
Lordsburg, New Mexico 88045

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cc: Ron Alvarado ✓

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May 6, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

I support your action in visiting the cemetery at Bitburg. Those opposed to your visit either do not understand the purpose of the visit or choose to misunderstand.

The press again has taken the opportunity for an unwarranted attack. I commend you for your message delivered following the cemetery visit. You overshadowed the efforts of the press to misconstrue the intent of your visit.

So often the right actions are the most difficult. Thank you for the courageous example you set.

Sincerely,



Stephen D. Hill

Mayor

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAN QUAYLE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPIES OF LETTERS FROM  
CONSTITUENTS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S  
DECISION NOT TO VISIT DACHAU

ACTION DISPOSITION

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COMMENTS: AB spoke with Karl Stegenga and advised that no response would be sent

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United States Senate  
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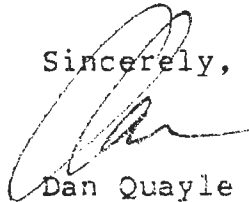
Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find copies of a letter I received from several of my constituents. I have indicated to my constituents that I have brought this matter to your attention and would appreciate your thoughts and comments.

Please direct your response to my Washington office marked to the attention of Karl Stegenga.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Quayle  
United States Senator

DQ/ksl  
Enclosure

Karl Stegenga

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Michael M. Vogel  
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March 28, 1985

The Honorable Senator Dan Quayle  
306 Hart Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Quayle:

I have mailed this letter to the President of the United States. (see attached copy).

Please use your influence with Mr. Reagan and ask him to reconsider and go to visit Dachau Concentration Camp while he is in West Germany!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Vogel

*Michael M Vogel*

Enclosure as noted.

Mr. Michael Vogel  
6531 Sunset Lane  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46260

March 26, 1985

Mr. Ronald Reagan,  
President  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Mr. Reagan:

RE: Your news conference of 3/21/85 about visiting  
Dachau Concentration Camp

Mr. President, you said it was time to forgive and  
forget. As a survivor of Auschwitz and Dachau, I would  
like to ask a few questions.

When the Nazis took me away from my parents and took  
me to Auschwitz ... should I forgive or should I forget?

When they put my Mother and my 10 year old sister and my  
8 year old brother into the ovens... Should I forgive or  
should I forget?

When they gassed my father in November, 1942, at the age  
of 44, should I forgive ... or should I forget?

When my 18 year old sister, Rose was put to death in Ausch-  
witz in May, 1942, should I forgive ... or should I forget?

When my 16 year old brother, Arpad, was tortured and killed  
in October, 1942, should I forgive and forget?

Mr. President, I am the only one left from my immediate family,  
not to mention my grandparents, aunts, and uncles. As a sur-  
vivor, I feel strongly that you and Chancellor Kohl should  
visit Dachau to show the world that this happened -- and let  
the world know that IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!

Sincerely,

*Michael Vogel*

Michael Vogel

Notre Dame Latin School  
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April 3, 1985

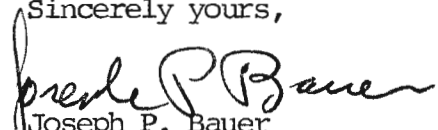
Senator Dan Quayle  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Quayle:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have sent today to President Reagan, protesting his decision not to visit the site of a Nazi concentration camp while he visits Germany next month. I would appreciate hearing of your views on this matter, and if you share my feelings, I would appreciate your also communicating them to President Reagan.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joseph P. Bauer  
Professor of Law

JPB:wp

Notre Dame High School  
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April 3, 1985

Hon. Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my disappointment at your decision not to visit a Nazi concentration camp during your visit to Germany next month, and my outrage at your subsequent insensitive explanation of this decision at your news conference.

The Holocaust is the greatest affront to liberty, justice and human rights in the history of mankind. Six million Jews, and hundreds of thousands of other people, were killed and tortured by the Nazis. It was partially to prevent an even greater spread of these atrocities that this country fought in World War II, and that 200,000 American soldiers gave their lives to remove the scourge of Nazism from Europe. To fail to recognize this important aspect of our history, and to fail to commemorate the memory of these millions of victims of Hitler, is terribly troubling.

Your explanation of this decision is even worse. How can you possibly say that "the German people have very few alive that remember even the war?" The Germans are very well aware of World War II, whether they were in fact alive in 1945 or not. But, if your intended point was that many Germans know of this only through their history books, and would rather forget that the whole thing happened, your explanation is more defective. It is precisely because people may tend to forget, or wish to forget, these horrible events, that we should remind them that mankind can never forget the horrors of Hitler. For, to forget is a dual wrong--It denigrates the tragic loss of millions of lives of these martyrs to tyranny. And, it makes it more likely that such horrible events might again occur.

In short, I urge you to reconsider your decision, and to make a trip to a concentration camp while you are in Germany. In such a way, you will exemplify the commitment of the American people to the values you so often proclaim.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph P. Bauer  
Professor of Law

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cc: Senator Richard Lugar  
Senator Dan Quayle  
Congressman John Hiler



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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 13, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING VISIT TO BITBURG MILITARY  
CEMETERY

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Date:

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Can you pls  
call me on  
this ~

*Anne*

**ANNE HIGGINS**  
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MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN  
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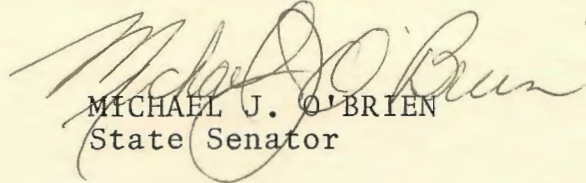
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In view of your strong commitment to Chancellor Kohl to visit the Bitburg military cemetery, can we expect in return that he will soon be visiting and honoring our fallen soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery?

I look forward to your response.

Warmest regards,

  
MICHAEL J. O'BRIEN  
State Senator