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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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TR 123-01
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thank you
cc: M. Breger

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 24, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE R. BUDD DWYER

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES NEWS ARTICLE FROM THE SUN, DAUPHIN,
PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORTING THE VISIT TO THE
BITBURG CEMETERY

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<i>M. Breger</i>	A	85/06/06		/ /
<i>Dan</i>		/ /		/ /
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COMMENTS: *Treasurer Dwyer was a member for the President's trip to Malvern PA 5/31/85.*

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June 14, 1985

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful for your assistance on my visit to Malvern -- and 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,

A
RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable R. Budd Dwyer
State Treasurer
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

cc: Marshall Breger

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EDITORIAL

ON BITBURG

I'm going to violate one of my own rules in doing editorials for this column...the one which says you don't write about national or international issues about which you know nothing and can contribute only confusion, or worse, uninformed opinion.

However, I'm going to go on record as agreeing with President Ronald Reagan and his determination to visit the German cemetery at Bitburg, West Germany, in spite of the superhuman pressure which has been placed on him.

I also want to tell you why.

I was a child of World War II — old enough to understand and remember, but not quite old enough to serve. I absorbed a heavy dose of "Win The War" propaganda and by 1944 pretty well felt anything German or Japanese just about represented the devil himself.

My father felt much the same way and in 1944, even though his age and his occupation would have kept him out, he enlisted in the Army and ended up as an infantry replacement in the 104th Infantry Division as it pushed across Belgium later that year.

It was 40 years ago in February that he died...in the first assault wave of the 104th as they crossed the Roer River in the start of the final push that brought V-E Day later in 1945.

He is still there, Pfc. William K. Jackson, under a white cross in a pretty little Belgian town called Henri-Chapelle.

Thirteen years later, Pfc. William S. Jackson was an infantry replacement with the 8th Infantry Division at Mainz and Bad Kreuznach, West Germany...a young American soldier with hatred in his heart.

And I came to know not only the professional American Army, but the German people as well.

I heard from my World War II sergeants how, in the dash across Europe, very often prisoners weren't taken...how young Germans, soldiers with hands on their heads, were herded behind the nearest hill and gunned down simple because there wasn't anything else to do with them; how the little town I was stationed in had been the site of a factory which made artillery aiming devices and a saturation bombing raid by U.S. planes flattened the town, killed 5,000 people...and missed the factory that was two miles out of town; how 5,000 German prisoners of war starved to death in a POW camp near us while the French, British and Americans argued over who would feed them.

And I met Ernst, a college professor who taught me photography and tolerance; who was a fighter pilot and had the main steering column from a U.S. B-24 Liberator he shot down hanging over his fireplace; and freely admitted he disliked Hitler, but disliked us even more for what we were doing to his country in the War.

And in the end, I marveled that the German people didn't spit on us when we passed in the street. But they didn't, I think because they knew what I came to know...that war brutalized everyone who is touched by it and in the final analysis, there are no winners, only survivors...or those victims who didn't survive; like the millions of Jews who died in the concentration camps; or like my father, in combat.

Which brings me back to the German military cemetery at Bitburg.

I think Ronald Reagan understands about war and he goes there to pay respect to another group of victims of World War II. He doesn't forget...and we should never forget the evil Hitler and the Nazis visited upon this planet...but I think he is making an effort to forgive a nation, 60 percent of whose population today had nothing to do with World War II, and I find that an admirable effort.

Hatred, passed on from one generation to another, produces nothing but more hatred.

Where is the wisdom in that?

W.S.J.

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cc: Marshall Breger

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Office of the State Treasurer
Harrisburg
17120

R. BUDD DWYER
TREASURER OF PENNSYLVANIA

May 22, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United State
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Enclosed is an editorial from The Sun, a weekly newspaper published in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, that I thought would be of interest to you. The editorial concerns your visit to the Bitburg cemetery and is favorable to your visit to that cemetery. The editorial is very well thought out and well-written, and I thought you would appreciate receiving it.

Best wishes in your difficult work.

Sincerely,

R. Budd Dwyer
R. BUDD DWYER
Treasurer of Pennsylvania

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Enclosure

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INCOMING

1985 JUN -7 AM 9:44

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 24, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STROM THURMOND

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS EDWARD M. KENNEDY FOR APPOINTMENT
TO THE COMMISSION ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

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<i>VP Elmets</i> REFERRAL NOTE:	A	85/06/19	<i>TR</i>	C 85/06/25
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MANAGEMENT.

June 3, 1985

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Thank you for your recent letter advising of your submission of the name of Senator Edward Kennedy, upon the recommendations from the Majority and Minority Leaders, for appointment to the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

I will be pleased to share your decision with Mr. Robert Tuttle, Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The President Pro Tempore

UNITED STATES SENATE

May 13, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

Persuant to S. 118, a bill creating the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, I am submitting the following name, upon the recommendation of the Majority and Minority Leader, to fill the vacancy created by the Honorable Wendell Ford, Senator from Kentucky, who has asked that his name be removed from the list of recommendations previously sent to the White House for appointment:

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy,
Senator from Massachusetts

With warmest personal regards and best wishes,

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Strom Thurmond".

Strom Thurmond

ST/r
Enclosures

ROBERT C. BYRD
WEST VIRGINIA

United States Senate
Office of the Democratic Leader
Washington, DC 20510

April 22, 1985

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
President pro tempore
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

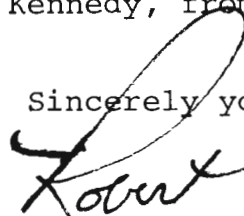
Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of S. 118, a bill creating the Commission on the BiCentennial of the Constitution, I am making the following recommendation to you.

In accordance with the provisions of that bill, I submit the following named individual to be recommended for appointment to the Commission:

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, from
Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,



Robert C. Byrd

Enclosure

EDWARD MOORE KENNEDY UNITED STATES SENATOR

BORN

Boston, Massachusetts, February 22, 1932
Youngest of nine children of Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy.



EDUCATION

Milton Academy
Harvard University, B.A. 1956
International Law School, The Hague, The Netherlands, 1958
University of Virginia Law School, LL.B., 1959

MILITARY SERVICE

U.S. Army (1951-53), Private First Class Infantry. Served in France and Germany

FAMILY

Three Children: Kara Anne, born February 27, 1960; Edward M., Jr., born September 26, 1961; Patrick Joseph, born July 11, 1967

SENATE SERVICE

Elected to the U.S. Senate November 6, 1962 to fill the unexpired term of John F. Kennedy
Reelected to full six-year Senate terms in 1964, 1970, 1976, and 1982

SENATE COMMITTEES

Labor and Human Resources

Senior Democrat Full Committee

Senior Democrat Subcommittee on Investigations and General Oversight

Member: Subcommittee on Labor

Member: Subcommittee on Education

Member: Subcommittee on Employment and Productivity

Judiciary

Senior Democrat Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Policy

Member: Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice

Joint Economic Committee

Vice Chairman: Subcommittee on Investment, Jobs and Prices

Member: Subcommittee on Monetary and Fiscal Policy

Joint Technology Assessment Board: Senate Member

Armed Services

Member: Tactical Warfare, Manpower and Personnel, and Sea Power and Force Projection

Subcommittees

SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY -- ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]

REGISTERED TO VOTE: Hyannisport, Massachusetts

CONGRESSIONAL ROUTING TICKET

CANDIDATE: KENNEDY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 24, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GEORGE M. O'BRIEN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES SEVERAL LETTERS FROM HIS
CONSTITUENTS REGARDING THEIR VIEWS ON THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY

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MANAGEMENT.

June 6, 1985

Dear George:

Thank you for your May 17 letter enclosing comments from a number of your constituents both in support of and in opposition to the President's decision to go to Bitburg, honoring Chancellor Kohl's request that he pay a visit to a German military cemetery.

Let me assure you that the President fully understands the depth of concern that was raised and his feelings about the crimes perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan made 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.

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.

The President did 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 George M. O'Brien
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs, State - FYI ✓

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GEORGE M. O'BRIEN

4TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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Washington, DC 20515

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May 17, 1985

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Mr. M. B. Oglesby
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear "B":

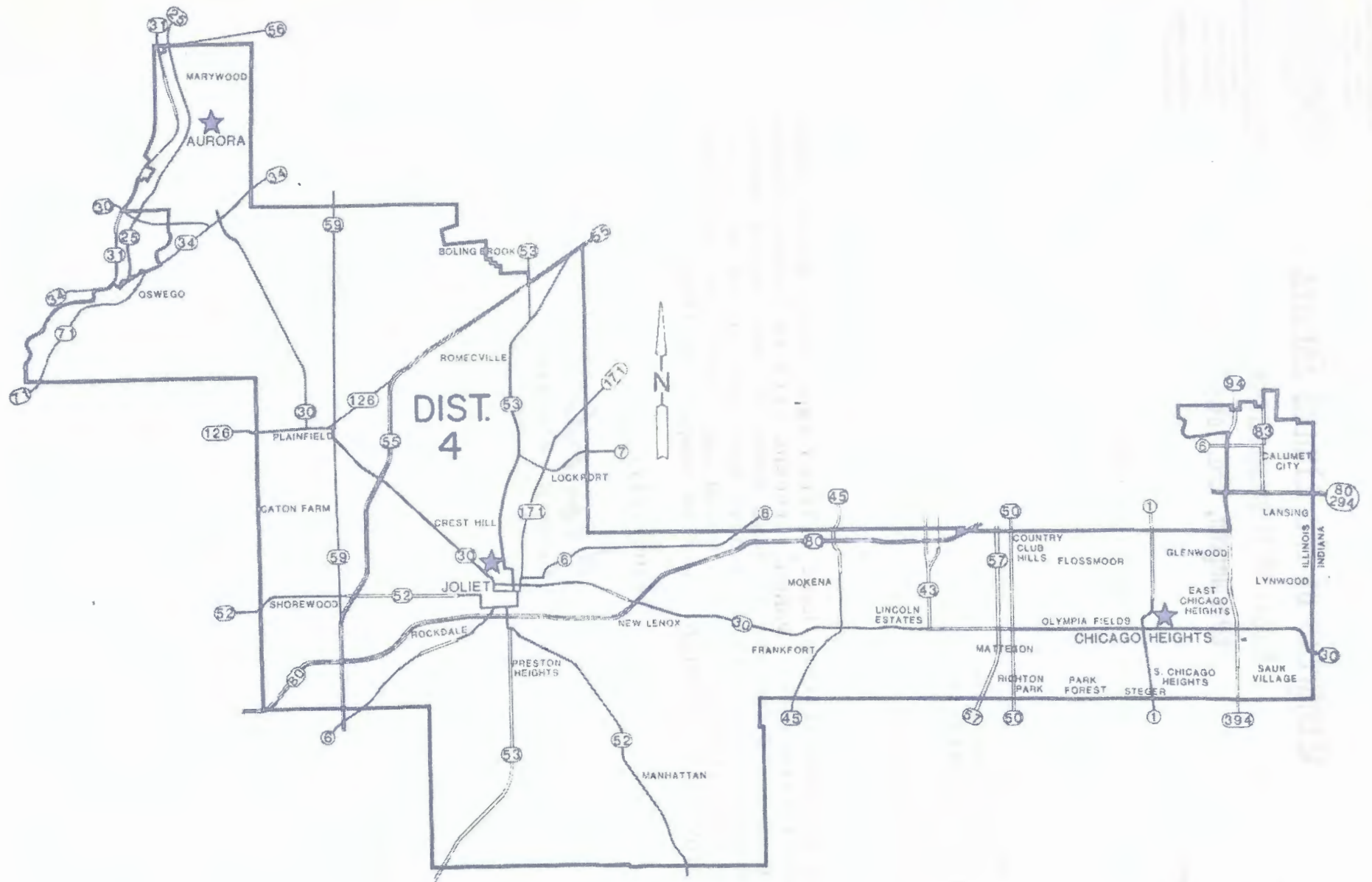
A number of my constituents have written expressing their views with respect to President Reagan's recent trip to Germany during which he visited a World War II Nazi cemetery and laid a wreath in commemoration of the dead. I have enclosed copies of these letters for your information and would appreciate any assistance you might provide which might help me respond to them.

Sincerely,

George M. O'Brien
Member of Congress

GMO:jr

Enclosures (9)



MEMORANDUM

APR 30 1985

DATE: April 25, 1985 NAME: GARCIA, Jose
TO: GMO ADDRESS: P.O. Box 44
FROM: Scott Joliet, IL 60434
TOPIC: President's visit to German cemetery
SUMMARY: Mr. Garcia called the office to comment on President Reagan's
planned visit to the German cemetery and the graves of the Nazi SS
soldiers. He is "shocked" and can't believe this will take place.
He said that he has taken this decision personally and can't understand
why President Reagan would do this.

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 18, 1985

TO: GMO

FROM: Mary

SUBJECT: ZAUGH, Margery Mrs.
2638 Apollo Circle
Olympia Fields, IL 60461

Mrs. Zaugh telephoned the office to say that she finds it unbelievable that President Reagan would to to the German cemetery and place a wreath there. "I am not Jewish. I am a Catholic. I am 40 years old. I voted for President Reagan and I am appalled that he would do this. That would be enough to turn me totally and always away from him. To me placing a wreath in the German cementery is honoring the dead of the SS."

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 25, 1985

TO: GMO

FROM: Betsy

SUBJECT:

Ed Mihelic

1901 Glenwood

Joliet, Illinois 60435

(815) 725-7611

KRUMREICH, AL Mr.
1802 Heatherway, Apt 2-F
New Lenox, IL. 60451

Constituent called to say that h'e was very much against President Reagan visiting the German soldiers' cemetery. Mr. Mihelic was in the infantry, in WW2 and has strong feelings on this matter.

Mr. Krumreich also is very much against President Reagan visiting the above cemetery.

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 1985

TO: GMO

FROM: Mary

SUBJECT: FOREMAN, Richard Mrs.
710 Argyle
Flossmoor, IL 60422

Mrs. Foreman telephoned the office today to protest the President's proposed visit to Germany to lay a wreath in the German cementery. "I do not like that at all. Have him do it at the Death Camp. I think it is absolutely ridiculous for him to do it."

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 15, 1985

TO: GMO

FROM: Mary

SUBJECT: HILLMAN, Alan Mr.
15 Dogwood
Park Forest, IL 60466

Mr. Hillman telephoned the office today and he is upset about the President saying that he is going to visit a cementery for German soldiers and he has refused to go to Dachau because he thinks that it is time for all of this to be forgotten. I think it is something that should never be forgotten.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 30, 1985

NAME: LONGINO, George A.

TO: GMO

ADDRESS: 19518B 116th Avenue

FROM: Scott

Mokena, IL 60448

TOPIC: President's visit to Germany and budget

SUMMARY: Mr. Longino called the office to express his support of President Reagan and his visit to the Bitburg military cemetery. Mr. Longino served in WWII and said the war has been over for 40 years and it is time to "live and forget."

He said he and his family are 100% in favor of this and also back President Reagan's budget proposal.

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: April 30, 1985 NAME: LATZ, LeRoy(Ruth)
TO: GMO ADDRESS: 1453 Midland Court
FROM: Scptt Joliet, IL 60436
TOPIC: President's trip to Germany

SUMMARY: Mrs. Latz called the office very upset about the problems President Reagan has faced because of his decision to visit the Bitburg military cemetery in West Germany. She said that he made the decision and should stick to it. She said we have to come together on this and forget about what happened many years ago.

She is "sick and tired" of this situation and said that we are fortunate to have a President who makes his decisions and if he really believes he is right, will not let anyone talk him out of it. She said that the Jewish people are killing others in foreign countries everyday and no one says anything about that. She also said that the media have worsened the situation and made it more disturbing that it is. She hopes Mr. O'Brien will support the President on this.

He daughter and son-in-law also agree with her on this. They are:

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy(Margaret) Reading
406 Wilcox Street
Joliet, IL 60435

JOLIET—On April 3 the Joliet Junior College Bro-Sis Club entertained the students and staff at Washington Junior High School. These talented performers worked long and hard to bring a few hours of enjoyment to our school.

They asked for nothing in reward for their talent. They would rather give than receive.

These young men and women were a tremendous example of what Joliet Junior College is all about. We commend their efforts and truly appreciate the kindness they showed us at Washington Junior High School. Joliet Junior College should be proud.

We would like to especially thank the sponsor, Mr. Edward Johnson, the president Ms. Whanda Thomas, Mr. J.D. Ross, Mr. Carl Willis, and Ms. Dorothy Westbrook. These people along with many other performers made a wonderful afternoon occur at our school.—**Eugene Toms, principal, Charles Kollross, assistant principal, Dennis Anderson, student adviser,**

Letters policy

Letters to Voice of the people and John Whiteside's mailbag are limited to 300 words and one letter a month per person. Preferably, they should be typewritten, double-spaced. Letters must discuss issues or events and not personalities. Political endorsements are not used. Neither is poetry. Include your daytime phone number. It will not be published, but is needed for verification and possible clarification. The editor reserves the right to edit, condense or reject any letter. Letters cannot be acknowledged or returned. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily those of the Herald-News. Letters should be sent to Joliet Herald-News, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Ill. 60436.

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LOCKPORT—If President Reagan is contemplating going to visit a German cemetery, where Nazi SS soldiers are buried, I say don't.

I am a former member of the Army, a disabled veteran of World War II and a former compound commander of the largest concentration of prisoners of war German Nazi SS elite officers in the world. The camp had a concentration of over 10,000 men all captured in North Africa. They had ranged from 1st lieutenant to field marshal. This camp site was located in Dermott-MaGable, Arkansas, formerly a Japanese internment camp from 1941-45.

It has been my experience that these German Nazi SS elite troops were a very proud group. At no time were they sympathetic for anything other than upholding the ideals of the Nazi system and Adolf Hitler.

It is my belief that the atrocities created by this group is a chapter in history documented and proven by the Nuremberg trials. Because of this the German people must bear and carry the cross that burdens them forever.

Other cemeteries can be visited which represent a greater significance than the Nazi SS cemeteries.—**Ross Margentina, 207 Pine St. 60441**

somehow.

How long has it been since you took the time to skip a flat rock across the water?

North of Savanna, I followed a farmer driving a tractor and pulling a heavy piece of equipment. He wasn't moving very fast through several miles of a no-passing zone. I honked and cussed him.

But it did no good. He didn't move any faster.

The tractor's speed along that country highway forced me to

We have

BOSTON — Daniel Patrick Moynihan came back to Harvard this month in search of common ground. The New York senator, the former Harvard professor, delivered three lectures on the American family, or to be more precise, on American families.

It was no coincidence that Moynihan's words came on the 20th anniversary of his famous—or infamous—analysis of the Negro family. In that work he described the shattering relationship between family disintegration and poverty.

This time, Moynihan reappeared as a social policymaker in an era of limits. The problems he described have been engorged by

Earlier days in this

25 YEARS AGO, 1960: An all-time high temperature record for April 22 was registered in the Joliet area yesterday. The mercury soared to 86 degrees at Joliet Municipal Airport and it was 82 at Brandon Road Locks. Today's reading at the airport was the highest temperature since Sept. 20, 1959, when the mercury tipped

Employees of America has failed to bring a break in the 13-day bus strike. The union offered to settle for 23 cents an hour plus five paid holidays, but the company is adhering to its offer of 14 cents an hour for all employees, with an additional five cents an hour for top mechanics.

50 YEARS AGO, 1935:

15. The casualties were more probably in 30 days than
the 10 years of the decrease in Viet Nam.

important. It was a job well done by the Nazi SS
troops of Adolf Hitler's Germany. These 30 troops had
been a pride of the capabilities of the German
Elite troop. It had been said that the many
deceased SS troops are buried in the cemetery
the President of the United States Ronald Reagan wished
visit and place a wreath on the grave of these
~~troops~~ the ~~the~~ Nazi SS German troops.
useless killers.

I am sure there are veterans in the vicinity of your
new paper who can recall or participated in the
~~down~~ Battle of the Bulge. How about it Veterans
in your opinion.

For Macquinn

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 25, 1985

NAME: MARGENTINA, Ross

TO: .GMO

ADDRESS: 207 Pine Street

FROM: Scott

Lockport, IL 60441

TOPIC: President's visit to German cemetery

SUMMARY: Mr. Margentina came into the office today with the attached information regarding President Reagan's planned visit to a German cemetery where Nazi SS soldiers are buried. As a veteran of this war, Mr. Margentina is very much against this and can't understand why the President would want to go there and why he would let the Germans make him think that this could be beneficial.

He said that Mr. O'Brien is the only representative whom he could voice his opinion to and believes he will understand his position. He asked if Mr. O'Brien could respond to his attached letter and column from the newspaper.

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1007 E. 153rd St.
South Holland, Il.
60473

April 29, 1985

To: Senator Dixon, Senator Simon, Congressman O'Brien ✓
From: Robert O. Murphy
Re: President Reagan's Visit to Germany

This is to express my deep disappointment on the response of the Senate and the House to the President's proposed visit to a German military cemetery. Initiated by the West German government, a strong and faithful U.S. ally, the visit's purpose was for our President to indicate a sense of reconciliation with the German people forty years after the end of World War II. Recognizing the horrors of past wars, the visit responds to the Christian ethic that we should forgive those who have harmed us. The perpetuation of hate, as history shows, leads only to further suffering and withers the souls of those who wallow in it.

For his efforts the President is publicly scolded by a recipient of our nation's highest civilian award, excoriated by segments of the press, denigrated by groups he has been responsive to for thirty or more years and finally abandoned by the Senate and House by the passage of adverse resolutions.

I wonder at a Congress that can be so swiftly united on such a secondary issue when it is so fragmented on matters that are of greater significance. I question the power of any group that has such immense influence that it can humiliate our President and have our senators and congressmen promptly heal to their directions.

I note that President Nixon and Henry Kissinger urge the President to adhere to his schedule. Can it be that those who no longer hold high national office think more clearly than those still in office? Or is it that they no longer need election campaign financing so that their careers might continue?

I urge each of you to support the President on this issue. It is not the expedient thing to do. It is the right thing to do. People with whom I have spoken--your constituents--wholly support the President of the United States. Why don't you do likewise?

MAY 4 1985

THE STUPIDITY AND ARROGANCE
OF THIS ADMINISTRATION MUST DOES
NOT CEASE TO DISGUST ME. REAGAN
INSISTS ON DRAFT REGISTRATION AND
THEN GOES TO GERMANY TO LAY A
WREATH ON THE GRAVES OF THE
BUTCHER (S. S. TROOPS) WHO MASSACRED
THOUSANDS. WHY DIDNT HE ALSO
INVITE JANE FONDA THEN TOGETHER
THEY COULD ALSO HAVE MADE A
STOP AT HANOI AND LAID A FEW
WREATHS THERE ALSO.

JONAS KORSIS
15928 INGLETSIDE
DOWTON, IL
60419

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 304844

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 28, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BRIAN DONNELLY

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF
RANDOLPH, MASSACHUSETTS REGARDING THE
PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BITBURG

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June 6, 1985

Dear Brian:

Thank you for your May 23 letter enclosing a resolution from the Town of Randolph, Massachusetts, in opposition to the President's decision to go to Bitburg, honoring Chancellor Kohl's request that he pay a visit to a German military cemetery.

Let me assure you that the President fully understands the depth of concern that was raised and his feelings about the crimes perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan made 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.

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.

The President did 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 Brian Donnelly
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs, State - FYI
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

BRIAN DONNELLY
11TH DISTRICT
MASSACHUSETTS

May 23, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed please find for your consideration
a Resolution from the people of the Town of
Randolph, Massachusetts.

The Members present at the May 7, 1985 Annual
Town Meeting requested that I forward this
Resolution to you on their behalf.

Your attention to this resolution is
appreciated.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,



BRIAN DONNELLY
Member of Congress

Bd/fxt



TOWN OF RANDOLPH
INC. 1793

TOWN CLERK

Randolph, Massachusetts 02368

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JOAN F. WARD, CMC
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER

Randolph, MA Town Meeting May 7, 1985.

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Elected Town Meeting Assembly representing the 30,000 citizens of the Town of Randolph, MA. has passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The Town of Randolph, MA. played an important part in shaping the history of The United States when its original settlers fought and died for freedom against British tyranny during the Revolutionary War and...

Whereas, Randolph sons and daughters fought and died for freedom against Nazi tyranny during World War II and....

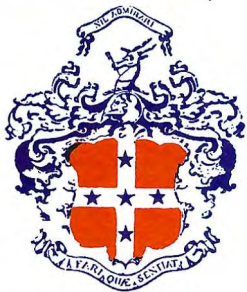
Whereas the President of The United States, Ronald Reagan, has participated in a wreath laying ceremony in honor of the Nazi dead soldiers at the Bitburg Cemetery in West Germany, which also contains the remains of the 49 members of the hated Nazi Waffen SS Troops and....

Whereas, the Waffen SS Troops were responsible for not only the massacre and oven burning and gassing of over six million men, women, and little children of the Jewish Faith, as well as many other religious and social groups who opposed the Nazi regime brutality, and also the cold blooded murder of many American prisoners of war during the Battle of the Bulge, whose butchered bodies were afterwards used for target practice and....

Whereas in addition to the cries of outrage from the Congress of The United States, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all veterans' organizations....

May we, the 30,000 citizens of the Town of Randolph, MA protest your participation in a wreath laying ceremony at Bitburg Cemetery in West Germany, in honor of the dead Nazi and SS soldiers.

We realize, Mr. President, that you were under great pressure from the West German government not to cancel your plans. But we know you also realize and appreciate the tremendous vote of confidence in your



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President Ronald Reagan

leadership given you by the voters of America during the past presidential elections. Please do not allow an unwise political decision to jeopardize our strong faith in your leadership.

We trust you understand that the grief and painful memories of the loss of the loved ones of many American families are still too fresh and hurt too much, for us to forgive and forget the brutality of the Nazi and SS soldiers as you publicly ask us to do. In fact, many of us have taken a solemn vow.....Never to Forgive...Never to Forget...and above all...Never Again!

Town of Randolph

Don Engler
NBM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 31, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE GOSSELIN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPIES OF AN EDITORIAL BY MRS.
NACKEY LOEB AND HIS RESPONSE TO THE EDITORIAL
REGARDING BITBURG VISIT

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MANAGEMENT.

June 27, 1985

Dear Mr. Gosselin:

Thank you very much for your kind message. I am most grateful for your generous words. They mean a great deal to me, especially in view of your own wartime experience and all your sacrifices for our country.

It seems to me we achieved something most unusual forty years ago. Back through history, wars were settled in such a way they planted the seeds for the next war. The hatreds and rivalries remained. Not this time. Here it is four decades later and our erstwhile enemies are our staunchest friends and allies.

Again, my thanks to you and very best wishes.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. George Gosselin
Adjutant, Chapter 395
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1985

Mr. Gosselin

Dear VnameV:

Thank you very much for your kind message. I am most grateful for your generous words. They mean a great deal to me, especially in view of your own wartime experience *and all your sacrifices for our country.*

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Again, my thanks to you and very best wishes.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Office of Adjutant
272 Lakocide Drive.,
Manchester,
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27 May 1985

Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
The White House., 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia, U.S.A.

Dear Mister President :

I am herewith enclosing copies of an excellent editorial by Mrs. Nackey Scripps Loeb, my response to that editorial, and a short note to the new editor of the PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE, asking him to run the whole package in an upcoming issue of the Magazine.

I realize that the Bitburg incident is many months removed from our Convention issue of August 1985, but, the point worth stressing to our fellow Patriots while in conclave is to remind them that they fought a staunch enemy, and they acquitted themselves as heroes will.

The Reagan-hating media did their thing again, but you can be assured Mr. President that it has backfired. The television anchor dandies try each evening (on shedule) to induce Mr. & Mrs America, and their duly elected Congress that to discredit the President of the United States is a "fun thing". I think that we are all smart enough to realize that these "fun thing" perverts have the amazing ability to abhor atrocities of 40 years ago while at the same time totally ignoring the Communist atrocities that occur today.

Members of the Chapter, as well as the readership of the newspaper these artcles appeared in have urged me to send copies on to you, Mister President, and I must confess I find it a very good idea.

Keep up the good work, and keep following the dictates of your good common sense..... It hasn't let you down yet.....

Sincerely, *George Gosselin*

George Gosselin, Past National Historian.,
Adjutant, Chapter 395, MOPH/USA

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National Order of Combat Wounded Veterans

N.H. — Monday, May 20, 1985

An Editorial

Meaning of a Wreath

'Meaning Of Wreath' Was Most Moving

Addressed to Nackey Loeb: Your editorial titled "Meaning of a Wreath" was most moving. It said all of what many of us concur with. Had I not read it, my thoughts on the Bitburg Cemetery furor would have rambled on without words. Now you have given me the courage to find the words.

As a front line medic with the Fourth Infantry Division during World War II, I followed a combat company from the beaches of Normandy on D-Day to the cities of Austria on V-E Day. My job as a company aid man was to go to them when they dropped. On many occasions, after having cared for my own charges, I personally dressed the wounds of the enemy, uniforms meant little amidst the badly wounded and dying. The compassion we showed on the battlefield, I am sure, is the reason why the Germans cheered Kennedy's famed "Ich Ein Berliner" speech.

War is inevitable. Our human failures, century after century, bares this out. St. Thomas Aquinas put it aptly when he said, "Peace ceases when all men seek what is their own."

Our country engages in wars like all the others; but, there is a great difference between us and all the others. We help our defeated enemy lick his wounds, we truly feel for them, we even pray for them. Last but not least, we give them back their self respect to the point of buying and using products of their manufacture. We have never denied consolation and compassion to men who have blindly followed corrupt leaders, because this is all they know.

Buried at Bitburg are 47 SS troops of nearly 2,000 buried there (as your editorial points out, this is a far cry from the 99 percent SS that the protestors put there). Those buried there were killed during the famed Battle of the Bulge, I was there, and I know that thousands of our own were killed there. It was hell and high drama where our finest met their finest. . . and we won. As a soldier I must say that the men we defeated were not WIMPS, and we respected their courage.

We never cease to show pity for an enemy who has survived, so I agree with you that we cannot balk when our President seeks to express sorrow and respect for lives lost in a terrible war.

In closing, I must thank you again for your excellent editorial because it made me say what I had to.

GEORGE GOSSELIN

272 Lakeside Dr.
Manchester, 03104

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When we are asked to hate the sin but love the sinner, it's not easy, as President Reagan is finding out.

Visiting the graves of German war dead is an act of respect for young lives lost in combat. It is not — as the mind-molders of the media would have us believe — an acceptance of the horrors of Nazism.

For young men to die in combat is a tragedy, no matter their nationality. German mothers wept too, for death does not discriminate between people of different races. A wreath laid in a German cemetery in no way justifies the evils of aggression, Nazi or otherwise.

Incidentally, 99 percent of those in the Bitburg Cemetery were not SS troops.

The lessons of history work very well if we remember the evils of the Hitler regime. Hitler's strength was due in large part to a free world that ignored and condoned his early advances until the whole world was forced into that most bloody war. Today, as aggression once more spreads across the world, we had better remember that lesson.

A wreath at a cemetery doesn't mean we've forgiven the forces of Nazism or forgotten the victims of their crimes. It doesn't mean that the Americans who

AN EDITORIAL

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fought and died to stop the Nazi onslaught did so in vain.

Rather, it means that we express sorrow and respect for lives lost in a terrible war. The message of that wreath should be that all mankind suffers when despots seek to enslave and all mankind should pay respect to lives wasted and lost on the world's battlefields.

Nackey Loeb, Publisher

Nackey Loeb
Publisher

Mr. Carroll Wilson, Editor.,
PURPLE HEART MAGAZINE

25 May 1985

Dear Mr. Wilson :

I would very much appreciate your running Mrs. Loeb's editorial, and my response in our JULY-AUGUST issue of my regular column MEDALIST-MAILBOX, and any other remarks that you may choose from the attached letter.

She has no objection to the rerun of her editorial in our Magazine. She was most pleased with our treatment of her talk at our WASHINGTON DAY DINNER in February. She called my home after receiving this response to her editorial and assured me that it was worthy to be "boxed" to draw reader attention and carried on Page 12 of the editorial section of the UNION LEADER which has a circulation in excess of 70,000 in New Hampshire plus elsewhere in the country.

Some moved readers called and suggested that I send a copy to the President, which I am about to do this very day.

CONGRATULATIONS on your new appointment, and warmest personal regards from your loyal readership in New Hampshire.

Best to Dr. John Binnion.

Sincerely,

George Gosselin
George Gosselin, Adj. Chapter 395.,
MILITARY ORDER PURPLE HEART, USA

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 04, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE W. HENSON MOORE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM DR.
JAMES CARRUTH REGARDING THE VISIT TO BITBURG
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June 6, 1985

Dear Henson:

Thank you for your June 3 note enclosing Dr. James Carruth's letter in support of the President's decision to go to Bitburg, honoring Chancellor Kohl's request that he pay a visit to a German military cemetery.

Let me assure you that the President fully understands the depth of concern that was raised and his feelings about the crimes perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan made 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.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable W. Henson Moore
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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June 3, 1985

Mr. M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear B:

Enclosed is a letter a constituent of mine, Dr. James Carruth, asked me to send to the President regarding his visit to the cemetery at Bitburg. I would very much appreciate your assistance in bringing this letter to the President's attention.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. Henson Moore
Member of Congress

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Enclosure



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JAMES W. CARRUTH, P.A.C.
PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE
FAAPA

May 22, 1985

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June 20, 1985

Dear Mr. Hibner:

Thank you very much for your message. I am most grateful for your generous words. They mean a great deal to me. You were more than kind to tell me of the wartime heroism of your relatives and their sacrifice for their fellowman.

It seems to me that, after all the tragedy, we achieved something most unusual forty years ago. Back through history, wars were settled in such a way they planted the seeds for the next war. The hatreds and rivalries remained. Not this time. Here it is four decades later and our erstwhile enemies are our staunchest friends and allies.

Again, my thanks to you for all your comments and my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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June 1, 1985

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I thought that the day you stood in Bitburg Cemetery in West Germany was one of the most outstanding and courageous acts performed by any president of the United States. Seeing the two generals, one from the German and one from the American military service shaking hands, for the highest and most noble act that anyone can perform is that of forgiveness. You did not condone what was done.

This was also exemplified by God himself when he sent His only Son into the world to suffer and to die for forgiveness to mankind, which also means that God does not condone sin, but he does forgive. I think that what you did at the Bitburg Cemetery is a good parallel to what God did for all mankind. Yes, you did not condone what was done to the Jewish people. The vast majority of the German people living at that time were not aware of what was going on, and those who were did not condone it.

I can speak from experience for we had relatives in Germany and one of these families harbored a Jewish family to protect them from the Nazis. Unfortunately, they were caught and so they were taken away and we have never heard from them since.

I have also written letters to the leadership in the House and the Senate urging them to give better cooperation to the executive branch of our government.

Sincerely yours,


Roy H. Hibner

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Senator Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Senator Dole:

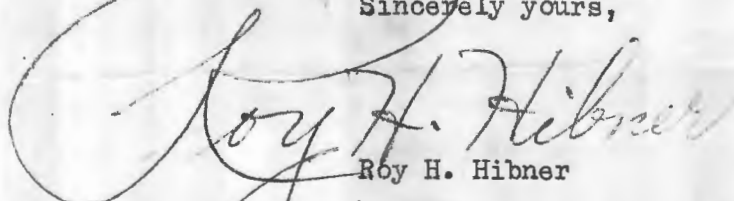
During my lifetime, I have served four terms as president of our city council, state representative, assistant to U.S. congressman and ten years on the Indiana State Air Pollution Control Board.

When I read and hear the way that the Congress conducts its affairs, it is very disheartening. It appears that we have many congressmen who are not concerned about the fiscal status of our nation or its security. They only want to do those things that please certain people who are not informed relative to economics or foreign affairs.

If our men in uniform would conduct themselves in the same manner as many of our congressmen, they would be tried for treason. I cannot understand why it was necessary for this nation to enact 963 social programs and run a federal deficit for the better part of the last fifty years. This amounts to pure fiscal irresponsibility.

I might say that I have a lot of company with others who feel like I do. They don't express themselves to the Congress but are, nevertheless, very much disturbed. I sure hope and pray that some day we will have a Congress that will put the future of America first, rather than their own re-election.

Sincerely yours,


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P.S.

I have stopped my contribution to the Senatorial Committee until the President gets better support from the Republicans in the Senate.

