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June 4, 1985

Dear Deputy Mayor Garnier-Lancon:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of April 28th. I deeply appreciate your gracious remarks. Your observations, insights and suggestions are most welcome.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

Monique Garnier-Lancon
Deputy Mayor of Paris
35 Rue Beaubourg
75003 Paris
France

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DRAFT/Date May 21, 1985
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75003 Paris
France

per MAH, let's case ^{6/8}
Dear Deputy Mayor
Garnier-Lancon
—
P.T.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 24, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *WRP for*
SUBJECT: Reply to Madame Monique Garnier-Lancon

The NSC concurs with the draft reply to Madame Garnier-Lancon, as modified.

Attachments

- Tab A - Draft Reply
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

May 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *me*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Reply to Madame Monique Garnier-Lancon

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the self-explanatory memo to Anne Higgins at Tab I.

Approve *LWP*

Disapprove _____

Attachments

- Tab I Memo to Higgins
- Tab A - Draft Letter
- Tab B - Incoming Correspondence

NSC # 8504165

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 5-22-85
To: George Van Eron

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ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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75003 Paris
France

RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

35 Rue Beaubourg
75003 Paris

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20520

April 28, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is without doubt the most difficult of any that I have ever written. You know how sincerely I wish to assist in the battle that you are courageously waging against the forces of evil in the world--a battle so essential, yet so little or so poorly understood. It is in this spirit that I have sought, with all my strength, to bring the testimony and support from prominent Europeans regarding your clear-sighted and courageous policies in Central America. It is therefore because of the deep respect that I have for you that I dare to send these few lines to you to explain the profound distress that now pervades Europe, a distress that borders on anguish.

When the leaders of the French Resistance were in Washington last week, they tried to convey the disquietude and alarm of all those whom they represented--particularly resistance fighters, deported persons, and former soldiers. The anxieties of the German and English members of the delegation were the same, that is full of great sorrow at seeing your search for understanding and forgiveness so strongly resented, so misinterpreted and therefore generating misunderstandings and, if one may say so, more trouble.

Since our visit, I have been approached by other German citizens, notably members of the Bundestag--individuals prominent in NATO and leaders in the defense community. They have telephoned me in order to make known the deep embarrassment of the German leaders and the state of agitated public opinion in their country. They have asked me, in their name, to do everything possible in order to find another means, indeed another concept, to prevent the present situation and circumstances from being exploited for partisan and destructive ends or, more simply, from being misunderstood. This new effort would prevent the gravest damage to that which you most earnestly seek to preserve--the solidarity and continuation of the Atlantic Alliance and the revitalized friendship between the Western nations.

For a generous and noble heart such as yours, would it not be more fitting to honor in Germany not only the unfortunate victims of this frightful war, but also all the victims, that is, the defenseless civilians and devastated villages and cities, by participating in a religious service, non-denominational, of course, conducted in memory of those who indiscriminately suffered and perished, in a martyred city full of symbolic meaning such as the Cathedral of Cologne--the sole remaining monument at the end of the war in a city that was eighty-five per cent destroyed.

This decision will win the approbation of all, especially if it were countenanced--and without doubt it will be--by members of all religious beliefs and by the Order of Former Combatants in Europe, an order which exists now and was founded for reconciliation by the very ones who fought, and also by your own veterans.

Moreover, if one acknowledges that May 8, 1945, marks not only the victory over NAZI Germany but also the beginning of the rebirth of democracy in Germany, I know that the Germans would be deeply moved and far less embarrassed for you to visit the gravesite of the architect of this democracy and its guiding light until his death--Konrad Adenauer.

As a third gesture I would suggest that in order to allay the understandable concerns of those who suffered in the concentration camps, either those actually interned or those who lost loved ones, that you visit one concentration camp in particular--Struthof--which will preclude such a visit from being construed as a lasting rebuke to the Germany of today for the crimes of the Germany of yesterday. At Struthof there perished or were imprisoned thousands of people of all kinds and nationalities. Many, sadly, disappeared; others, such as Dr. Boutbien, their president, who came with the other Europeans to the White House last week to bring you the petition of those whom you so aptly called "the brave people of the resistance," escaped. In this camp perished as equals in their suffering, French, English, Dutch, Germans, Italians, Jews, Gypsies, and also Americans.

The camp, which is still in tact, is located in France, in Alsace, a few kilometers from Strasbourg, the capital of Europe. Is it not a fitting symbol of appalling, universal suffering? Yet, it is situated in another nation and is thus less likely to open old wounds than one in Germany--less likely to exacerbate the shame and guilt so destructive to the difficult task of restoring trust between the nations of the free world.

Significantly, all these dissensions arise near the eve of a summit meeting made particularly critical because of its occurring during the transition to power of a new Soviet leader, who is at once young and gifted with a very Western-style charisma and consequently more dangerous. It is also a time of ominous stirrings all across the Marxist horizon, some occurring near you as in Nicaragua, Surinam, and Guadeloupe, and others in the Middle East, Africa, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and New Caledonia.

Your initiative, filled with kindness and forgiveness, seeks to ignore the forces of evil today but treads upon more dangerous ground than we wished to tell you. I entreat you not to allow the forces of evil to call up the ghosts of the past and set against you, against your allies, against your universal aspirations, and noble ideals an army so much the more difficult to vanquish as it will be an army of phantoms and nightmares.

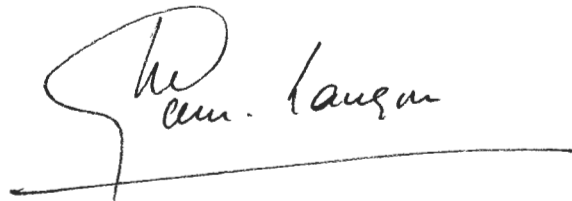
As a fervent champion of liberty and an ardent supporter of your efforts, I understand all the nobility of your gesture, but I also perceive the perils because this is a human issue and it is people whom you must convince, reassure, and lead.

Mr. President, I know that I have no other right to address this fervent plea to you than that which conscience dictates. At the same time such a right also constitutes a duty--a duty in which I would be derelict if I failed to make perfectly clear, and my heart is with you, that this, which may become your most difficult battle, is a battle against yourself.

It is the characteristic of greatness always to be ahead of one's time. We know well that greatness is your hallmark and that you have imparted to your country the greatest hope for the free world. It is therefore with all confidence that I ask you to forgive the liberty that I take today in explaining this situation and asking you from the depths of my soul to reflect upon it. I do it for you. I do it in the name of the friendship and confidence between our nations. I do it also in the name of liberty and human, moral, and religious values that are a common heritage and a common ideal. I wish to assist you in this undertaking and place my services at your disposal.

I beseech you, Mr. President, to accept my deepest respect,

↙ a (see attached)
Monique Garnier-Loncon
Deputy Mayor of Paris
Regional Councilor, Ile de France
Vice-President, Commission on Culture,
Youth, and Education
Vice-President, European Institute of
Security
President, Franco-German Cultural
Association for Youth
Member, Board of Directors, Federation of
Franco-German Understanding



The signature is written in cursive and reads "Mon. Garnier-Loncon". A long horizontal line is drawn below the signature.

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The White House

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM GARNIER-LANCON, M

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HIGGINS, A

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM MADAM DEPUTY MAYOR OF PARIS RE THE BUNDESTAG

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 31, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN
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FROM: JAMES L. HOOLEY *JLH*

SUBJECT: THE TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5-THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1985

Attached is a draft detailed schedule for your planning purposes.

cc: W. Lacy
H. Barbour
P. Faoro
A. Kelly

05/31/85 9:00 a.m.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

- 7:00 a.m. BAGGAGE CALL. Leave unlocked bags in West Basement. Hand carry all film.
- 8:45 a.m. Vans for staff not manifested on Marine One and requiring transportation to Andrews Air Force Base depart West Basement. Board Air Force One immediately upon arrival.
- 9:15 a.m. Guests and Staff with own transportation should be at Andrews Air Force Base, Distinguished Visitors Lounge, Base Operations Building.
- 9:25 a.m. Press plane departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 9:30 a.m. Staff manifested on Marine One proceed to South Lawn and board.

9:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Marine One for boarding.

9:40 a.m. MARINE ONE departs The South Lawn en route Andrews Air Force Base.

Flight Time: 10 mins.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

9:50 a.m. MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

CLOSED ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds to Air Force One for boarding.

9:55 a.m. AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route
EDT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Flight Time: 2 hrs. 45 mins.
(without interchange)

Time Change: - 1 hour

Food Service: TBD

11:40 a.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Will Rogers World Airport,
CDT Oklahoma International Ramp, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds to motorcade for
boarding.

11:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Will Rogers World Airport en
route AT&T Technologies Plant.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

11:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives AT&T Technologies Plant and
proceeds on tour.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

12:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes tour of plant and proceeds to
off-stage announcement area.

Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

12:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

12:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and proceeds to
motorcade for boarding.

12:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs AT&T Technologies Plant en route
The Skirvin Hotel.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

12:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives The Skirvin Hotel and proceeds to
holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

1:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Ballroom off-stage
announcement area.

THE PRESIDENT arrives Ballroom off-stage announcement
area.

Announcement (off-stage)

CONFIDENTIAL

- 1:05 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to dais and remains standing.
Senator Nickles introduces THE PRESIDENT.
THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.
OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
- 1:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and proceeds to holding room.
THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.
- 1:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs holding room en route small reception room.
THE PRESIDENT arrives small reception room and proceeds through receiving line.
OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ONLY
- 1:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs small reception room en route holding room.
THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.
- 1:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs holding room en route motorcade for boarding.
- 1:50 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The Skirvin Hotel en route Will Rogers World Airport.
Drive Time: 15 mins.
- 2:05 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma International Ramp, and proceeds to Air Force One for boarding.
- 2:10 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE departs Will Rogers World Airport,
CDT en route Atlanta, Georgia.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED DEPARTURE

Flight Time: 2 hrs. 5 mins.
(with interchange)
Time Change: + 1 hour
Food Service: TBD

5:15 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Dobbins Air Force Base.
EDT

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

5:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Dobbins Air Force Base en route The Waverly Hotel.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

5:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives The Waverly Hotel and proceeds to Suite.

PRIVATE TIME: 25 mins.

5:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Suite en route small reception room.

6:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives VIP reception room 4, makes brief remarks and shakes hands along rope line.

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6:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs VIP reception room 4 en route holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

6:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Grand Ballroom off-stage announcement area.

Announcement (off-stage)

6:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to dais and remains standing.

Senator Mattingly introduces THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

6:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and departs Grand Ballroom en route Suite.

6:50 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Suite.

REMAIN OVERNIGHT: The Waverly Hotel, Atlanta Georgia

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS

TBD BAGGAGE CALL. Leave unlocked bags outside of rooms. Hand carry all film.

Clear all incidentals from hotel room bill prior to departure.

10:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Suite en route motorcade for boarding.

10:05 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The Waverly Hotel en route Northside High School.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

10:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Northside High School and proceeds to off-stage announcement area.

THE PRESIDENT arrives off-stage announcement area.

Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

10:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds on stage and is seated.

Program begins.

Hallelujah Chorus

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

God Bless America

George M. Cohen Medley

Glenn Miller arrangement

Dance production

"We Are The World"

Introduction of THE PRESIDENT

10:50 a.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

11:05 a.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and remains standing.

1812 Overture

Balloon drop

11:10 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs the stage en route holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

11:15 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs holding room en route VIP reception room.

11:20 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives VIP reception room for mix and mingle.

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11:35 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs VIP reception room en route holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

11:40 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs holding room en route motorcade for boarding.

11:45 a.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Northside High School en route Dobbins Air Force Base.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

11:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Dobbins Air Force Base and proceeds to Air Force One for boarding.

12:00 Noon AIR FORCE ONE departs Dobbins Air Force Base en route
EDT Birmingham, Alabama.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED DEPARTURE

Flight Time: 55 mins.
(with interchange)

Time Change: - 1 hour
Food Service: Lunch

11:55 a.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Birmingham Muni Airport, Air
CDT National Guard Ramp.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

12:00 Noon THE PRESIDENT departs Birmingham Muni Airport en route Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center.

Drive Time: 10 mins

12:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center and proceeds to holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

12:15 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to VIP reception room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives VIP reception room, proceeds onto dais and remains standing.

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Senator Jeremiah Denton (R-AL) makes brief remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes brief informal remarks.

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THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks.

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Denton, departs dais and proceeds to holding room, working ropeline along the way.

12:25 p.m. THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Denton, arrives holding room.

12:35 p.m. THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Denton, proceeds to Main Hall off-stage announcement area.

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Denton, arrives off-stage announcement area.

Ruffles and Flourishes
Announcement (off-stage)
"Hail to the Chief"

12:40 p.m. THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Senator Denton, proceeds on stage and is seated.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

Senator Denton makes brief remarks and introduces THE PRESIDENT.

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12:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium and makes remarks.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

1:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks and steps back from podium.

Performance of "God Bless the USA"

Performance concludes.

1:05 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to holding room.

THE PRESIDENT arrives holding room.

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to motorcade for boarding.

1:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center en route Birmingham Muni Airport.

Drive Time: 10 mins.

1:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT arrives Birmingham Muni Airport, Air National Guard Ramp, and proceeds to Air Force One for boarding.

1:25 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE departs Birmingham, Alabama en route
CDT Andrews Air Force Base.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED DEPARTURE

Flight Time: 1 hr. 35 mins.
(without interchange)

Time Change: + 1 hour

Food Service: TBD

4:00 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.
EDT

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds to Marine One for boarding.

4:05 p.m. MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route The White House.

Flight Time: 10 mins.

4:15 p.m. MARINE ONE arrives The South Lawn.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE

THE PRESIDENT deplanes and proceeds inside.

05/31/85 10:00 a.m.

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June 7, 1985

Dear Mrs. Tonn:

Thank you for your message and for sharing with me that letter written by the young man whom you nursed back to health at Dachau in 1945. I have received other letters like yours which recount similar stories about the liberation of the death camps by Allied Forces in World War II. The actions that young man praised so warmly, your actions, were mirrored thousands of times over in the deeds the United States and its allies performed in the countries we had defeated on the battlefield.

On too many other occasions in the past, each war has only planted the seeds of the next by the perpetuation of the hatred and prejudice which first spawned the bloodshed. But 40 years ago something different happened. The victorious nations in World War II did not simply liberate those prisons and strongholds of the enemy, but stood by as the defeated built a new future on foundations of democracy and respect for the dignity of all people.

Today, because of that generosity, a mighty cathedral of hope and progress stands on these foundations. No, we have not forgotten or forgiven the horrors of that most terrible of wars, but we have learned its lessons well and accepted our responsibility to see that history does not repeat itself. Your message reminded me once again just how great that responsibility is.

Again, thank you for writing and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Grace Tonn
7931 Rockhill
Houston, Texas 77061

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

6/6/85

To: ~~Annie Higgins~~

From: David L. Chew

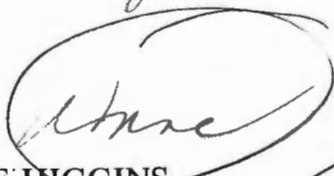
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 6-6-85

To: Jam Emery

This was such
an interesting
morning letter, we
thought the President
might want to see
and sign this



ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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April 19, 1985

Houston, Texas

7931 Rockhill 77061

Mr. Ronald Reagan

President of the Greatest Country in the World.

Dear Mr. President,

The recent news of your visit to Germany and plans to visit Dachau has special meaning to me, and I want to thank you for including the visit to Dachau in your tour. We hear so much of the survivors of Dachau but little of the Americans who liberated them and also because victims by seeing the atrocities first hand and serving at the camp after it was liberated.

I was an Army nurse at that time, with the 127th Evacuation hospital. Our unit was sent into Dachau the day after it was liberated by the American soldiers. The horror of the place will never be forgotten by those of us who served there.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I received (when I was back from the war) - in America. The letter was from one of the patients I had at Dachau - who had been a prisoner there. He was a 17 year old young man from Holland. He was a fan of Humphrey Bogart, and being his name was Bogaerts I kidded him alot and called him Humphrey Bogart, anyhow; the letter expresses what the sick prisoners felt of there American liberators.

Thank you again for planning to visit Dachau - someday I plan to go back and visit there again.

God Bless you and America

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grace (Kasper) Tonn

Eindhoven 30th November 1947

Dear Grace,

I hope you will forgive me to speak so frankly to you. Here is the "self-made man," or your "Humphrey Bogart" you surely will remember from the 127 Evacuation Hospital. Every time I think of America, I must think of you being for me "Queen America." Please when you possibly are married, this is not meant as a "love" letter, but only as an expression of gratefulness to her who brought with the Americans my freedom and curing. Of the last time always when I've been to the pictures, I can't help to think of you in sweet illusion and dreaming, and I think of the song you sang: "My dreams are getting better all the time," with which you cheered us, poor sick fellows of Dachau, up.

I herewith try to express again my greatest gratefulness, and I still always dream of America, though I understand, not everything will be heaven on earth, but for a forward-striving young man there will always be more chances than here in the "old" world and so I once hope to be able to come to America, as some of my relation also live there, but untill now I couldn't get into touch with them as my mother doesn't like me to correspond with them while they are no good enough Christians (old world here!). To-night I again saw an American movie but the papers here gave a very bad recence, though it was a real modern picture: " A Professor and a girl."

Please dear Grace (forgive me) if you have any time to spare, please write to me in order to hold the sweet remembrance for me of the day an angel came to Europe to nurse the poor, now at last I understand better what an unselfishness it has been

of you to leave your sweet and good America. From time to
time I kindly send you some of my own made photographs
every time I write to you,

Gratefully remaining,
faithfully yours,

Jac Bogaerts

Don Boscostraat 1
Eindhoven
Netherlands

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April 19, 1985
Houston, Texas
7931 Rockhill
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Mr Ronald Reagan,
President of the Great Country in the World.

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Dear Mr President.

The recent news of your visit to Germany and plans to visit Dachau has special meaning to me, and I want to thank you for including the visit to Dachau in your tour. We hear so much of the survivors of Dachau but little of the Americans who liberated them and also became victims by seeing the atrocities first hand & serving at the camp after it was liberated.

I was an Army nurse at that time, with the 127th Evacuation Hospital. When it was sent into Dachau that is after it was liberated by the American soldiers. The horror of the place will never be forgotten by those of us who served there.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received when I was back from the war in America. The letter was from one of the patients I had at Dachau - who had been a prisoner there. He was a 17 year old young man from Holland. He was a fan of Humphrey Bogart, & being his name was Bogartz I kidded him a lot & called him Humphrey Bogart; anyhow, the letter expresses what the sick prisoners felt of their American liberators.

Thank you again for planning to visit Dachau - some day I plan to go back & visit there again. God Bless You & America.

Sincerely,
Mrs Grace (Kasper) Tonn

enclosed - copy of letter from Mr Bogartz copy by my teacher's pass.

DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP

VISITORS PASS

The bearer 1ST LT. GRACE M KASPAR ASN N787743
is a member of the permanent staff of this camp and will be allowed
to enter and leave the camp and compound at any time of day or night.

Grace M. Kaspar
BEARERS SIGNATURE

By order of Lt. Col. Martin W. Joyce

By

Norman D Young
Norman D Young
Capt Inf

~~G. O. Adjutant~~

Eindhoven 30th November
1947.

Dear Grace,

I hope you will forgive me to speak so
frankly to you. Here is the "self-made man",
or your "Humphrey Bogart" you surely will
remember from the 127 Evacuation Hospital.
Every time I think of America, I must think
of you being for me "Queen America." Please
when you ~~probably~~ possibly are married, this
is not meant as a "love" letter, but only as
an expression of gratefulness to her who
brought with the Americans my freedom and
caring. Oh the last time always when I've
been to the pictures, I can't help to think
of you in sweet illusion and dreaming, and
I think of song you sang: "My dreams are
getting better all the time", with which you
cheered us, poor sick fellows of Bachan, etc.
I herewith ^{try to} express again my greatest gratefulness,
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and I still always dream of America, though I understand, ~~it~~ not everything will be heaven on earth, but for a forward-thriving young-man there will always be more chances than here in the "old" world and so I once hope to be able to come to America, as some of my relations also live there, but until now I couldn't get into touch with them as my mother ~~don't~~ like me to correspond with them while they are no good enough Christians (old world here!). To-night I again saw an American movie but the papers here gave a very sad review, though it was a real modern picture: "A Professor and a girl."

Please dear Grace (forgive me) if you have any time to spare, please write to ^{in order} me to hold the sweet remembrance for me of the day an angel came to Europe to nurse the poor and, now at last I understand better what an unselfishness it has been of you to leave your sweet and good America. From time to time I kindly send you some of my own made photographs every time I write to you, gratefully remaining
faithfully yours, J. B. [Signature]

June 6, 1985

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Dear Mr. Bateman:

Jim Baker has shared with me your letter of April 24, and I thank you very much for your 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.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A
RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Linden B. Bateman
State Representative
Route 1, Box 442
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/6/85

TO: Intergovernmental Affairs

ACTION:

- Review/Approval & Return
- Recommendation & Edit, if necessary
- Information Copy
- Draft Reply
- As we discussed

DATE ACTION NEEDED: Open - kwb material is dated.

COMMENT:

Thanks for reviewing.

CHARLES A. DONOVAN
Presidential Correspondence
Room 94, OEOB - x7610

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5/1/15
Handwritten initials



*Final as is -
thanks for chance to
review -*



CECI COLE MCINTURFF
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dem Rep. Bateman =

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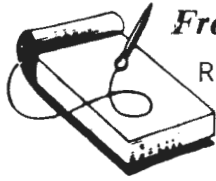
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message

With my appreciation and best wishes,

cc: w/cy of incoming to Noel Cicels, Treasury
clear with Intergovernmental Affairs when typed

Zitburg 6 (var.)



From the desk of
ROSE M. CICALA

5/31/85

Chuck:

Attached, per our conversation
this morning.

Rose Cicala
Correspondence Unit
Treasury Department
566-5334



MAJORITY CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

House of Representatives

State of Idaho

April 24, 1985

Dear Mr. Baker

It is entirely the correct decision for President Reagan to visit a German military cemetery.

I speak fluent German and lived in West Germany for 2 1/2 years. During that time I visited with hundreds of German veterans of World War II and was able to determine that they are perhaps America's best friends in Europe. The reason is simple: most of them spent years fighting against the Russians.

Many Germans considered the War to have been a crusade against Communism.

It is true that SS troops are buried in the cemetery, but we must also remember that thousands of these troops were drafted and that only a small minority of

the entire SS force was involved in the murder of Jews. Most were fighting men at the front. Some SS veterans served as officers in the modern German army, as our allies. Unfortunately, most Americans are ignorant of those facts.

To be sure, it is possible that soldiers might be buried in that cemetery who were involved in ^{the} atrocities, just as in our own military cemeteries there might be soldiers who slaughtered Indian women and children during the Indian Wars.

Naziism was evil and we must never forget the Holocaust, but we should not go on fighting World War II forever and ever. We must not promote an atmosphere of hostility and bitterness towards the German people. Let's make peace — even with their dead. We need friends — we must have friends.

Sincerely - Luidan Bateman