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Date October 8, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

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Reference:

To: The President From: ^x FM Colette Flesch
Date: 9/26/83 Subject: INF

WH Referral Dated: NSC ID# 7239
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The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

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

Remarks: Foreign Minister Flesch is conveying Luxembourg's support
for our INF initiatives at the Geneva negotiations and does not require
a reply.

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
BY mp NARA, DATE 6/17/10

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

NSC # 8307239

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from Vice President Colette Flesch of Luxembourg which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on October 4, 1983.

Charles H. Jackson, Jr. for

Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836

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AMBASSADE DU GRAND-DUCHE
DE LUXEMBOURG

2200 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

(202) 265-4171

Washington, September 26, 1983

The Ambassador of Luxembourg presents his compliments to the Honorable the Secretary of State and has the honor to transmit herewith a personal letter from the Honorable Colette Flesch, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Luxembourg, to the President of the United States of America.

The Ambassador would appreciate it if this letter could be forwarded to President Reagan.

The Ambassador of Luxembourg takes this occasion to renew to the Honorable the Secretary of State the assurances of his highest consideration.

enclosure as stated





MINISTÈRE
DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES

LE MINISTRE

Luxembourg, September 23, 1983

The Honorable Ronald REAGAN
President of the United States
of America

Dear Mr. President,

I read with great interest your letter dated September 15, 1983 concerning new US initiatives at the Geneva LR INF negotiations, and highly appreciated the complementary contacts and consultations of Assistant Secretary of State Richard BURT with the Experts of Allied Nations in the Special Consultative Group in Brussels on 19 September 1983.

The first of your three proposals is an appropriate clarification, useful above all for the internal German debate, but also for the Geneva negotiations themselves.

The second proposal, the main opening for the Geneva negotiations, also seems to contain great possibilities for future moves and progress in the negotiation.

The last proposal eliminates an argument used by the Soviets for blocking the negotiations and in so far, it may prove very useful, although in the short run we might be drawn into rather lengthy discussions as to which side presently holds a nuclear aircraft superiority.

The new US initiative seems to be timely and is, in my opinion, by far the most important initiative till now aimed at progress in the INF arms control negotiations. The Luxembourg Government welcomes and approves the new proposals and will support them nationally and internationally.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colette Flesch'.

Colette Flesch

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM FLESCHE, COLETTE

DOCDATE 23 SEP 83

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KEYWORDS INF

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SUBJECT LTR TO PRES FM FLESCHE RE LUXEMBOURG SUPPORT RE US INF INITIATIVES RE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS

ACTION: ANY ACTION NECESSARY?

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: White House State Visit

I would like to join with the State Department and the American Embassy (Luxembourg) in strongly urging that the Grand Duke and Dutchess of Luxembourg be invited to the United States as the President's guests in the second half of 1984. Luxembourg is among our strongest NATO Allies and has been quite helpful to us in this Administration.

The last Luxembourg State visit was made in 1963 by the Duke's mother. There is the possibility he will abdicate in favor of his son in the next two years. For him not to be officially received in Washington could be harmful to one of our most unswerving relationships.

Elections will be held in Luxembourg in late spring and the absence of an invitation by that time could play into the hands of the opposition. Moreover, President Reagan mentioned to Luxembourg Ambassador Peters when he presented his credentials last July, that he would hope to receive the Duke and Dutchess.

As you know, such a visit cements ties, is a symbol of appreciation, and helps to keep a relationship on a steady course. This would certainly be true for this State visit.

Please let me know what might be arranged.

cc:
The Secretary of State

NSC # 8309383

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TO MCFARLANE

FROM WEINBERGER, C

DOCDATE 23 DEC 83

KEYWORDS LUXEMBOURG
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SUBJECT RECOMMENDS STATE VISIT / DUKE & DUTCHESS OF LUXEMBOURG

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE DUE: 03 JAN 84 STATUS S FILES

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 196395

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 07, 1983

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN E. DOLIBOIS

SUBJECT UNOPENED

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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February 15, 1984

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE
SUBJECT: Letter from Ambassador Dolibois

John Dolibois, our Ambassador to Luxembourg, has written a letter of congratulations to you on your birthday and the announcement of your intention to run for reelection. The NSC Staff believes a reply is not necessary.

Recommendation

OK No

_____ _____ That you read the letter at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A - Incoming from Ambassador Dolibois

Prepared by:
Tyrus W. Cobb

cc Vice President

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National Security Council
The White House

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Bud McFarlane	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LUXEMBOURG

January 31, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

The announcement of your candidacy for reelection is great news for all the world. Here in Luxembourg your many friends and supporters, American and other nationalities, rejoice at your decision.

Winnie and I pledge our enthusiastic, wholehearted support in every way possible. Our prayers and good wishes are with you and Mrs. Reagan constantly. We look forward to November 7, when we can shout "America is back, and so is Ronald Reagan!"

Happy Birthday, Mr. President!!

Respectfully yours,

John

John E. Dolibois
Ambassador

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

February 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Letter to President Reagan from
Ambassador Dolibois

John Dolibois, our Ambassador to Luxembourg, has written a letter of congratulations to the President on his birthday and his intention to run for reelection. Your memo to the President at Tab I suggests that he read the letter and recommends no reply.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I forwarding the incoming letter from the Ambassador.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab I - Memo to the President

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM DOLIBOIS, JOHN

DOCDATE 31 JAN 84

KEYWORDS. LUXEMBOURG

SUBJECT. CONGRATULATORY MSG RE CANDIDACY & BIRTHDAY

ACTION. ANY ACTION NECESSARY

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 28, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *Peter*

SUBJECT: State Visit by Grand Duke Luxembourg

As you will recall, the Vice President personally delivered the subject invitation. We have now heard back from the Grand Duke -- he prefers to come in November and hopes it can be on a Monday or Tuesday, anytime from November 12 onward (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION

That you nail down the exact date in November for the Grand Duke's State visit.

Approve K Disapprove _____

*Informed Ryan, who passed to
Roselauch in First Lady's office.
We will be called when date is set.*

TAB A - State's incoming

cc: Ty Cobb

NSC # 8401560



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 24, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: State Visit by Grand Duke of Luxembourg

During his recent visit to Luxembourg, the Vice President gave to the Grand Duke a letter from the President, proposing a state visit to the United States in November or December of this year. In response, the Government of Luxembourg has informed us that the Grand Duke's preference is for a visit in November, beginning any time on or after November 12.

The GOL would like, if possible, to have the visit begin on a Monday or Tuesday, so that onward travel in the United States could be scheduled for later in the week.

for *Tom McKimley*
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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DOCDATE 24 FEB 84

KEYWORDS LUXEMBOURG

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SUBJECT. PROPOSED STATE VISIT BY GRAND DUKE DURING NOV 1984

ACTION. PREPARE MEMO FOR MCFARLANE DUE: 27 FEB 84 STATUS S FILES

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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S/S 8412430 FG006-12

Date April 30, 1984

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

Reference:

To: The President From: Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg

Date: April 19, 1984 Subject: State Visit by the Grand Duke and
Duchess of Luxembourg

WH Referral Dated: NSC ID# (if any)

The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

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

Remarks: No reply is necessary, since the the Grand Duke is simply
confirming the November 13 date suggested by the White House
for his State visit to Washington.

for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Washington, D.C. 20520

April 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on April 26, 1984.

Charles L. Jackson, Jr. for
Director, S/S-I
Information Management Section
Executive Secretariat
ext. 23836



Luxembourg, April 19, 1984

Dear Mr. President,

The Grand Duchess and I were happy to hear that the State Visit to the United States of America could be arranged for November 13 and 14 this year. This date suits us well and we both are very much looking forward to meeting you and Mrs. Reagan in Washington next fall.

With reiterated thanks and best regards and wishes

Yours sincerely



AMBASSADE DU GRAND-DUCHÉ
DE LUXEMBOURG
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D.C., April 24, 1984

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The Embassy of Luxembourg presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to transmit a letter addressed to the President of the United States by His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Luxembourg.

The Embassy of Luxembourg would be grateful to the Department of State if it could forward the abovementioned letter to its High Addressee.

The Embassy of Luxembourg avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Department of State
Washington, D.C.

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM JEAN

DOCDATE 26 APR 84

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KEYWORDS: LUXEMBOURG

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SUBJECT GRAND DUKE JEAN LTR RE 13 - 14 NOV VISIT

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1985 .

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 1984. Nancy and I are truly pleased with the successful visit by the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Luxembourg. Much of the success of the visit can be attributed to the excellent work you have performed as our Ambassador to Luxembourg.

I would like to thank you for bringing to my attention the remarks of Mr. Joseph Harpes, the Village of Eschweiler's historian. Mr. Harpes's letter about George Mergenthaler is very inspiring. I am pleased to know that the memory of those Americans who sacrificed their lives to preserve freedom is kept alive in Luxembourg.

Let me take this occasion to extend to you and Winnie our warm wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable John Dolibois
American Ambassador
American Embassy Luxembourg

Also translated letter from Joseph Harpes re George Mergenthaler the GI who gave his life in the village of Eschweiler

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 2, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

NICHOLAS S. KLISSAS *Nick*

SIGNED

SUBJECT:

Ambassador Dolibois's Letter to the President

Our Ambassador to Luxembourg, John Dolibois, sends the President his congratulations on the "successful State Visit" of the Grand Duke. Dolibois makes special mention of the Village of Eschweiler's response to the President's remarks regarding war-hero George Mergenthaler. The village's historian, who is 84, was so moved that he wrote the Ambassador a touching letter, which the Ambassador forwards to the President.

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Ty Cobb concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President, forwarding Ambassador Dolibois's letter.

Approve EMIC Disapprove _____

Attachment:

Tab I Memo to the President
 Tab A President's Letter to Dolibois's
 Tab B Dolibois's Letter to the President, with
 background papers

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DATE: 07 JAN 85

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

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SOURCE: PRESIDENT
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KEYWORDS: LUXEMBOURG

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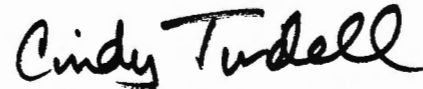
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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January 5, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE *RMK*
for
SUBJECT: Letter to U.S. Ambassador Dolibois

Issue

How to respond to a letter from the U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg John Dolibois.

Facts

John has written you a letter concerning the response to the recent State Visit by Grand Duke Jean. He also updates the story of George Mergenthaler, the war-hero whom you mentioned in your White House dinner remarks: Mr. Joseph Harpes, the village historian who knew George Mergenthaler, wrote John a letter which sheds some more light on the story.

Discussion

Your letter (Tab A) acknowledges Dolibois's interesting note and expresses appreciation for sending the Harpes letter on Mergenthaler.

Recommendation

OK No

RR

That you sign your letter to John Dolibois

AND

OK No

RR

That you read the letter from John and the attached letter from the village historian.

Attachments:

- Tab A Reply to Ambassador Dolibois
- Tab B Letter from Dolibois

cc Vice President

Prepared by:
Nicholas S. Klissas

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 10, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN E. DOLIBOIS

SUBJECT: UNOPENED

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LUXEMBOURG

December 4, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

All of Luxembourg is still buzzing enthusiastically about the successful State Visit of their Grand Duke and Grand Duchess to the White House and the United States. Press reaction has been one hundred percent positive and our fine bilateral relationship is stronger than ever. We thank you, Mr. President, and Mrs. Reagan for your gracious hospitality and warm reception. Winnie and I will never forget that memorable day.

During our San Francisco stop, I had the pleasure of being at the same table with Mr. and Mrs. Diepenbrock of Sacramento, who support you most ardently as former neighbors and friends, and urged me to let you know we enjoyed meeting.

In your remarks at the White House dinner, you were kind enough to mention the story of George Mergenthaler, the GI who gave his life in the village of Eschweiler during the Battle of the Bulge. The Luxembourg TV broadcast your remarks and the people of Eschweiler were absolutely ecstatic. I have received a number of calls and letters from the villagers, and enclose a letter from Mr. Joseph Harpes, the retired schoolmaster of Eschweiler who knew George Mergenthaler well, and wrote his story for the village history. Mr. Harpes is 84 years of age and I am happy to add a translation of his letter. Like the story I shared with you about the American-Samoan cavalry trooper on patrol along the East German border, this too has a sequel.

More than ever, Winnie and I are extremely proud to represent you and the USA here in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. Thank you again, Mr. President, for giving me the privileged opportunity to serve our country.

Our warmest regards to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John".

John E. Dolibois
Ambassador

Enclosure

TRANSLATION

"In the name of our entire village I wish to thank you, Excellency, for passing along the story of our own war hero, George Mergenthaler, to the President of the United States. There were many people in the community who cried when they heard and saw the President of the greatest nation in the world, on the radio and on television, speak of our little hometown. As you know, when Pastor Bodson was among us he saw to everything dealing with George Mergenthaler, his burial, repatriation of his remains, the annual commemoration of his sacrifice, and the restoration of the village church in his memory. But when (the pastor) was transferred to Stadtgrund, I took over the responsibility, and since I experienced the whole tragedy, I am pleased to be in charge of keeping alive the memory of George Mergenthaler.

To date I have received well over 400 Americans, among them many military personnel, relatives of GI's who also died here, writers and journalists, who interested themselves in the Mergenthaler story. This includes George's fiancée, later Mrs. E. Evan-Walker, from Buckboard Road, Tucson, Arizona. She cried a lot and requested Masses in George's name. Her brother was George's best friend, and he lies buried in nearby Wiltz. (Also killed in battle.) Many Luxembourgers make pilgrimages to the memorial for George; schoolchildren and organizations. My best memories are of the recent visit by the American-Luxembourg Society.

Two months ago I had a special visit: a farmer's wife and her husband from Ettelbruck. She had been the housekeeper for George Mergenthaler's parents for 3 years until they began to suffer from old age illnesses and moved to a home. She told me many intimate stories of her inspiring experiences.

In conclusion, thank you once again, Mr. Ambassador, for your goodwill. I hope to see you again at the Memorial service on January 20, 1985, and remain your admiring friend,

Joseph Harpes"

Jos Harpes
Ehrenlehrer
Eschweiler-Wiltz

20.11.84

An Seine Excellenz den Herrn Ambassador U.S.A.,

Im Namen unseres ganzen Dorfes möchte ich Ihnen, Excellenz, herzlich danken für Ihre Vermittlung zwischen Eschweiler, dem vom Schicksal getroffenen Kriegshelden George Mergenthaler und dem Herrn Präsidenten von USA. Es gab Leute in der Ortschaft, die haben geweint, als sie den Präsident der größten Nation der Welt im Radio hörten und in der Television sahen von unserer kleinen Heimat reden. Solange Pfarrer Bodson in unserer Mitte weilte, kümmerte er sich um Begräbnis, Repatriierung und Feiern für den gefallenen Soldaten und um die Restaurierung der Kirche. Als er aber nach Stadtgrund versetzt wurde, übernahm ich, der ja auch alles miterlebt habe, gerne die Charge, das Andenken an George Mergenthaler zu pflegen und wach zu halten. Ich habe an die 400 Amerikaner empfangen, darunter viel Militärs, Angehörige von Kriegsgefallenen, Schriftsteller, Journalisten, die sich für die Mergenthaler-story interessierten, auch George's Freundin, später Mrs E. Evan-Walker, in Buckboard Road, Tucson, Arizona. Sie hat viel geweint und Messen bestellt. Ihr Bruder war der beste Freund von George und lag zur selben Zeit in Ruhestellung in Wiltz. Aber ebenso viele Luxemburger sind an die Gedenkstätten gepilgert: Schulklassen, Anniparas-sektionen und andere Vereinigungen und viele einzelne Familien. Meine schönste Erinnerung bleibt die Visite der Am. Lux Society. Vor zwei Monaten hatte ich besonderen Besuch: eine Bauerfrau mit ihrem Mann. (Hubertj aus Bärden bei Ettelbrück). Sie war während 3 Jahren Haushälterin bei den Eltern von George, aber dann waren diese zu alterschwach geworden und siedelten in ein Pflegeheim über. Sie konnte mir unbekannt intime Erlebnisse von diesem Aufenthalt erzählen.

Zum Schluss noch einmal herzlichen Dank, Herr Ambassador, für Ihre Wohlwollen. Vielleicht auf Wiedersehen bei der Gedenkfeier am 20. Januar 1985
Damit verbleibe ich Ihr verehrender Freund

Harpes Joseph

