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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN:

I IMPLORE YOU NOT TO VISIT THE GRAVE-YARD IN GERMANY ON YOUR VISIT AS WE CELEBRATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS. AT THIS TIME, I FEEL YOU ARE MAKING A GRAVE MISTAKE. YOURS TRULY

MICHAEL J LA ROSE COUNCILMAN

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE KENNETH A. GIBSON

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PLANNED VISIT TO THE GERMAN
CEMETERY

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PMS PRESIDENT, DLR
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT, I FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT I PERSONALLY DISAGREE WITH YOUR DECISION TO VISIT A NAZI SS TROOP MEMORIAL DURING YOUR UPCOMING VISIT TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

I HAVE VISITED BOTH AUCHWITZ AND ISRAEL AND I WAS PROFOUNDLY MOVED BY THE FACT THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE STILL SUFFERING FROM THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE SS TROOPERS.

I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR DESIRE TO FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HOWEVER AS THE PRESIDENT OF A COUNTRY IN WHICH SO MANY SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST RESIDE, THIS VISIT CAN ONLY BE VIEWED AS TURNING YOUR BACK ON THE VERY VIRTUES ON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED.

I HOPE YOU WILL CHANGE YOUR PLANS TO TRULY REFLECT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. SINCERELY,

KENNETH A GIBSON MAYOR OF NEWARK NJ *07102*

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH S. DADDONA

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL VISIT TO THE
BITBURG CEMETERY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

I JOIN WITH THOSE WHO SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE SS AND
RESPECTIVELY ASK YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY,

YOUR PRESENTS AT SUCH A SIGHT DISHONORS AMERICAN WAR DEAD AND THE
VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST,

PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY YOUR GOOD WORKS ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL
REPRESENTS TO US THE EMBODIMENT OF A NEEDS TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO
PARISHED AT NAZI HANDS, AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS JEWS AND GENTILES
PLEASE DO NOT TARNISH YOUR RECORD I JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND
OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATION IN BESEECHING YOU - PLEASE MR, PRESIDENT
CANCEL YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO BITBURG CEMETERY,

RESPECTFULLY
JOSEPH S DADDONA MAYOR CITY OF ALLENTOWN PENNSYLVANIA
1444 HAMILTON ST
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

I JOIN WITH THOSE WHO SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE SS AND
RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE BIRKENAU CEMETERY,

YOUR TRIP TO BIRKENAU IS A GREAT MESSAGE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST.

FOR YOUR LOCAL NUMBER, SEE THE WHITE PAGES

PLEASE DO NOT FURNISH YOUR RECORD I JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION AND
OTHER VETERAN ORGANIZATION IN REQUESTING YOU - PLEASE MR. PRESIDENT
CANCEL YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO BIRKENAU CEMETERY,
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RESPECTFULLY
JOSEPH S. GADDON MAYOR CITY OF ALLENSTON PENNSYLVANIA
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NORMAN F. LENT

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING DECISION TO VISIT
BITBURG DURING UPCOMING TRIP TO WEST GERMANY

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May 8, 1985

Dear Norm:

Thank you for sharing with us your views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

President Reagan is certain you agree that, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. The President was asked by Chancellor Kohl to pay a visit to a German military cemetery in Bitburg, and he has honored that request.

For four decades, the Federal Republic of Germany has faced up to the guilt and responsibilities of its Nazi past and has, in countless ways, demonstrated concretely its commitment to democratic ideals and human rights, including standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the Alliance in defense of freedom. With particular regard to the younger generation in Germany, it is important to demonstrate that, while we continue to hold the nation responsible for its past, we do not consider them to bear individual responsibility for the crimes of Nazism.

Let me make clear that the President does not consider his appearance at Bitburg to represent an act of forgiveness for those crimes, but rather one of acknowledgment of the democratic society the German people have built. He considers this to be a positive gesture which in no way detracts from his full and heartfelt commitment to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust and the American soldiers who gave their lives to defeat the Nazi regime and its crimes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Norman F. Lent
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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April 17, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

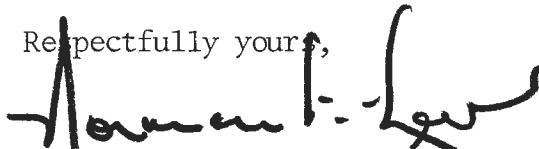
As I read this morning's newspapers, I noted with satisfaction that you have decided to include a visit to a concentration camp in the itinerary for your upcoming trip to West Germany. I applaud your decision because it is important that we recognize the sacrifice of the millions of Holocaust victims and their families on the 40th anniversary of VE Day.

I am still very much disturbed, however, about your stated intention of laying a wreath at the German military cemetery at Bitburg. While I can understand your desire to commemorate 40 years of U.S.-German friendship, I would urge you to search for a more suitable gesture. As you know, the Bitburg cemetery contains the graves of Nazi soldiers and Waffen SS troops, many of them war criminals, who committed countless atrocities during World War II against Jews, non-Jews and Allied prisoners of war. In my opinion, the memory of these men should not be honored by a visit by the President of the United States and my constituents share in this view.

As you prepare for your departure next month, I urge to reconsider your decision to visit Bitburg and direct your advance team to arrange a more appropriate ceremony in honor of this historic anniversary.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,



NORMAN F. LENT
Member of Congress

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS APPELGATE

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THF PLANNED VISIT TO THE GERMAN
MILITARY CEMETERY

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Doug:

Thank you for sharing with us your views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

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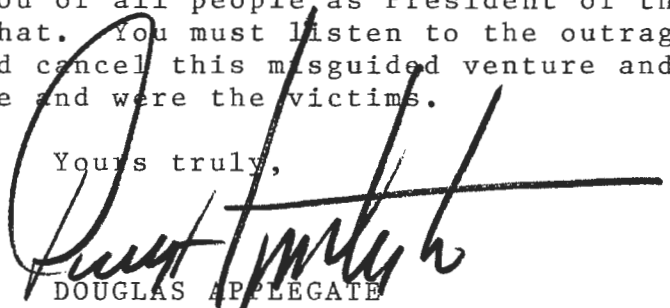
April 18, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your scheduled visit to honor Nazi soldiers, including SS troops, is an insult to all American Veterans both living and dead and their families, as well as Jews everywhere who suffered at the hands of these people.

It is wrong and you of all people, as President of the United States should know that. You must listen to the outrage of millions of Americans and cancel this misguided venture and instead, honor those who are and were the victims.

Yours truly,

DOUGLAS APPELEGATE
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD ZORINSKY

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS DECISION TO INCLUDE A VISIT TO A
CONCENTRATION CAMP, OBJECTS TO DECISION TO
VISIT CEMETERY IN BITBURG

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Ed:

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Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Edward Zorinsky
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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April 18, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I commend you for your decision to include a visit to a concentration camp on the itinerary for your trip to West Germany next month. Such a visit is, I believe, an excellent and most appropriate way to remember the Holocaust and to honor its victims.

While I also recognize the importance of commemorating the end of German-American wartime enmity, I do not believe that a visit to a military cemetery containing the graves of Nazi SS troops is the best way to achieve that purpose. I therefore urge you, Mr. President, to reconsider your decision to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony at Bitburg.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Edward Zorinsky
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 301481

TR 123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SAMUEL GREENBERG

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
REGARDING GERMAN SOLDIERS AS VICTIMS OF NAZIS
URGES CANCELLATION OF BITBURG CEMETERY VISIT

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

YOUR REMARKS REGARDING GERMAN SOLDIERS AS VICTIMS OF NAZIS, THE SAME AS 6 MILLION JEWS SHOWS GROSS INSENSITIVITY AND DISTORTION OF HISTORY. WE DEMAND RETRACTION OF YOUR REMARKS AND CANCELLATION OF BITBURG CEMETERY VISIT.

SAMUEL GREENBERG NATIONAL COMMANDER JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE USA

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI MARVIN HIER

SUBJECT: URGES CANCELLATION OF THE GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY AT BITBURG, GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

THE SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER HAS BEGUN A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE SS SOLDIERS BURIED AT THE MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG, GERMANY, AND HAS ALREADY UNCOVERED THAT SS STAFF SERGEANT OTTO FRANZ BENDEL WAS AWARDED THE GERMAN CROSS IN GOLD IN THE NAME OF ADOLF HITLER IN 1944 BY SENIOR SS OFFICIALS FOR KILLING 10 AMERICAN SOLDIERS. UGEN SCHULER, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE REICH SICHERHAUPTAMT, THE NOTORIOUS SS SECURITY SERVICE, IS ALSO BURIED THERE. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT OUR ALLY WOULD MAKE A REQUEST OF YOU TO VISIT SUCH A LOCATION, AND THAT YOU MR PRESIDENT WOULD CONSENT TO GO THERE. IN

LIGHT OF THIS NEW INFORMATION SUCH A VISIT COULD ONLY CONSTITUTE AN AFFRONT TO THE GENERATION OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO SACRIFICED EVERYTHING FOR THEIR COUNTRY. WE URGE YOU TO CANCEL THIS STOPOVER ON YOUR EUROPEAN ITINERARY.

RABBI MARVIN HIER, DEAN, / RABBI ABRAHAM COOPER, ASSOCIATE DEAN,
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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOEL D. BROOKS

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING FORTHCOMING VISIT TO GERMANY

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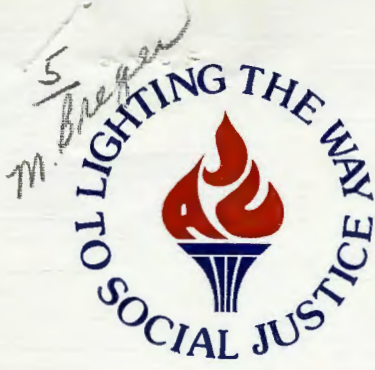
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April 15, 1985

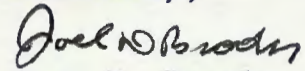
Dear President Reagan,

On behalf of the American Jewish Congress, I wish to express our concern with regard to your forthcoming visit to Germany. The press has reported that while in Germany you are planning to visit a German cemetery in Bitburg which contains the remains of nazi murderers.

Mr. President, it is our belief that a visit to a German military cemetery, unless accompanied by a similar visit to a concentration camp, would serve to mock the memories of the victims, many of whom now reside in the United States.

We urge you to reconsider your itinerary, Mr. President.

Sincerely,


Joel D. Brooks
Executive Director

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD MADIGAN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES LETTER FROM DR. WALTER KOHN
REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING TRIP TO
WEST GERMANY AND CONCENTRATION CAMP VISIT

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Ed:

Thank you for sharing with us your constituents' views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your constituents' concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

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

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cc: Will Ball, Cong. Affrs.

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EDWARD R. MADIGAN  
ILLINOIS

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

April 17, 1985

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

Dear B:

I am enclosing a copy of the communication I have received from Dr. Walter Kohn of Normal, Illinois, who is concerned about the President's upcoming trip to West Germany and the inclusion of a concentration camp visit.

I would appreciate your consideration and comment.

Sincerely,



Edward Madigan  
Representative in Congress

EM:ejd  
enclosure

April 12, 1985

Dr. Walter Kohn, Political Science, ISU  
No. 5 Cardinal Ct.  
Normal, Ill. 61761

Dr. Kohn is incensed with the impression that President Reagan has refused to visit a concentration camp on the one hand and is planning to lay a wreath in memory of Nazi soldiers on the other. Dr. Kohn lived through the Hitler era and finds this situation obscene.

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOSEPH V. MCCLOSKEY

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PLANNED VISIT TO THE GERMAN  
MILITARY CEMETERY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE BEEN AN AVID SUPPORTER OF YOU AND YOUR ADMINISTRATION SINCE ITS INCEPTION BUT THIS LATEST FLAP THAT HAS ARISEN ABOUT YOUR TRIP TO GERMANY AND YOUR CHOICE OF STATE VISITS HAS ME WONDERING IF MY SUPPORT HAS BEEN WELL PLACED. PLEASE PLACE A WREATH AT THE GRAVESITE OF THE FRIEND OF THE USA CONRAD ADENANRER, VISIT THE BELGIUM AMERICAN CEMETERY AND THE TRIBUTE TO THE HOLOCAUST VICTIM BUT DON'T PAY HOMAGE TO THE MURDERERS OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BOTH CHRISTIANS AND JEWS AND WHEN YOU RETURN HOME PLEASE TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND GET RID OF ALL YOUR BLEEDING HEART LIBERAL ADVISERS AND ADVANCE MEN WHO GIVE YOU BAD ADVICE AND GET SOME WITH COMMON SENSE AND PATRIOTISM

JOSEPH V MCCLOSKEY  
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
PENNSYLVANIA AVE  
WASHINGTON DC 20503

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

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IT'S INCREDIBLE BUT THIS LATEST PLAN THAT HAS ARRIVED ABOUT YOUR TOUR TO  
GERMANY AND YOUR CHOICE OF STATE VISITS FOR WE CONSIDERING TO MY  
SUPPORT HAS BEEN HELD UP BY A FEW... AT THE GRAVEYARD  
OF THE PRISON OF THE USA CONRAD ADENAUER... VISIT THE BESSIE AMERICAN  
CEMETERY AND THE... OF YOUR LOCAL TELEPHONE DIRECTOR  
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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ARIE R. BRUWER

SUBJECT: REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TO VISIT  
BLITBURG CEMETERY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
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*Doug Halladay*

WE VIEW WITH DISMAY YOUR DECISION TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO  
BLITBURG GCEMETERY. A VISIT TO THE CEMETERY WHERE NAZI WAS  
CRIMINALS ARE BURIED EXACERBATES WOUNDS RATHER THAN HEALS THEM.  
WE ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS UNFORTUNATE DECISION SO THAT THE  
WORLD MAY KNOW THIS NATION'S TOTAL DISDAIN FOR THE POLICIES THAT  
PRODUCED THE NAZI HOLOCAUST

ARIE R BRUWER  
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STANLEY BALZEKAS JR.

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL VISIT TO THE  
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FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan                      FROM: Mr. Stanley Balzekas, Jr.  
DATE: April 19, 1985                      SUBJECT: President's trip to Germany

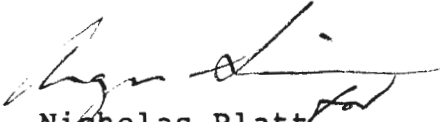
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May 23, 1985

Mr. Stanley Balzekas, Jr.  
Institute for Pluralism  
55 East Jackson Boulevard  
Suite 1880  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Balzekas:

I am replying to your April 19 telegram to President Reagan, cosigned by several other community leaders, regarding his trip to the Federal Republic of Germany.

During his visit, the President made absolutely clear the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors committed in the name of the German state before and during World War II, and our determination not to forget them. His itinerary included a ceremony at the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp to pay homage to those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the April 21 anniversary of the liberation of that camp and again during his own visit, "There can and should be no absolution."

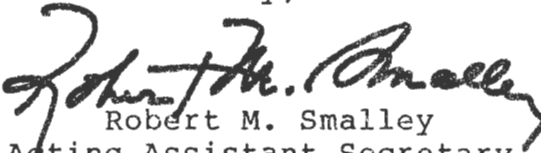
President Reagan strongly believes, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. In this spirit, he was asked by Chancellor Kohl, and accepted the invitation, to visit a German military cemetery in Bitburg.

For four decades, the Federal Republic of Germany has faced up to the guilt and responsibilities of its Nazi past. It has demonstrated concretely in countless ways its commitment to democratic ideals and human rights, including standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the Alliance in defense of freedom. The President's trip to Bitburg included a visit to the large Bitburg Air Base, which houses members of both the U.S. and German Air Forces.

It is important to demonstrate, particularly to the younger generation in Germany, that although we continue to hold the nation responsible for its past, we do not consider them to bear individual responsibility for the crimes of Nazism. The President did not consider his appearance at Bitburg to represent an act of forgiveness for those crimes. Rather, it was an acknowledgment of the democratic society the German people have built. He considered this to be a positive gesture which in no way detracted from his full and

heartfelt commitment to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust and the American soldiers who gave their lives to defeat the Nazi regime and its crimes.

Sincerely,

  
Robert M. Smalley  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs

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PRESIDENT REAGAN  
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DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

AS A COALITION OF LEADERS IN WHITE ETHNIC, BLACK, HISPANIC AND ASIAN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, WE FEEL THAT YOUR VISIT TO THE MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG WOULD INSULT THE MEMORY OF THE AMERICANS, EUROPEANS, AND NORTH AFRICANS WHO DIED AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS.

THUS, WE ADD OUR UNITED VOICE TO THE CHORUS OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AMERICAN VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS, THE U.S. HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COUNCIL, A MAJORITY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE INCLUDING LEADERS OF YOUR OWN PARTY, AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES WHO CONTINUE TO MOURN FOR FATHERS, HUSBANDS, BROTHERS AND SONS SLAIN BY THE NAZIS DURING WORLD WAR II, AND URGING YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE CEMETARY.

WE FEEL THAT, BECAUSE SUCH A CEMETERY VISIT WOULD HONOR THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR PRINCIPLES REPUGNANT TO AMERICANS, IT WOULD RUN COUNTER TO THE COMPASSION AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES OF OUR NATION. WE BELIEVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT TO REMEMBER AND COMMEMORATE THE EVENTS OF WORLD WAR II WHICH STAND OUT AGAINST THE LANDSCAPE OF HUMAN TRAGEDY.

WE ACCEPT YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE TRIP TO WEST GERMANY IS DESIGNED TO SHOW RESPECT FOR THE EVOLUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC INTO A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, BUT LAYING A WREATH AT THE GRAVES OF THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO DESTROY DEMOCRACY AND OTHER VALUES AMERICANS CHERISH SERVES ONLY TO DIMINISH RESPECT FOR THE UNITED STATES AND ITS PRESIDENCY.

PERHAPS IT IS TRUE THAT MANY TEENAGE NAZI SOLDIERS BURIED AT BITBURG WERE CONSCRIPTED AGAINST THEIR WILL. WE ARE SORRY FOR THAT, BUT THEY BECAME PART OF A SYSTEM THAT ACTED IN A CONSISTENTLY BRUTAL PATTERN UNTIL THE VERY END OF THE WAR. THE ARMY THEY JOINED WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR, THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY AND THE MURDER OF CHRISTIANS IN EVERY NATION THAT GERMANY INVADED.

THE UNITED STATES, AND, TODAY, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ARE TWO OF THE WORLD'S GREAT DEMOCRACIES. BOTH NATIONS CAN SAVE FACE ONLY BY REMAINING FAITHFUL TO THE VALUES AND TRADITIONS THAT DISTINGUISH THEM FROM NAZI GERMANY.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CANCEL YOUR VISIT TO THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG.

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SIGNED,

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SUBJECT: OPPOSES PLAN TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY  
CEMETERY AND URGES CANCELLING VISIT

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WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for sharing with us your views concerning the President's State Visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. We fully understand the depth of your concerns and assure you the President's feelings about the crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Nazi regime are no less deeply felt. President Reagan has attempted to make absolutely clear during his visit the revulsion all Americans feel for the horrors which were committed in the name of the German state and our determination not to forget them. As you know, his itinerary included a ceremony at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in order to pay homage to all those who perished at the hands of the Nazis. As he said on the anniversary of the liberation of that camp April 21, there can and should be no absolution.

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Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski  
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The President  
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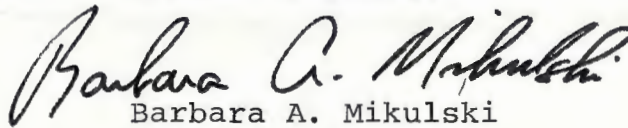
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to personally express to you the deep sense of outrage I feel over your plan to visit the cemetery at Bitburg, Germany which contains the graves of German military and SS officers.

Regardless of who planned this visit or what events led to it being added to your schedule, I urge you to immediately cancel your visit to Bitburg. To proceed with your planned visit would send a terrible message to Gold Star mothers everywhere, to Holocaust survivors in my own community and around the world, to American veterans and their survivors, and to people worldwide who have been the victims of persecution and oppression.

Please, Mr. President, I encourage you to do everything possible to continue our Nation's friendship with present-day Germany, but please do not do anything to honor or pay tribute to those Germans who participated 40 years ago in the torture and murder of millions of innocent people.

Sincerley yours,



Barbara A. Mikulski  
Member of Congress

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. HERBERT GOLDMAN

SUBJECT: REQUESTS AN APOLOGY FOR THE COMPARISON OF THE  
VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO DEAD GERMAN  
SOLDIERS, URGES VISIT TO BITBURG BE CANCELLED

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

YOUR COMPARISON OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST TO DEAD GERMAN SOLDIERS, WHO MAY HAVE BEEN DRAFTEES IS SHAMEFUL. IT IS INVIDIOUS TO THE MEMORY OF THE OVER 250,000 AMERICANS WHO DIED FIGHTING WORLD WAR II.

WE BELIEVE YOU OWE NOT ONLY THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST AN APOLOGY, BUT ALSO ALL AMERICANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE WAR. CERTAINLY, YOUR VISIT TO BITBURG SHOULD BE CANCELLED. RESPECTFULLY YOURS

HERBERT GOLDMAN PRESIDENT BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL AND STANLY SOLLINS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL
101 WEST MOUNT ROYAL AVE
BALTIMORE MD 21201

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR123-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FRANK FERNANDEZ

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING VISIT TO GERMAN CEMETERY AND
AID TO THE CONTRAS

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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May 3, 1985

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

President Reagan has asked that I respond to your telegram which was received on April 20, 1985. We appreciate your concern and your suggestions regarding his visit to Germany. However, since this involves international relations, I am forwarding your telegram to the National Security Council Office for their consideration.

If my office can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Villalpando', written in a cursive style.

Cathi Villalpando
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Frank Fernandez
Cuban American Political Association
P.O. Box 2002
Huntington Park, California 90255

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PMS HONORABLE PRESIDENT RONALD W REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

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WE SUGGEST THAT YOU COMPROMISE. TRADE THE
GERMAN CEMETARY FOR THE SENATE AND HOUSE
JEWISH VOTE NEEDED TO APPROVE OUR CONTINUED
AID TO THE CONTRAS

FRANK FERNANDEZ CHAIRMAN
CUBAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 2002
HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR/23-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GREGG DIXON

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO PLANNED VISIT TO THE CEMETERY OF
GERMAN SS TROOPS

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ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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DOUG HOLLADAY	ORG	85/04/22		C 85/04/25 <i>vz</i>
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM, DLR ASAP
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500
DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THE COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OPPOSES YOUR PLAN TO VISIT THE
CEMETARY OF GERMAN SS TROOPS FROM WORLD WAR TWO. EVERY MAN STANDS
ALONE BEFORE GOD AND CANNOT HIDE BEHIND THE SHIELD OF ORDERS FROM A

TEMPORAL POWER.

GREGG DIXON, PRESIDENT 3177869722 THE COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM 2635 SOUTHEAST ST INDIANAPOLIS IN 46225
316 PENNSYLVANIA AVE SOUTHEAST
WASHINGTON DC 20003

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

TR12301

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STANLEY E. ARONOFF

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO DECISION TO VISIT A GERMAN
MILITARY CEMETARY

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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MARSHALL BREGER	ORG	85/04/22		C 85/04/26 <i>py</i>
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DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

JEWISH WAR VETERANS of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Inc.

STANLEY E. ARONOFF
Commander
6350 Red Cedar Place - 414
Baltimore, Maryland 21209
Phone - 764-1414

Marshall, Regan

April 16, 1985

President Ronald Regan
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the members of the Department of Maryland, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, and our comrades in arms who lie buried in German soil, I wish to protest your decision to visit a German military cemetery to pay homage to German soldiers.

We applaud your efforts to strengthen our ties with the Germany of today, but as veterans we cannot condone your denigration of the memories of our fallen comrades by laying a wreath at the graves of their adversaries.

We urge you, our Commander in Chief, to reconsider your announced course of action.

Very truly yours,

Department of Maryland
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Stanley E. Aronoff
Stanley E. Aronoff
Commander

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MAJOR GENERAL JOHN O. MOENCH RET.

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS DECISION TO VISIT A GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY

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JOHN O. MOENCH, Major General, USAF-Ret.
905 Sweetwater Blvd. South
Longwood, Florida 32779

April 16, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

I regret to see the flak you are taking over the idea and purpose of visiting a German military cemetery.

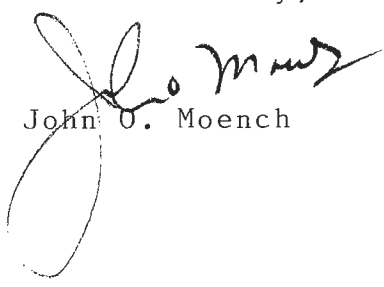
We are long past the time for placing hatred of past events behind us. Unfortunately, there are those who find comfort in perpetuating hatred and even building on it. Somehow, I find myself excusing the highly organized, self righteous Jewish community with their deep indoctrination to perpetuate the idea of discrimination and hatred against them for in such perpetuation of a biased view of the outside world they achieve an internal strength. But I found it very difficult to accept that some of the broader veterans groups took issue with your intended visit.

Recently, there have been several meetings of U.S. and Japanese military veterans to include those of the Death March. The survivors of the Death March and other well worked-over prisoners of the Japanese do not go around with a perpetual chip on their shoulders and neither should others. War is war and a lot of cruel and unusual things can happen in a war. BUT THE WAR IS OVER AND IT HAS BEEN OVER FOR A LONG TIME! Now let/s get it over with and get on on building the peace that is needed.

I think that your visit to the German cemetery is a good idea and that thought has been confirmed by all with whom I have spoken. Unfortunately, these supporters of your initiative are not the vocal minority.

PRESS ON!

Sincerely,



John O. Moench