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Dear Mr. President:

April 4, 1985

I hope you will reconsider and  
attend and visit the DAUGHER  
Concentration camp during your visit  
to Germany for the V.E. celebration.  
Please reconsider and attend.

Respectfully yours  
Bernard D. Fox

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Austin, TX 78756  
May 7, 1985

WJ

Dear Mr. President,

This is just a note to tell you that we support your décision to follow through on your promise to visit Bitburg. Those who opposed were either allowing their own emotions to cloud their logic, or most were doing the work of their true leaders, the Soviets. Communism uses the old and best tactic....divide and conquer.

We listened to the media, and most of the people interviewed were Jews or those with very pro-Soviet views....but were we ever proud of our military who approved of your visit and their efforts in Germany.

As Roman Catholics we were very disappointed that some religious were against your visit to Bitburg. How contradictory, as our religion teaches us that reconciliation was the big message of Jesus. The OUR FATHER prayer brings that out too.

Also, we believe as you do, that unless we help in some way to stop communism in Central America, it will just grow as does cancer. But we know that the liberals want us to keep our eyes on the hole, and not the donut. VietNam is NOT Nicaragua. Did the victims of Nazism suffer more than the victims of communism? Why do the Jews especially think that their own sufferings were the worst? Hate is hate, pain is pain, to everyone



who experiences<sup>it</sup>.....even unborn babies.

May we suggest that you do ~~cut some of the~~  
money from defense. There is much waste and  
unnecessary spending, and the psychology of doing  
so would help to quiet those who oppose a strong  
defense. Also, cut out/back the loans to foreign  
countries for little or no interest rates. Charity  
begins at home....and we are the ones who do the  
electing...not the foreigners.

Enclosed is a newspaper article that we  
thought you might find interesting.

God bless you and Mrs. Reagan.

*Mr. + Mrs. Donald Richardson  
and Family*



# World War II bitterness reaches many hearts

In view of the Reagan-Bitburg controversy, I've been wondering: Do you suppose it might be as difficult these days to be an innocent German as it is to be an embittered Jew?

Let me tell you about my cousins.

They — a boy and a girl — were almost exactly my age. Their family, like mine, immigrated to the United States in the late 1920s, before, I think, Adolf Hitler was ever heard of. My parents and I moved to Texas. They and their parents remained in New York City. After the Wall Street crash of 1929 and the advent of the Great Depression, their family had a very tough time of it in Manhattan.

However, my cousins' maternal grandparents in Germany were fairly well off. "Why don't you send the children over for a few months, or for a year or so, to live with us while you get on your feet?" they very kindly suggested to their daughter. And so the children were sent back to Germany for an indefinite period.

The Depression dragged on. The children's stay in Europe dragged on. The boy was recruited in the Youth Movement. Hitler got louder and meaner. My aunt and uncle become alarmed. They struggled desperately to save the money to bring the kids back to New York. The day before the right ship was to sail, transportation between the two countries was stopped.

What I tell you is only what I heard as a youngster, what I remember from letters within the family. I went to high school and college, in safety, in Texas. My cousins lived in Hamburg, in the midst of the Hitler mad-



## Reflections

Sue Brandt  
McBee

ness and the Big War. I don't know what kind of young people they grew up to be, but I know they came from a background of good, honest, decent people.

My girl cousin, who was the older of the two, fell in love, as a very young girl, with a dashing German officer. I don't know what kind of an officer he was, what kind of a unit he was in, but I think he was a regular fighting man because I know he was captured and was a prisoner of war for quite a long time.

Married, young, and frightened, my cousin Agnes had two small children and lived with them in an apartment house in Hamburg — 75 percent of which was bombed out during the war. Every night (or was it also day?), when the bombings occurred, she fled, trembling with fear, into the basement with her babies.

For a very long time after her husband was captured, she had no word of his whereabouts. Was he dead? Was he alive? Was he lying injured in some foreign city, in some foreign hospital? Was he a prisoner? If so, of what army? Was he being treated humanely? Would she ever see him again? How could she support her children?

One day, when she was out in the "garden," a disheveled caricature of a man

stopped by her gate. He ascertained her name and then pressed a scrap of paper into her hand. It was a message from her husband. He was alive, a prisoner in Italy.

My Karl was of course drafted in the German army at a very young age. He was in the army for a very long time. He was a plain, garden-variety foot soldier. And he was sent to the Russian front.

He was captured on the Russian front. And when the war was over somehow these German soldiers were not sent home. If my memory does not deceive, Karl had not been sent home two years after the armistice. When he finally reached his native city again, it was as one of hundreds of German soldiers, believed dying, who were dumped on trains and shipped back. His legs were in such terrible condition that he would have died had his sister not nursed him back to health.

Both of my cousins have been in the United States as citizens for years now, one in the Midwest, the other in upper New York. We met only a time or two after they got here, and we had trouble communicating. They seemed so nice, but they found it hard to speak about the war, and I kept searching their faces, wondering if these were the kind of people who could inflict, or condone, the Nazi cruelties that made me vomit when I heard of them. We were never able to speak frankly of the past we had not shared.

I think of my cousins sometimes now. Through no choice of their own, they were sent to Germany at a terrible moment in history. Is it possible that they, too, like some of my Jewish friends, were innocent victims of Hitler? Could one of them, had fate been even more unkind, have been buried in a cemetery like, say Bitburg?

Austin writer Sue Brandt McBee writes about people in this weekly column.

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WHITE HOUSE DC

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY YOUR DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN WAR CEMETERY. AS AN  
ARDENT SUPPORTER OF YOU, A JEW, AND A VETERAN OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN  
WWII I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD FIRE THE ADVISOR WHO GAVE YOU SUCH BAD  
ADVICE

CLAUDE WACHTER

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May 25, 1985

Charles Reiling  
12009 Salina Place  
Philadelphia, PA 19154

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

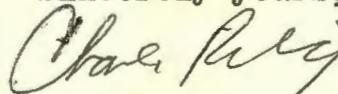
Dear Mr. President:

Your decision to visit the cemetery at Bitburg was a gracious act that made most Americans feel proud. It demonstrated to the world the magnanimity of the people of this great country.

I was, however, dismayed over the fact that we grant the state of Israel billions of dollars in aid and they offer a million of it in contempt of your actions.

As you well know, Mr. President, our tax dollars are too hard earned to be used in such a scornful manner.

Sincerely yours,



Charles Reiling

# Israel puts \$1 million on the head of Mengele

JERUSALEM — Israel offered a \$1 million reward yesterday for Dr. Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz Angel of Death, who conducted sadistic experiments on inmates and sent thousands of hapless to gas chambers.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, announcing the reward to parliament, said Mengele's capture would combat "expressions of reconciliation and forgiveness" toward the Nazis. He made clear that he was referring to President Weizmann's visit Sunday to the cemetery to meet at Bitburg, West Germany, where 5,000 graves in one house of 49 Nazi SS soldiers.

It was the first time Israel put a price on the head of a post-war criminal, and was part of a campaign to find and bring home Mengele, the most wanted Nazi still at large, would be 73 if he is still alive.

Nissim said the offer for information leading to Mengele's capture would stand for two years, and put these wants of any country acting in their national capacities are not eligible. "The War Commission has an absolute historical obligation to bring the justice of the law," Nissim said.

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

PLEASE CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT VISITING CEMETERY OF NATZI WAR DEAD  
SINCE WE LOST GOOD FRINDS IN WORLD WAR TWO.

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DECISION TO VISIT BITBURG GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY INSTEAD OF DACHAU  
IS ENTIRELY CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE CONDUCT TOWARDS OUR ALLY GERMANY.

WILLIAM RUHRORT

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO I SENT YOU A TELEGRAM IN REFERENCE TO THE GRENADA INVASION WHICH I BACKED YOU ON. NOW MR PRESIDENT I'M SEND<sup>JMS</sup> YOU A TELEGRAM IN REFERENCE TO A GROUP OF YOUNG BOYS WHO ARE PLAYING BASKETBALL WITH OUR PROGRAM IN BALTIMORE CITY. DUE TO THE FACT OF THE LARGE DRUG PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN PLAGUING THE BLACK COMMUNITY I HAVE A GROUP OF BLACK MEN IN THE AGE GROUP OF 12-16 YEARS OF AGE PLAYING BASKETBALL AND DEALING WITH THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN SCHOOL. WE ARE PLANNING ON TAKING A TRIP TO ALASKA TO PLAY BASKETBALL THERE FOR ONE WEEK. THE PROBLEM IS WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO MAKE THIS TRIP. WE

ARE NOW ASKING BUSINESS PEOPLE AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO HELP US TO MAKE THIS TRIP SUCCESSFUL. I KNOW ITS HARD FOR SOMEONE TO ASK PEOPLE FOR HELP BUT LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, THESE YOUNG MEN THAT I HAVE NEED TO SEE WHAT THE OTHERSIDE OF THE COUNTRY IS ABOUT. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE OR ANY ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LIKE TO HELP US MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE PLEASE, SIR, CONTACT ME AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE AT 301-396-9333 OR 396-9334 FROM 830A-12N OR YOU CAN REACH ME AT THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM AT 396-8042. MY HOME PHONE NUMBER 301-233-0548. IF YOU CAN HELP US PLEASE LET ME KNOW. THANK YOU. YOURS TRULY,

JOHN D MURDOCK  
BALTIMORE CITY URBAN SERVICE AGENCY  
YOUTH DIVISION

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

AS A FOUR YEAR VETERAN OF WWII I URGE YOU TO STICK BY THE ORIGINAL  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR TRIP TO GERMANY WITHOUT CHANGE.

J J MCCOURT

KING ST

MARLBORO NY 12542

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WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT

THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, THE AUFBAU, OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE RENOWN ORGANIZATION, THE NEW WORLD CLUB IS THE LEADING ORGAN AND SPOKESPERSON FOR GERMAN JEWISH HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS. IT WILL PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IN ITS FORTHCOMING ISSUE "IN MY MANY YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW WORLD CLUB AND PUBLISHER OF THIS NEWSPAPER, I HAVE NOT FOUND IT NECESSARY, UNTIL NOW, TO EXPRESS MYSELF ON THESE PAGES IN EDITORIAL COMMENT. THE LAST FEW WEEKS HOWEVER, AND THE DECISION BY PRESIDENT REAGAN, JUST THIS PAST WEEK, FORCED ME TO ADD MY VOICE TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE SHOCKED, BEWILDERED AND OUTRAGED: YES,

OUTRAGED: AT THE INAPPROPRIATE AND OFFENSIVE POLICY FORMULATIONS WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE HAS PROMULGATED UNDER MR REAGAN'S LEADERSHIP. HOW CAN A UNITED STATES PRESIDENT DEFEND A STATEMENT THAT ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOLOCAUST ARE NO LONGER ALIVE, OR COULD CARE LESS, AND THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PLAY DOWN ITS ROLE AT THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND THE FINAL CAPITULATION OF NAZISM AT THE HANDS OF OUR SOLDIERS AND THOSE OF OUR ALLIES? THAT A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WOULD REFUSE TO VISIT DACHAU BECAUSE HE FEELS THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO REMEMBER WHAT TOOK PLACE THERE, IS INEXCUSABLE.

AS I WRITE THESE WORDS, THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR BOARD, MR WERNER A STEIN, ONE OF OUR EDITORS, MR HENRY MARX AND MYSELF, ARE ON OUR WAY TO PARTICIPATE AT THE COMMEMORATION CEREMONY AT BERGEN BELSEN. NONE OTHER THAN THE WEST GERMANY PRESIDENT, DOCTOR RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER AND THE WEST GERMANY CHANCELLOR, DOCTOR HELMUT KOHL, AS WELL AS

OTHERS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION WILL LEAD US IN PRAYER AND PAY HOMAGE TO THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES THERE. DOES THAT INDICATE THAT THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO FORGET THE PAST? PRESIDENT REAGAN NOT ONLY ATTEMPTS TO DISTORT AND NEUTRALIZE RECENT HISTORY, BUT ADDS FUEL TO HIS INSENSITIVITY BY DECLARING HIS INTENTION TO PLACE A WREATH IN A GERMAN CEMETARY--AND IGNORE THE AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES ON THE EUROPEAN BATTLE FIELD. IF HE WANTS TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF THAT ATROCIOUS WAR, WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN MORE APPROPRIATE TO DO SO AT DACHAU?

AS ONE WHO HAS, HIMSELF LIVED THROUGH THAT TIME IN HISTORY, I BELIEVE THAT MR REAGAN MUST RECONSIDER AND ALTER HIS DECISION. IF WE ARE ASKED TO FORGET WHAT "MUST BE REMEMBERED", WE ARE ALL BETRAYED."

JERRY BRUNELL PUBLISHER AND PRESIDENT AUSBAU NEW WORLD CLUB 2121  
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*The Corporate Services Division of Warren A Kass Graphics Inc*

April 29, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am tired of reading in the press that you are "wounded", "troubled" and that your mental condition is one of "anguish" regarding your upcoming West German trip. On the other hand, the above terms totally describe my feelings and those of all (Jews and non-Jews) I have spoken to.

Wouldn't it have been wonderful, and truly humane--as well as quite a strong political move--to have responded to Elin Weisel's plea at last week's award ceremony with, "You know, Mr. Weisel (and the world), you're right! I've changed my mind and I shall review my trip"? What better expression of American leadership than an honest acknowledgement of an error in judgement? I am sure that the ultimate destiny of our relationship with West Germany would not be damaged. In fact, I believe it would show that we honor moral values for more than immediate political/economic, short-sighted goals. It's not Chancellor Kohl's responsibility to "free" you to change your mind. It's yours alone!

I am extremely angry and I shall not remain silent regarding this issue.

Yours truly,

WARREN A KASS  
 President

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cc: Sen: Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Alfonse M. D'Amato  
 Rep: Bill Green  
 Donald T. Regan  
 Max Frankel, The New York Times

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April 28 1985

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I equate your proposed visit to a German WWII cemetery with the raising of the Vietnam flag in Washington during the 70s by the hippies.

It is an insult to all civilized people who fought against the nazi beast and particularly to the memory of those courageous Americans--and their families--who never came back.

Shame on you for contemplating such an un-American act.

Yours truly,

John Gladstone,  
Editor/publisher

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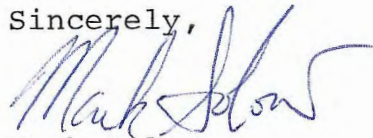
April 25, 1985

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

Mr. President:

I urge you to reconsider your visit to the Bitburg Cemetery where members of the SS are buried. I commend you on your decision to visit a concentration camp.

Sincerely,



Mark Solow  
Southwest Affiliate Manager

# ARIEL BOOKS

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~~See notes~~  
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

April 24, 1985

Dear Mr. President,

I am a Republican and a supporter of you. For these reasons I am writing to urge you to cancel your trip to the military cemetery in Germany. I strongly believe such a trip is morally wrong for self-evident reasons and that it would be damaging to you, America and all the things that this country stands for.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely  
Armond Eisen  
Publisher

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: *Anne Higgins*

FROM: **KATHY OSBORNE**  
**Personal Secretary**  
**to the President**

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P. O. Box 625  
Brighton CO 80601  
April 14, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Holocaust was the single-most dehumanizing event in history - yet we are still suffering from racial and religious prejudice, exemplified in the murder of my personal friend, Alan Berg, a talk show host in Denver, by white supremacists.

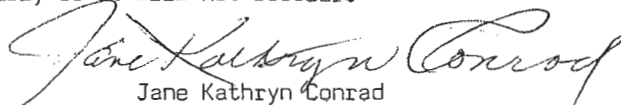
Do you realize how insulting your action is in agreeing to visit the graves of individuals who contributed to the Holocaust?

Do you realize how you, yourself, promote religious bigotry in this country with your abysmal ignorance of the reasons why religion exists, your lack of knowledge of science and the fact that there is no evidence whatever of the existence of a supernatural deity, by your encouraging Congress to pass laws returning prayer to schools even though there is no evidence that prayer can accomplish anything other than to make the asker of the favor more intellectually lazy than he already may be; from your religious views about reproduction rights of women which are contrary to the biological evidence (for all life is a continuum and nature takes steps to keep populations in balance.)

I live in the area of Brighton, Colorado, where the alleged killer of Alan Berg was employed for a short while in the office of the Primrose and Cattleman's Gazette, a publication which goes to ranchers all over the United States. I protested some time ago its publication of old-time anti-Semitic propaganda. As a Jew, a loyal American, a Humanist, I have been the victim of vandalism done in the name of Jesus Christ by local school children. Your attitude towards those philosophies you do not comprehend is a major contributor to this problem.

You should be ashamed of your ignorance, of your attitudes toward those of us who are not Christians. You should be ashamed, also, of your ignorance of American history, of the reasons why our Constitution is a secular one in which reference to a god or Jesus Christ (whose existence rests solely on the hearsay and contradictory stories of the New Testament) - was not included. You insult humanity worldwide by your action - for white supremacy is the only reason for apartheid - a white supremacy where power over minorities is the prime motivation for its continuance.

With each passing day, Mr. President, I have less and less respect for you. You are in great contrast with Franklin Roosevelt under whom I worked when I was employed in the Office of Secret Service just across from the White House. I think you owe the Jews in America, and the people who support our Constitution, a real apology. We cannot nor should we forget the Holocaust. We should remember it regularly so it will not reoccur.

  
Jane Kathryn Conrad



# This is not a 'Judeo-Christian republic'

**D**ID THE REV. Jerry Falwell watch the Academy Awards? And if he did, did he see Dr. Haing S. Ngor, a 34-year-old Cambodian refugee, accept his Oscar? "I thank God — Buddha — that I am here tonight," Ngor exulted. Falwell must have slapped his forehead in consternation. Thank who?

Granted there's not an overwhelming number of Americans who call the deity Buddha, but there are about 4 million of them, and the numbers are growing. Many other Americans are Muhammadan or Hindu, and there are many others who pray to no one and nothing at all.

I thought of Ngor because Falwell, who envisions America as a vast private club, has opened his membership rolls to Jews. In the last several months, he's been appearing before Jewish groups, telling them that he repudiates the doctrine that America is a Christian nation. "Now we say Judeo-Christian republic," Falwell has announced. Wonderful. But where does that leave Ngor?

One benefit of Falwell's celebrity is that he has spawned a cottage industry devoted to keeping an eye on him. These Falwell-watchers are in some disagreement about why he's now granting full citizenship to Jews. It might be, as he has claimed, that he got tolerance. Or it just might be, as some suspect, that he looked at the results of the last election and decided to clean up his act. Falwell, after



**RICHARD  
COHEN**

all, is given almost universal credit for keeping U.S. Jews overwhelmingly in the Democratic column.

That was the outcome despite Ronald Reagan's strong support for Israel, his antipathy to quotas and the fact that American Jews, overwhelmingly affluent, benefited from both Reagan's tax-reduction program and the economic boom the president claimed as his own.

Then along came Falwell. At the Republican National Convention in Dallas, he and his cohorts in the Christian right seemed ubiquitous. Over and over, they described America as a "Christian nation," words the president finally uttered himself. That did it. The movement of Jews toward the GOP stalled and then went into reverse. By Election Day, they were back in the Democratic Party and everyone was pointing a finger at Falwell.

It hardly matters for what reason Falwell has now changed his rhetoric and

whether his words reflect what he really thinks. What matters is that Falwell continues to envision America as a quasi-religious state. Where once it was just Christian, now it is both Christian and Jewish. The result is the same. By any name, such a state excludes. It withholds 100 percent citizenship from those who are neither Christian nor Jews and suggests that their rights are dispensed by the majority rather than being — to use the word employed in the Declaration of Independence — unalienable.

History affirms that the American ethic is largely a Christian one. But a part of that ethic is secularism: the conviction that religion is basically a personal matter and its public role should be limited.

The best you can say is that Falwell's heading in the right direction. But his new position is not a repudiation of his Christian Nation doctrine, but a modification of it — an expansion not of his tolerance, but of the limited welcome he extends.

But the invitation is not his to offer and in no way changes the nature of America. It is a nation in which the majority of the people are Christians or Jews, and not, as Falwell says, a Judeo-Christian nation. That's a distinction that makes a difference. Americans like Dr. Ngor thank Buddha for it.

Richard Cohen is a political commentator with the Washington Post Writers Group.

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**WOR** RADIO  
710 AM

~~Handwritten scribble~~

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22 Elm Place  
Hastings on Hudson, N.Y.  
10706

Dear Mr. President:

On June 9, 1944, my twenty six year old brother, flying a B 24 Liberator was shot down and killed over Munich...

My young husband, on June 15, 1944, completed a hard tour of duty with the 15th, 12th and 8th airforce, flying 50 missions on a B24, after 4 years of service....

Where were you, Sir? Where did you fight your war?

I am writing this letter not as a Jew, (which I am not) but as a human being still haunted by the Nazi atrocity.

What in the name of God were you thinking of when you agreed to go to Bitburg? I'm sure HE'd like to know.

Sincerely  
Dorothy Gentile Fields



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# The Somerville News

"Somerville's Most Widely Read Newspaper"

*[Handwritten signature]*

April 27, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of myself and the staff of this newspaper, I strongly urge you not visit the German cemetery at Bitburg.

The SS soldiers who were buried there were murderers who slaughtered an untold number of innocent victims; including thousands of American soldiers. The evil done by the Nazi SS can never be undone but we must never give these killers any kind of recognition.

The faith and trust that the American people have put in you as our President is far more important than your friendship with the Leader of that country. The sacrifice of American lives is far more important than placing a wreath at that cemetery.

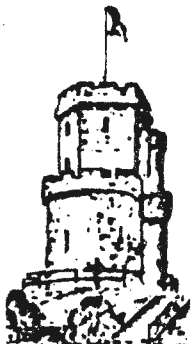
The German people and their leaders of today are good and decent people. We can not however, let that fact blind us to the evil that was done during World War II.

Keep the faith of the citizens of our great country. Do not go to Bitburg.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert J. L. Publicover*

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AS VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II I REGRET ONLY THERE ARE NOT MORE DEAD  
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MURDERS ARE BURIED IN ORDER NOT TO DEEPLY HURT THE FEELINGS OF THE  
MEMORY OF THE SIX MILLION WHO PERISHED.

JAKOB WEINBERGER NAHARIA ISRAEL  
EDITOR OF THE SIX MILLION NEWSPAPER

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT, LAYING A WREATH ON GERMAN WAR DEAD DESECRATES THE  
MEMORY OF ALL WHO FOUGHT THESE NAZI CRIMINALS.

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WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT ON BEHALF OF 100,000 FAMILIES IN DISTRICT NUMBER 1  
B'NAI B'RITH WE WISH TO EXPRESS DISMAY RE DECISION NOT TO VISIT THE  
DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP TO PAY RESPECT TO THE VICTIMS OF HOLOCAUST  
WHILE AT SAME TIME VISITING THOSE WHO SLAUGHTERED THE VICTIMS OF THE  
HOLOCAUST AT GERMAN MILITARY CEMETARY. VISIT WILL DEFAME THE VICTIMS  
AND DEFAME AMERICANS AND ALLIED SOLDIERS WHO DIED. WE DEMAND YOU  
RECONSIDER AND YOU FIND TIME AND MEANS TO PAY APPROPRIATE TRIBUTE TO  
VICTIMS OF NAZI TERROR WHILE IN EUROPE. RESPECTFULLY

HAROLD J STANGLER PRESIDENT DISTRICT NUMBER 1

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED BY THE MEDIA-NEWSPAPERS, TV, AND RADIO THAT YOU PLAN TO VISIT A GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY, WHERE SOLDIERS FROM WORLD WAR I WORLD WAR II AND GERMAN CIVILIANS ARE BURIED, WE THINK IT IS A VERY ALTRUISTIC IDEA TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF WORLD WAR II HOSTILITIES AND IF YOU SUGGEST YOU ARE DOING THIS IN THE SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION, WE AGREE, HOWEVER IN THE FACE OF THE FACT THAT YOU REFUSE TO VISIT DACHAU WHERE MILLIONS OF JEWS WERE ANNIHILATED AND YOUR ALLEGED REASON IS THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING GERMAN SENSITIVITY TO THE AWAKENING OF A TERRIBLE TIME IN GERMAN HISTORY-WHAT ABOUT YOUR OWN PEOPLE-AMERICANS WHO LIVE WITH THE MEMORY OF THE GERMAN ATROCITIES FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES, I AM AN OLD WOMAN AND FROM MY POINT OF VIEW THE DEAD AT DACHAU ARE JUST AS READY TO BE REMEMBERED AS "HONORED DEAD" AS ARE THE DEAD GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO STOOD BY AND HELPED THE ATROCITIES TO OCCUR, I REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE OF JEWISH ORIGIN AND WE ARE VERY UPSET BY YOUR DISTINCTION OF WHO SHOULD BE HONORED, WITH GREAT RESPECT FOR YOUR ABILITY TO SEE THE RIGHT I AM SINCERELY YOURS

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
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ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE RAOUL  
WALLENBERG NEW LEADERSHIP SOCIETY, AN AFFILIATE OF THE SIMON  
WIESENTHAL CENTER, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR OUTRAGE TO YOUR PLANS  
TO VISIT THE BITBURG CEMETERY DURING YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE NOT  
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OF SENSITIVITY TO THEIR SURVIVORS, WE URGE YOU TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO  
A CONCENTRATION CAMP AS PART OF YOUR ITINERARY, WE HOPE THIS IS AN  
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PRESIDENT DONALD REAGAN

ON BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
WELCOMED BY LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE STATE OF THE UNION  
TO VISIT THE BUREAU OF WESTERN UNION DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
ONLY IS THIS AN ISSUE TO BE TAKEN UP BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AND TO THE VICTIMS OF THE 9/11 TRAGEDY, BUT IT SHOWS A  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
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THE FREE SONS OF ISRAEL, THE OLDEST JEWISH FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES, STRONGLY URGES YOU NOT TO VISIT A GERMAN CEMETERY TO HONOR THE GERMAN SOLDIERS WHO KILLED OUR BOYS AND REPRESENTED A GOVERNMENT WHICH ANNIHILATED 6 MILLION JEWS.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET WHAT GERMANY DID TO OUR PEOPLE DURING THE HITLER REGIME, WE CANNOT AGREE WITH YOUR FEELING THAT IT IS TIME TO FORGET, WE REITERATE, WE MUST NEVER FORGET, AND IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

WE ALSO FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT YOU SHOULD VISIT DACHAU, WE MUST NOT FORGET, OTHERWISE, IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN

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TO MEET THE GERMAN BOYS WHO WERE KILLED BY THE NAZIS IN  
HOWARD ROAD AND BROADWAY IN NEW YORK CITY. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO  
REPLY TO YOUR MAILING LIST REQUEST.

WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT GERMAN BOYS DIED TO OUR PEOPLE DURING THE HITLER  
REGIME. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO FORGET THAT IT IS TIME TO FORGET  
WE MUST NEVER FORGET, AND IT MUST NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.  
OF YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

WE ALSO FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT YOU SHOULD VISIT GAZA. WE MUST  
FORGET, OTHERWISE, IT GOES AGAIN.  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
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THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF ATLANTIC COUNTY ASKS YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR  
AGENDA FOR YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO GERMANY. WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO  
UNDERSTAND HOW A PERSON OF YOUR SENSITIVITY COULD CONSIDER HONORING  
DEAD NAZI SOLDIERS WHOSE GOAL WAS WORLD DOMINATION WHILE AT THE SAME  
TIME REFUSING TO VISIT THE DACHAU DEATH CAMP WHERE SO MANY NEEDLESSLY  
DIED AT THE HANDS OF THESE SAME NAZIS. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE STRONGLY  
URGE YOU TO ALTER YOUR PRESENT PLANS BY ELIMINATING THE VISIT TO THE  
BITBURG CEMETARY BUT TO INCLUDE THE VISIT TO DACHAU.

MARSHA GROSSMAN PRESIDENT

FEDERATION OF JEWISH AGENCIES OF ATLANTIC COUNTY NJ

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TO JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE POLICY  
OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF THE  
DEATH OF SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE. PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR EFFORTS  
TO BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
1600 PENNSYLVANNIA AVE  
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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THE BEVERLY HILLS REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS SHOCK THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED TO VISIT THE GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG, WHILE REFUSING TO VISIT THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP. THAT IS SENDING A SIGNAL THAT THE MEMORY OF THE MURDERERS WILL BE HONORED, THAT THE MEMORY OF THE MURDERED WILL NOT.

THE BEVERLY HILLS REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY STRONGLY SUPPORTS YOU, AND THINKS YOU ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB AS PRESIDENT, AND THAT IS WHY WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS ILL ADVISED DECISION.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

DON GENHART, PRESIDENT BEVERLY HILLS REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE  
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DEAR MR PRESIDENT

BECAUSE OF YOUR PRIOR RECORD OF AFFIRMATION OF THE DEEP SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION, IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE MUST PROTEST YOUR CANCELLATION OF DACHAU AND RECENT ADDITION OF THE GERMAN MILITARY CEMETARY TO YOUR FORTHCOMING ITINERARY, TO ADD THE LATTER WITHOUT THE FORMER CANNOT HELP BUT HAVE A UNIVERSALLY UNDERSTOOD SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE AND LEAD PEOPLE TO IGNORE THE REALITY AND HARD-WON LESSONS OF THE DELIBERATE MURDER OF MILLIONS BY ORGANS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT DURING THE LAST WORLD WAR, YOUR ACTIONS ARE BEING WIDELY INTERPRETED AS A RETREAT FROM OUR NATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF DECENCY, ESPECIALLY WHEN COUPLED WITH YOUR UNFORTUNATE REMARKS AT YOUR MOST RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE LEADER OF THE FREEWORLD RE-EMPHASIZE THE CRITICALLY SIGNIFICANT MEANING OF THE HOLOCAUST EVENT IN HISTORY.

WE, THEREFORE, PETITION THAT, AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU RE-INTRODUCE DACHAU INTO YOUR SCHEDULE.

RESPECTFULLY

MYRON W CONOVITZ MD PRESIDENT LONG ISLAND REGIONAL BOARD OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF BINAI BIRITH

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

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

Dear Mr. President:

Americans, Christians and Jews alike, are shocked and outraged at your plans to honor Nazism by placing a wreath at the Bitburg cemetery.

This is a historical blunder of the highest order and a political disaster. The German armies have never been our allies - neither in our Revolution nor in WW I or WW II.

If someone must be honored, pay tribute to the loyal French or English or Belgians. But save us tribute to the memory of mass murderers.

Forgive and forget, yes. But do not honor the memory of history's cruelest and most perverted conquerors.

Pay tribute to German intellect and industrialism and current friendship, but not to the ghoulies who murdered our fathers at Malmedy.

Apparently your staff thinks what we went through and sacrificed in World War II is of no consequence. This is a great pity, because it makes us question your concern in other areas as well. It brings up the question of judgment. It brings up the question of sensitivity.

Stand up and act, as you so boldly speak in your speeches. Show your convictions in your acts as well as your words. Remind us that Nazi terror is nothing to be honored.

Sincerely,

*C. J. Baggett*

C.J. Baggett, Editor  
Douglas Neighbor Newspaper  
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THE AMERICAN JEWISH  
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MAIER DESHELL  
Editor

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~~*Joseph P. ...*~~

April 15, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to protest to you in the strongest possible terms your intention to go to Germany and lay a wreath in a German war cemetery, and to insist that refrain from doing so. I cannot believe that you, as president of this great country, could be so appallingly and grossly insensitive. Such an action would profane the memories not only of the millions of Jews who were slaughtered by the Nazis, but of the hundreds of thousands of American servicemen who gave their lives to fight Germany during World War II. It is more than possible to work in the present for a normalization of relations with West Germany without your having to do such a thing.

I can only hope that you planned to lay the wreath in a moment of dementia, and that you will soon announce plans not to do it.

Sincerely yours,

*Marianne Sanua*  
Marianne Sanua  
Editorial assistant

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USA  
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*Joe Mathis*  
April 26, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Reagan:

I have been reading and hearing much lately regarding your planned visit to a German graveyard where members of the former Nazi government are burried.

After negative media attention, your hastily conceived trip to a concentration camp is such obvious window-dressing that you and your advisors should be embarassed.

My purpose in writing this letter is to go on record as saying that any reverent rememberance or recognition (intentional or not) of the Nazi Party or the Third Reich is an insult to not only Jews, but to all others murdered by the Nazis. Further, your visit is an affront to veterans and our allies during World War II.

Sincerely,

*Alice Rose*

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April 26, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President,

After attending a rally today in San Francisco regarding your upcoming visit to West Germany, I felt impelled to write you this letter.

Please consider seriously the implications of your visit to Bitburg Cemetery and how it reflects on the American people. It will seem to the world and to your fellow Americans that you condone the actions of the Nazi SS Corps that are buried there, rather than view them for the horrors that they perpetrated during World War II. To pay your respects to these villains buried at Bitburg is disrespectful to the millions of Americans and Europeans who gave their lives fighting for democracy during this terrible war.

Please admit that the Bitburg visit is an embarrassment, and alter your itinerary accordingly. Surely there must be another way to establish good relations between our country and West Germany - this is not the way!

Sincerely yours,

*Jude Heller*

Jude Heller  
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE SMALL MINDRITY AROUSING THE HATE AND REVENGE STORM ABOUT YOUR VISIT TO A CEMETARY IN WEST GERMANY DOES NOT REPRESENT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND DOES NOT OWN THIS GREAT COUNTRY. THEY CANNOT INTIMIDATE A GREAT PRESIDENT LIKE YOU. WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT YOUR FIRM STAND.

JOSEPH NADHIR

EDITOR IN CHIEF OF PIONEERS MAGAZINE

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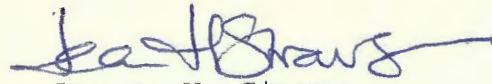
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

WMCA Radio has been airing an editorial by Chairman R. Peter Straus taking issue with your planned visit to the Bitburg cemetery in Germany. A copy of the editorial is attached.

WMCA would like to offer you an opportunity to respond. Please let me know if you would like to do so.

Sincerely,



Jeanne H. Straus  
Vice President and  
Program Director

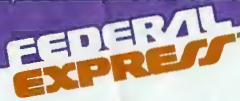
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## PRESIDENT REAGAN'S GERMANY VISIT

THERE ARE JUST SIX DAYS LEFT BEFORE PRESIDENT REAGAN LEAVES ON HIS TRIP TO GERMANY NEXT TUESDAY. BUT THAT IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO CHANGE HIS ITINERARY AND SKIP THE TRIP TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY WHERE 47 SS OFFICERS ARE BURIED. WE BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT HONOR SS MURDERERS. IF HE WANTS TO HONOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE A BETTER SITE FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT WOULD BE THE PLOETZENSEE PRISON IN BERLIN WHERE HITLER EXECUTED THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM. IF YOU AGREE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CHANGE HIS MIND CALL THE WHITE HOUSE: AREA CODE 202-456-1414. JUST CALL THE WHITE HOUSE AT 202-456-1414 AND SAY: MR. PRESIDENT, CHANGE YOUR MIND.

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 6  (Our Packaging) 9"x12"  
**OVERNIGHT DELIVERY USING OUR PACKAGING**  
 2  Counter-Pak Overnight Envelope 12" x 15 1/2"  
 3  Overnight Box 12 1/2" x 17 1/2" x 3" A   
 4  Overnight Tube 38" x 6" x 6" B   
**STANDARD AIR**  
 5  Delivery not later than second business day

- 1  HOLD FOR PICK-UP Give the Federal Express address where you want package held in Section H at right.  
 2  DELIVER WEEKDAY  
 3  DELIVER SATURDAY (Extra charge applies)  
 4  RESTRICTED ARTICLES SERVICE (P-1 and Standard Air Packages only. Extra charge applies)  
 5  SIGNATURE SECURITY SERVICE (SSS) (Extra charge applies)  
 6  DRY ICE \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs  
 7  OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE  
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 9  SATURDAY PICK-UP OR SATURDAY DROP-OFF (Extra charge applies.)

PACKAGES	WEIGHT	YOUR DECLARED VALUE (See right)	OVER SIZE
Total	Total	Total	

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 Date/Time For Federal Express Use  
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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### DEFINITIONS

On this Airbill, we, our and us refer to Federal Express Corporation, its employees and agents. You and your refer to the sender, its employees and agents.

### AGREEMENT TO TERMS

By giving us your package to deliver, you agree to all the terms on this Airbill and in our current Service Guide, which is available on request. No one is authorized to alter or modify the terms of our Agreement.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND COMPLETING AIRBILL

You are responsible for adequately packaging your goods and for properly filling out this Airbill. The number of packages and weight per package are critical to our ability to correctly bill you. Any omission of this information from this Airbill will result in a billing based on our best estimate of the number of packages received from you and an estimated "default" weight per package, as determined and periodically adjusted by us.

### AIR TRANSPORTATION TAX INCLUDED

Our basic rate includes a federal tax required by Internal Revenue Code Section 4271 on the air transportation portion of this service.

### LIMITATIONS ON OUR LIABILITY

Our liability for loss or damage to your package is limited to your actual damages or \$100, whichever is less, unless you pay for and declare a higher value. We do not carry cargo liability insurance, but you may pay the extra costs for such additional \$100 of declared value. If you declare a higher value and pay the additional charge, our liability will be the lesser of your declared value or the actual value of your package.

Our liability for delay is limited to a refund of your delivery charge.

We won't be liable for our acts or omissions, including but not limited to improper or insufficient packing, securing, marking or addressing or for the acts or omissions of the recipient or anyone who has access to the package. Also, we won't be liable if you or the recipient violates any of the terms of our agreement.

Finally, we won't be liable for loss, damage or delay caused by events we cannot reasonably foresee or control, including but not limited to acts of God, parts of the air, weather conditions, military or civil disturbances, public emergencies, war, strikes, civil commotions or acts or omissions of public authorities (including customs and quarantine officials), with actual or apparent authority.

**WE WON'T BE LIABLE IN ANY CASE FOR INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, WHETHER OR NOT WE KNEW THAT SUCH DAMAGES MIGHT BE INCURRED.**

### DECLARED VALUE LIMITS

The highest declared value we allow is \$25,000 per package unless your package contains items of extraordinary value. In which case the highest declared value we allow is \$500. Items of extraordinary value include artwork, jewelry, furs, money, precious metals, negotiable instru-

ments, and other items listed in our current Service Guide.

If you send more than one package on this Airbill, you may fill in the total declared value for all packages, not to exceed \$25,000 per package. (Example: 5 packages can have a total declared value of up to \$125,000.)

However, if more than one package is shipped on this airbill, our liability for loss or damage will be limited to the total declared value (not to exceed \$25,000 per package) regardless of the number of packages lost or damaged. You have the responsibility of proving the actual loss or damage.

### FILING A CLAIM

ALL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE BY YOU IN WRITING.

- WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER WE DELIVER YOUR PACKAGE IF YOUR CLAIM RESULTS FROM SHORTAGE, DAMAGE OR DELAY, OR
- WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER WE ACCEPT YOUR PACKAGE IF YOUR CLAIM RESULTS FROM NON-DELIVERY.

We'll consider your claim filed if you call and notify our Customer Service Department at 800/238-5355 and notify us in writing as soon as possible.

Within 90 days after you notify us of your claim, you must send us all relevant information about it. We are not obligated to act on any claim until you have provided this information. If you do not submit the amount of your claim from those charges.

If the recipient accepts your package without doing any damage on the delivery record, we will assume that the package was delivered in good condition. In order for us to process your claim, you must to the extent possible, make the original shipping cartons and packing available for inspection.

Claims for overcharges and refunds must be made in writing within 2 months of the billing date.

### RIGHT TO INSPECT

We may at our option open and inspect your packages prior to or after you deliver them to us to deliver.

### NO C.O.D. SERVICES

We don't provide C.O.D. services. If you send a package C.O.D. by mistake, we'll deliver the package and bill our charges to the recipient.

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT

Even if you give us different payment instructions, you will always be primarily responsible for all delivery costs, as well as any costs we may incur in either returning your package to you or warehousing it pending payment.

### QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE

We reserve the right to reject a shipment after acceptance and prior to the performance of any portion of the transportation services, when such shipment would be likely to cause damage or delay to other shipments, equipment or personnel, or if the transportation of which is prohibited by law or is in violation of any laws contained in this Airbill or our Service Guide.



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**Donald Lowery**  
Editorial Director

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23 April 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

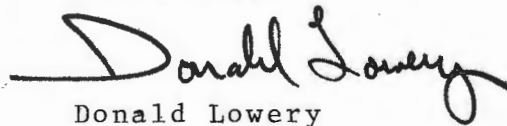
I join the millions of American who are urging you not to go to the Bitburg cemetery during your upcoming visit to West Germany.

You have heard all possible arguments against the trip. I need not repeat them. The words of Elie Wiesel to you last week make the most compelling case against the visit: it is a matter of good versus evil.

For those of us who believe deeply in the compassion of America and the nation's commitment to humanity, a visit to this reserve of hatred would be morally reprehensible.

I plead with you not to allow the presidency of the United States to stand in honor of the most criminal event in modern times.

Sincerely,



Donald Lowery  
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22nd April, 1985.

Mr. Ronald Reagan, President of The United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

I would not listen to the pressure being placed upon you to change your West German itinerary. You should visit the graves of soldiers who are now our allies.

Let by-gones be by-gones. Please do not let the Jewish lobby in this free nation influence you to visit the so-called death-camps of the mis-named "holocaust."

Do as YOU see fit; not as a howling mob of fanatics would have our good president react!

I would appreciate hearing from you personally on this matter, an important one because it raises once again the unsolved issue of the Captive Nations, those surrendered to communism by F. D. R. at the end of WW II. Thank you for visiting our allies and opposing our foes--the Communist slave-masters of Eastern Europe.

Yours faith-fully,

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