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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR 12301

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT G. TORRICELLI

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES THE MILITARY DECORATIONS OF DR.
VICTOR BORDEN IN PROTEST OF THE PRESIDENT'S
VISIT TO THE CEMETRY AT BITBURG

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May 22, 1985

Dear Mr. Torricelli:

This is in response to your May 9 letter enclosing the military decorations of Dr. Victor Borden, who feels he must return these medals in response to the President's visit to the cemetery at Bitburg.

We fully understand the depth of these concerns and assure you that the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. The President, however, considers his appearance at Bitburg 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.

We deeply regret that Dr. Borden feels this way on this matter. We must, however, return his service decorations to him, as they represent the appreciation and gratitude of the Nation which he served with loyalty and dedication.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert G. Torricelli
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure

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ROBERT G. TORRICELLI
9TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

May 9, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great regret that I write to return to you the military decorations of Dr. Victor Borden. Dr. Borden, who volunteered to serve his country during the Vietnam War and served in the Air Force medical corps for two years, felt it inappropriate to keep these mementos of service after your recent visit to the cemetery at Bitburg. Dr. Borden lost four grandparents and many relatives in the ovens of the Holocaust.

Dr. Borden's family is typical of many who fled the horror of prewar Germany. They sought refuge in a nation renowned for its commitment to the freedom of its people regardless of race, religion, or culture. America represented an island of sanity in a world gone mad. Grateful for the freedoms he knew were precious, Dr. Borden did not think twice when his nation asked for his service. He served capably and honorably.

It is a sad day when a man so appreciative of this nation can no longer muster the pride he once had. Dr. Borden feels no animosity, only grief. I share his sadness and pray, that in the future, ill-conceived symbols of reconciliation do not in the process pay homage to deeds repugnant to the American dream.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert G. Torricelli".

ROBERT G. TORRICELLI
Member of Congress

RGT:msb

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cc - Alfred Kingon
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THE WHITE HOUSE
 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE SAMUEL M. ROSENSTEIN

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AND VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S
 VISIT TO BIRBURG

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June 18, 1985

Dear Judge Rosenstein:

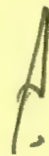
Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your message of May 7. I appreciate more than I can say your kind and generous words.

My purpose was never to suggest we forgive and forget, and I found that today's Germans do not suggest such a thing. They have preserved the camps with evidence of all the horror of the Holocaust, and they say along with us, "Never again."

You were kind to write as you did and your message means a great deal to me.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN



The Honorable Samuel M. Rosenstein
Senior Judge
United States Court
of International Trade
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cc: Alfred Kingon ✓

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299 EAST BROWARD BLVD.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

CHAMBERS OF
SAMUEL M. ROSENSTEIN
SENIOR JUDGE

Personal - Not Official

May 7, 1985

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I strongly feel that the continued criticism of your May 5 visit to the Bitburg cemetery is unfair and unjust.

From what I have read and heard, when the invitation was extended you had no way of knowing who was buried in that cemetery and what it symbolized.

As a man of integrity you felt that having accepted the invitation, the good relationship you had established with Germany would be adversely affected if you cancelled the appointment.

I have no doubt that had you been advised of the entire situation in advance, you unquestionably would not have accepted the invitation. You did all that you reasonably could under the circumstances and your address at the airport was a masterpiece.

As usual, Mrs. Reagan proved herself to be a most worthy helpmate both in Germany and Italy. Both of you continue to enjoy the respect, confidence, and admiration of thinking, fair-minded people.

Definitely, if you are able to accomplish a reconciliation with Russia and retain the support of Germany, you will have given a legacy to future generations of Americans which they have never before had.

With expressions of my respect and high regard for your and Mrs. Reagan

Cordially,


Samuel M. Rosenstein
Senior Judge

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Subject: Proposed letters to Judge Fred Walker and Judge Samuel Roberts

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DANIEL J. ENGLER
STAFF ASSISTANT
OFFICE OF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Proposed Letters to Judge Fred Wicker
and Judge Samuel Rosenstein

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced proposed letters to judges, and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective. Thank you for submitting them for our clearance.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 18, 1985

Memo for: Dianna Holland

From: Dan Engler
Office of Correspondence
x7610, Rm. 96

Re: Dated material for clearance
by your office

Here are copies of two Presidential
replies to judges, dated June 18,
which we would like to send by COB
June 20.

We thought we could save your office
the trouble of composing a memo of
reply if we could just mail the replies
by COB Thursday unless your office
has any objections.

Thank you,



Dan Engler

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1985



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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 15, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. ROBERT L. MADDOX

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG

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Americans United for Separation of Church and State

8120 FENTON STREET • SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND 20910 • (301) 589-3707

May 8, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I regret your trip to the Nazi Cemetery but I applaud your motives in going. After the furor arose, you did right by not changing your mind. Fortunately, our great country or your efforts at governing do not rise or fall on one possible misstep by the President or his staff.

You should know that many of your views on issues, impacting church/state separation cause us great concern. We find ourselves compelled to oppose you on these issues.

You should also know that as our President, you have our prayers and every best wish. You and your staff can call on us anytime we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert L. Maddox
Executive Director

cc: Doug Holladay
Patrick Buchannan

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 16, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI ALEXANDER M. SHAPIRO

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION NOT TO VISIT DACHAU

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March 22, 1985

The President
 The White House

Mr. President,

I was privileged this week to have the opportunity to visit with you in the Oval Office with six of my colleagues in order to transmit to you our concern for our Soviet brothers and sisters. All of us were gratified by your understanding and your sensitivity to the problem and we all left with our faith strengthened of continued commitment of your administration to the cause of Soviet Jewry and to human rights within the Soviet Union.

I am writing to you today out of deep disappointment at one of the statements made at your press conference last night. I am fully aware of your commitment not only to the cause of Soviet Jewry but to the need within America to provide for the teaching of the lessons of the Holocaust at all levels of our society. I am aware of your appearance in support of the Holocaust memorial in Washington and of your continued concern with the painful memories of the Jewish people both in America and abroad. It is therefore with great consternation that I noted your comment yesterday at your press conference indicating that you will not visit Dachau during the course of your projected trip to West Germany this spring. It seems to me, Mr. President, that in so doing you are sending a terrible message both to my fellow Americans as well as to the world.

The notion that forty years afterwards we can simply move on to new issues and to new problems without reminding ourselves of the horrors of Nazism is in my view a terrible threat to all we have stood for as a nation for so long a time. The truth is that there are many people still alive both within Germany and outside of it who remember with great bitterness what took place during those terrible years. Across the length and breadth of this land there are many churches as well as synagogues who commemorate periodically in the springtime of the year those who died, both Christian and Jews alike in sanctification of God's name, in the terrible Hell on earth created by Nazism. Your deliberate sidestepping of the issue of such a poignant reminder of the Holocaust at the very moment when we are commemorating together the ending of the Second World War can only bring the most terrible disappointment to those who look to you as the representative of the great moral leadership of the United States and the world as a whole. This is a time to do exactly the opposite,

March 22, 1985

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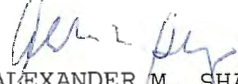
The President
The White House

namely, to remind the world what Nazism was and to rededicate ourselves to a world without the bestiality that Nazism represented. That lesson must be brought home not only to the German people but indeed to all people of the world.

On behalf of all twelve hundred rabbis who I am honored to represent, I appeal to you to reconsider your decision so that in stepping on German soil you may not only represent this great democracy but you also may give expression to those hopes and prayers of so many who martyred themselves for the sake of the ideals of liberty and justice absolutely fundamental to the life of this land.

Once more, my thanks for your hospitality and for the openness of your spirit.

Respectfully yours,


ALEXANDER M. SHAPIRO

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 16, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE SIMON J. WIKLER M.D.

SUBJECT: ~~OPPOSES~~ ^{SUPPORTS!!} VISIT TO BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY

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4/30/85

Dr. Simon J. Wikler
PODIATRIST - FOOT SPECIALIST

541 LINCOLN RD.

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA 33139

Dear Mr. President:

Your visit to the Bletberg, Cemetery and
The Bergen Belzer camp is the appropriate thing to
do on your European Visit. And I am glad you
did not yield to the criticisms.

I am Jewish. I am a democrat. Moreover
I have been a Vice Mayor & City Commissioner in
this city primarily inhabited by Jewish people.
And I think there are more here who share my
views rather than those of your critics.

Stay in good health. I am a few months
younger than you. And am inspired by your
wile conduct & your office to myself run for
Mayor of our city this coming fall.

With the best wishes.

Sincerely,

Simon Wikler

From Almarado

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IN THE NEXT ELECTION, LET'S MAKE . . .

A CLEAN SWEEP OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH'S COMMISSION!!!

I, Dr. Simon Wikler announce my earlier candidacy for Mayor of Miami Beach to urge other candidates to come forward. We need at least four selfless votes to reverse a plundered Miami Beach's decline.

At first hand, I saw for twenty years councilmen and commissioners doing favors for themselves and their friends with the city's resources. The constant drain impoverished our city; caused businesses and 50,000 residents to leave in disgust.

How to change this? Simple. Require commissioners to post a bond to make full disclosures of all personal incomes. Triple present salaries. Thus secure selfless commissioners who could not have worked for only \$6,000. a year.

When elected, we work only to restore our city. No witch hunts or dwellings on the past. But, we must investigate the following:

1. Why this small city pays over 500 million dollars to Metro and gets so little in return?
2. Why the city's elections conducted by Metro are so irregular?
3. Why Miami Beach's Trade Mart and Center was 'savaged' and then the Knight-Ridder and Miami Trade Mart surfaced? If this was a conspiracy I estimate our city's loss at \$250 Million Dollars.
4. Why businessmen, lawyers, commissioners, make huge financial deals for the city and we don't know exactly how it reflects itself on their incomes?

Once rich Miami Beach's real estate values have plummeted. To revive. First. We restore excellent municipal services, and for enough money, we get true value for every dollar we spend.

So please, resourceful candidates who want to rehabilitate Miami Beach, come forward (and I hope you are non-lawyers). With a new selfless administration there would be fewer rich ex-Miami Beach politicians, but the wonderful magic of Miami Beach would thrive again.

Winning won't be easy. Special interests now completely control Miami Beach's valuable real estate and 90 million dollars a year revenue . . . and they'll fight fiercely to retain it. Secretly, they pooled transportation for all their candidates on election day, distributed illegal uniform slates, monies, strong accommodations of the press, endorsements from prominent beneficiaries, calculated election day irregularities.

Thus they brought in all seven of their candidates in the last two elections.

However, the public is sick of this ugly cabal that rules our city. They want a sweeping change. We have the votes. With this election democracy in Miami Beach will prevail . . . with your help.

FOR MAYOR . . .

DR. SIMON WIKLER

THE WHITE HOUSE
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TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 16, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HOWARD COBLE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF LETTER FROM STEPHEN
HEIDENHAIN OF WEST GERMANY REGARDING VISIT TO
GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY

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May 20, 1985

Dear Howard:

President Reagan has asked me to thank you for your letter of May 14 enclosing a copy of a letter from Stephan Heidenhain, expressing his support for the President's visit to West Germany.

Your interest in bringing this message to our attention is greatly appreciated. President Reagan was grateful to receive Stephan's comments and to know of his expression of support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

N. B. Oglesby, Jr.
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The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
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Dear Mr. President,

I thought you would enjoy reading the letter which I have enclosed for you. It was sent to me by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D. Hummel of Greensboro, North Carolina. The letter was sent to them by their godson, 16-year-old Stephan Heidenhain of West Germany. I was impressed with the thoughts expressed by Stephan about your visit to his country, and especially your visit to Bitburg.

Mr. & Mrs. Hummel tell me that Stephan's own grandfather was killed on the Eastern Front during the war. Stephan felt that you should visit the cemetery at Bitburg. I thought you would appreciate receiving one young German's opinion about your trip.

If there is anything else you need from our office, please do not hesitate to contact us. With best wishes I am

Sincerely,



HOWARD COBLE
Member of Congress

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enclosure

cc: Mr. & Mrs. Samuel D. Hummel
201 North Elm Street
Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

Ehlhalten, den 30. April 1985

Dear Anne and Sam,

Maybe you are a little bit amazed, holding this letter in your hands, maybe very amazed about the theme I'm writing about.

The theme is the planned visit of President Reagan in Germany 8th of May, the VE Day and there especially the planned visit of a cemetery in Bitburg/Eifel. In our newspapers was to read, that in America is a big argument caused by this cemetery-visit and that many Americans are in opposition to it. For example I tell you the resolution of the Kongress against it, then the opinion of Elie Wiesel, maybe speaking for the most Jews in the USA: "That place, Mr. President, is not your place. Your place is with the victims of the SS."

Now I would like to tell you my opinion. My opinion is, that Reagan should visit the cemetery in Bitburg and the concentration camp in Bergen-Belsen.

As the most important argument against the visit of the cemetery seems to be said, that there are "50-SS-Graves" (Newsweek). But it is not said in this article, that on this cemetery in Bitburg are in addition buried 23 soldiers, fallen in the World-War I, and 1946 soldiers, fallen in the World-War II. But in my opinion these 50-SS-graves (only less than 2.5% of all graves) aren't a valid reason for non-visiting the cemetery. Are we allowed to decide, this was a good soldier, this was a bad one, there are 50 bad, that is why we shouldn't visit this cemetery, shouldn't remember all soldiers? What is to do with the other 1969 soldiers? Is this the right argument? It is the argument, used by some groups in this discussion, isn't it? Is don't think, that this is the right one. Can we then explain young soldiers to do military service for 18 months or more on the one hand, when we're disputing, whether 18-year-old soldiers died 40 years ago to visit or not, on the other hand? I don't think so. In my opinion the visit is a symbolic act. A symbolic act for remembering all the soldiers and all the civilians of all nations, who died in World-War II. And this especially in Bitburg, as there are living 12.000 Germans and 11.000 Americans together in peace. This act should show the world, what changed between Germany and America last 40 years. 40 years ago America and Germany were enemies, today they are friends.

You could compare this act with the ceremony at Verdun last year, where Mitterand and Kohl remembered at a cemetery the died soldiers and the friendship between France and Germany, at a cemetery, where French soldiers and German soldiers are buried, but in Germany there aren't any cementeries, where American and German soldiers are buried.

And by this symbolic act should be remembered Germany's liberation from the Nazi-dictatorship, but on the ^{EAST} Germany turned into a new dictatorship, the other into a democratic freestate, remembered the essential defeat

without Germany could not exist.

The visit of Bergen - Belsen is clear, and about this part of Reagan's Germany-trip wasn't argued. There is "Mr. President's place with the victims of the SS!" (Elie Wiesel). There should be remembered the victims, murdered under the barbarity of Nazi-dictatorship, the most brutal government, that had ever been.

That's my opinion to the visit of President Reagan in Germany. I simply wanted to tell you this problem, seen by a young German. I don't know your opinion, if it was the same, this letter could be a completion, if not maybe an impulse. I hope I haven't used too many words changing the sense or provoking. I wrote this letter alone, sometimes using a dictionary.

Hoping this letter reaches you before the 8th of May

Love

Stephan

PS: We hope that our rough brickwork of our new house is finished Whitsuntide, so that we are able to move in autumn.

Please send the stamps back!

THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 17, 1985

Dear Dr. Andersen:

Congressman Dan Lungren has passed along your letter. I can't tell you how much it meant to me. You were more than kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful for your generous words.

What struck me in this whole episode was the determination of today's Germans that they were not going to forget or ask forgiveness. I learned that, in addition to preserving the death camps with all the evidence of the evil done there, they bring their schoolchildren each year to these camps, so they will grow up determined it must never happen again.

Looking back through history, we see how wars in the past planted the seeds of the next war. When peace came, the rivalries and hatreds remained. Forty years ago we did something different. Now, forty years later, erstwhile enemies are friends and allies. It was in this spirit I accepted the invitation to visit Bergen-Belsen and Bitburg. I still believe it was the morally right thing to do.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

The Reverend Richard Andersen, Ph.D.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1985

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Dear Ken:

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April 28, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
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Dear Mr. President:

I am grateful to you for the Christian leadership you have shown the nation and the world in your concern for reconciliation. I can understand the furor that your trip to Bitburg is causing, but I believe your opponents have failed to see several vitally important reasons for pursuing the visit.

First of all, World War II resulted because of the severe deviation between people and their ideologies. An alien influence had upset the accepted ethical and religious norms with the advent of National Socialism. The reason why war resulted was not solely in defense of freedom, but to restore the broken world to a wholeness again where respect for people of varying political, spiritual and cultural values would be universally shared and guaranteed.

The Nazis rejected people as people, making Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, the mentally and physically handicapped, Communists, Jehovah Witnesses and other sects to be something less than what God created. The defeat of the fascist ideals united people once more as people. The tragedy is that Hitler and his associates did more than send six million Jews to their deaths, and twelve million other persons. He blinded the minds and souls of all too many Germans and others. Those who were in the military of the Third Reich, whether foot soldiers or Waffen SS or Gestapo, were the most tragic of the victims Hitler destroyed. They not only lost their physical lives, but many gave their souls to his mindless preachments.

It is well, Mr. President, that you go to Bitburg to remind the world that the problems that ended the War forty years ago still exist. Anti-semitism is still around. Brainwashing and mind-control are still with us. Nazism is resurfacing here and abroad in pseudo-patriotic para-military groups. Political intrigue has not been defeated. I believe that you go to Bitburg to remember the German sacrifice, rather than honor the political, ethical and moral attitudes of those buried in its soil. There is a distinction. Through you, we remember what these men could have been had they not so willingly sought the cheese in the Fuhrer's trap.

To go in the spirit of reconciliation is certainly Scriptural and Christian. As pastor of the congregation that made Raoul Wallenberg a member, I am particularly interested in the well-being of all of the

"When the goodness and loving kindness of God Our Saviour appeared, He saved us . . ." Titus 3:4

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victims of the Holocaust, especially my Jewish neighbors. Your visit to Bitburg does not speak against them or the terrible sacrifice they were forced to make. What it does is remind us of the tragic lesson World War II has taught us: NEVER AGAIN!

In recent months, due to my involvement in awakening the worldwide Lutheran Church to the circumstances of Raoul Wallenberg, I have spoken in a number of synagogues, and been involved in a number of programs dealing with the Holocaust. I am fully sympathetic to its victims. I believe, however, they make a mistake in repudiating your visit, for they fail to see it is worth to them and their cause, as well as to the rest of the world. Neither Chancellor Kohl nor you seek to open old wounds, but instead to heal them. To remember Germany's own terrible price, its continuing embarrassment and shame with dignity, to weep with them in their own losses as well as our own, is to build a bridge so that in our solidarity such madmen as Adolph Hitler will never usurp the leadership of an educated, free, and thoughtful society again.

I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in this regard. Having discussed these ideas with my parish informally, I am aware they share my views to a large degree.

May God bless you in this important venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Andersen".

Richard Andersen
Pastor I

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P.S. My former parishioner, Lois Lundberg, Chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, suggested I forward this directly to you. I am asking Congressman Lungren to share the letter with your staff.

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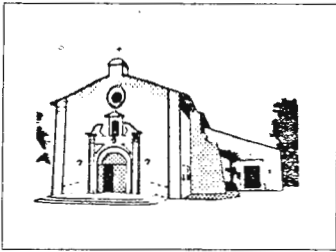
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The Nazis rejected people as people, making Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, the mentally and physically handicapped, Communists, Jehovah Witnesses and other sects to be something less than what God created. The defeat of the fascist ideals united people once more as people. The tragedy is that Hitler and his associates did more than send six million Jews to their deaths, and twelve million other persons. He blinded the minds and souls of all too many Germans and others. Those who were in the military of the Third Reich, whether foot soldiers or Waffen SS or Gestapo, were the most tragic of the victims Hitler destroyed. They not only lost their physical lives, but many gave their souls to his mindless preachments.

It is well, Mr. President, that you go to Bitburg to remind the world that the problems that ended the War forty years ago still exist. Anti-semitism is still around. Brainwashing and mind-control are still with us. Nazism is resurfacing here and abroad in pseudo-patriotic paramilitary groups. Political intrigue has not been defeated. I believe that you go to Bitburg to remember the German sacrifice, rather than honor the political, ethical and moral attitudes of those buried in its soil. There is a distinction. Through you, we remember what these men could have been had they not so willingly sought the cheese in the Fuhrer's trap.

To go in the spirit of reconciliation is certainly Scriptural and Christian. As pastor of the congregation that made Raoul Wallenberg a member, I am particularly interested in the well-being of all of the

"When the goodness and loving kindness of God Our Saviour appeared, He saved us . . ." Titus 3:4

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victims of the Holocaust, especially my Jewish neighbors. Your visit to Bitburg does not speak against them or the terrible sacrifice they were forced to make. What it does is remind us of the tragic lesson World War II has taught us: NEVER AGAIN!

In recent months, due to my involvement in awakening the worldwide Lutheran Church to the circumstances of Raoul Wallenberg, I have spoken in a number of synagogues, and been involved in a number of programs dealing with the Holocaust. I am fully sympathetic to its victims. I believe, however, they make a mistake in repudiating your visit, for they fail to see its worth to them and their cause, as well as to the rest of the world. Neither Chancellor Kohl nor you seek to open old wounds, but instead to heal them. To remember Germany's own terrible price, its continuing embarrassment and shame with dignity, to weep with them in their own losses as well as our own, is to build a bridge so that in our solidarity such madmen as Adolph Hitler will never usurp the leadership of an educated, free, and thoughtful society again.

I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you in this regard. Having discussed these ideas with my parish informally, I am aware they share my views to a large degree.

May God bless you in this important venture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Andersen".

Richard Andersen
Pastor I

RA/hs

P.S. My former parishioner, Lois Lundberg, Chairman of the Orange County Republican Party, suggested I forward this directly to you. I am asking Congressman Lungren to share the letter with your staff.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 304382

TR123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PETER SOMOGYI

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT BITBURG MILITARY
CEMETERY

ACTION

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June 21, 1985

Dear Mr. Somogyi:

President Reagan has asked me to acknowledge your message and your deep concern. Although this response has been delayed, I can assure you that the President understands the personal sense of pain you expressed as a survivor of the Holocaust.

The President has asked me to send you the enclosed transcripts of his remarks at the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp and at Bitburg Air Base. He hopes that they will help you understand his conviction, asserted anew following his visit to Bergen-Belsen, "We will never forget, and we say with the victims of that Holocaust: Never again."

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Peter Somogyi
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President Ronald Reagan
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Dear Mr. President:

Concerning your upcoming trip to Europe and your plan to visit the Bitburg military cemetery, Are you aware of the fact there are S.S. soldiers, better known as killers buried there? Did you know that at the Battle of the Bulge, these same SS "Soldiers" captured American soldiers and massacred them with their hands tied behind their backs? Can you, in clear conscience look into the eyes of any of these soldiers' parents, wives, or children after honoring their killers? Can you, on that same night go to bed and have a good night's sleep?

By the way, I am also a survivor of Auschwitz concentration camp. I was 11 years old at that time- one of Dr. Mengele's twins- and I saw with my own eyes, the brutality of these same SS "Soldiers".

Since you are adamant in laying a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery, after visiting the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, can you really make us beleive that your fellings towards us, the survivors, is sincere?

Or would you be man enough to admit that

Our purpose: *to reunite the survivors of the twins experiments; to research the experiments and their effects on the twins; to bring Dr. Mengele to trial for his crimes.*

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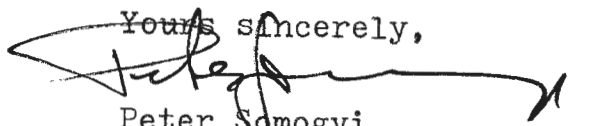
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you made a grave error in judgement by insulting American veterans, concentration camp survivors- regardless of their race- and cancel your trip. As it is right now, I doubt your sincerity and I do not think that your visit will serve any purpose.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Somogyi

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ED REIMERS

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF GERMAN VISIT

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~~Ed Peimers~~

May 5 1985

Mr President
(Dear Dutch)

you were right - and
eloquent!

Hang in there - we need
you!

Vaya Con Dios

Inn to Nancy

~~Ed~~

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL SIMON

SUBJECT: FORWARDS LETTER FROM CHARLES HUNSINGER, BURNT
PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS REGARDING VISIT TO BITBURG
CEMETERY

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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

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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

Dear President Reagan:

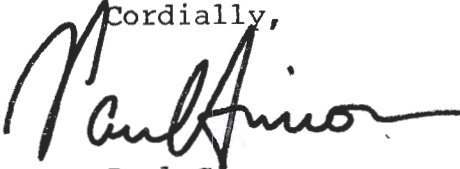
I am enclosing a letter from one of my constituents, Charles Hunsinger, regarding your visit to Bitburg.

Mr. Hunsinger is a World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

He asked that I forward his letter to you.

Perhaps you will find wisdom in his words.

My best wishes.

Cordially,

Paul Simon
U.S. Senator

PS/jg

Burns Prairie, Ill.
April 21, 1985

Honorable Ronald Reagan: President U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

You've not only got me emotionally, ^{upset} but I'm sure all of the survivors of "The Battle of the Bulge" and all other veterans, and most of the people of this country, if they would be honest in their feelings.

Forty years ago the Fourth Armored Infantry Division received "The Presidential Citation" as a unit. The second division in the history of our country to receive it for the whole division. The first division for all the members of the Division to receive it was the 101st Air Borne (as a unit) just ahead of the Fourth Armored, for their services at Bastogne.

Now, forty years later, our President is going to lay a wreath at a German Cemetery where Hitler's crack troops, the SS, and Panzer troops, most of them if not all lay, that were killed in the Battle of The Bulge. I wonder if General George S. Patton

would worry about hurting the Germans feelings. Knowing of all the brutality that we went through at that time.

I know this will be of no concern to you, but during "The Battle of the Budge Tour" last fall, myself and my wife Pauline and Monroe R. Dunn and his wife Jessie, had the high honor and privilege of laying the Wreath at "The Mardasson Monuments" at Bastogne, Belgium, October 2, 1984. Mr Dunn is from Chactaw, Oklahoma.

I would like to know, when you lay that wreath honoring Hitler's Crack Troopers, The Nazi SS & SS Paratroopers, just what went through your mind? That Cemetery is not too far from Bastogne, or from the "Hammer Military Cemetery" where General George S. Patton, Jr. lies in "glory" forever, and "honor"?

I'm sure you'll not receive this personally but it gave me great relief to know, that we still have the privilege of expressing our feelings "yes".

Charles G. Hunsinger
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