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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. AKSELIS MANGULIS

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS TRIP TO WEST GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

MR PRESIDENT,

I SUPPORT YOUR TRIP TO WEST GERMANY, YOUR STRONG BELIEF AND STAND.

IT'S TIME FOR RECONCILIATION.

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AKSELIS MANGULIS COUNSEL CHAIRMAN LATVIAN/AMERICAN REPUBLICAN

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN

THE FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION, AN ORGANIZATION OF 170,065 CAREER PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY, MARINE CORPS AND COAST GUARD, APPLAUD YOUR STAND AND DETERMINATION IN THE ISSUE OF YOUR VISIT TO THE GERMAN CEMETERY AT BITBURG. REMEMBER, WHILE THERE, YOU ARE REPRESENTING 170,065 DEDICATED CAREER SERVICE PERSONNEL, ACTIVE AND RETIRED, AS OUR COMMANDER AND CHIEF. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND SHARE YOUR UNIQUE GESTURE OF RECONCILIATION WITH OUR FORMER FOES TO HAVE PROVEN THEMSELVES TO BE OUR TRUEST ALLIES. GOD BLESS YOU

ROBERT W NOLAN NATIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1303 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON DC 20036

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT L. POLK

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER DECISION  
TO VISIT THE CEMETERY AT BITBURG

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*Doig Holladay*

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

I WRITE TO EXPRESS MY DEEP DISTRESS OVER THE SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY. ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, I FILED AN OPEN LETTER TO YOU, WHICH APPEARED IN SUNDAY'S NEW YORK TIMES, BECAUSE MY RELIGIOUS FAITH WOULD NOT PERMIT ME TO BE SILENT. I ASK YOU, EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE, TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION. I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SERIOUSLY MISINTERPRETED THE PROFOUND CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTION.

IN TODAY'S (APRIL 30) NEWSPAPER, YOU ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT YOUR VISIT IS MORALLY RIGHT. HOWEVER WELL-INTENDED THE GESTURE WAS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT TO BE, IT WAS NOT AND IS NOT EITHER MORALLY OR POLITICALLY RIGHT. VICE PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS THAT A CHANGE IN THE PLANNED VISIT TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY WOULD INDICATE WAKENESS ON YOUR PART. ON THE CONTRARY, IT TAKES GREAT COURAGE AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY TO DO THE RIGHT THING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT MEANS A CHANGE OF ONE'S MIND.

WHATEVER ETERNAL JUDGEMENT HAS BEEN RENDERED ON THESE SS SOLDIERS BURIED IN BITBURG, WE MUST LIVE WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS IN THE HERENOW. PERMITTING ANY SEMBLANCE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR ABOMINABLE DEEDS IS A WRONG SYMBOL FOR THE LEADER OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN TODAY'S NEWS REPORTS THAT YOUR STAFF HAS CONCLUDED, FROM A POLL THEY CONDUCTED, THAT THE VISIT IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT TO MANY AMERICANS. MR PRESIDENT, WHETHER THAT POLL IS ACCURATE OR NOT, MORAL DECISIONS CANNOT BE RENDERED BASED ON PUBLIC OPINION. THE ONLY PROPER BASIS IS WHAT IS RIGHT.

I JOIN THE JEWISH AND VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER FAITH GROUPS WHICH HAVE ASKED YOU TO MAKE A MORE APPROPRIATE GESTURE OF RECONCILIATION DURING YOUR VISIT TO WEST GERMANY. I PRAY THAT THE LORD WILL CHANGE YOUR HEART AND, THEREBY, YOUR DECISION. RESPECTUFLY YOURS

✓ ROBERT L POLK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. OLGERTS PAVLOVSKIS

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE GOALS AND ITINERARY OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO WEST GERMANY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE LATVIANS WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT  
FOR THE GOALS AND ITINERARY OF YOUR UP COMING TRIP TO WEST GERMANY.  
ALGERTS PAVLOVSKIS PRESIDENT  
WORLD FEDERATION OF FREE LATVIANS  
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ROCKVILLE MD 20850

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RAYMOND E. ISAACSON

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE  
CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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June 11, 1985

Dear Mr. Isaacson:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful and particularly so for your approval of my recent visit to West Germany. I felt from the start that I was doing the morally right thing, and feel that even more so now that the trip is over. Your message strengthens my conviction.

Sincerely,

RAYMOND E. ISAACSON

The Honorable Raymond E. Isaacson  
Member of the House of Representatives  
of the State of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98504

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Bitburg 6

cc: Robert Gleason ✓

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RAYMOND ISAACSON NF  
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*R. Isaacson*

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR SENSITIVITY TO THE HORRIBLE ASPECTS OF WAR AND  
COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION THAT THE YOUNG MEN OF GERMANY DIED  
UNDER THE COERCION OF THE NAZI GERMAN AUTHORITIES. THE YOUNG MEN OF  
GERMANY WERE VICTIMS OF AN INSANE LEADERSHIP AS MUCH AS THE VICTIMS  
OF THE "HOLOCAUST" WERE. I PRAY THAT YOU CONTINUE TO BE A STRONG AND  
SENSITIVE LEADER AS PRESIDENT OF THESE UNITED STATES.

✓ RAYMOND E ISAACSON  
WASHINGTON STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RICHAR L. BRODSKY

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TO VISIT  
THE MILITARY CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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April 23, 1985

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan  
President  
United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We write as a coalition of conscience in the New York State Legislature asking that you reconsider your decision to visit the military cemetery in Bitburg, Germany.

We are aware of your desire to strengthen political relations between the United States and West Germany and we support you in this. We are also aware of your personal feeling that a reconciliation of spirit between Americans and Germans is timely and desirable, and in this too, we support you.

We believe, however, that these goals can be reached in both real and symbolic terms, without visiting this military cemetery. The existence at Bitburg of graves and markers of SS members is profoundly disturbing. The souls of the millions of Jews, Poles, Slavs, Gypsies, Germans, American soldiers, and others systematically exterminated by the SS cry out in opposition to any gesture towards these murderers. The unspeakable and unnameable horrors of the death camps and the death squads should not be veiled by the necessities of a current political strategy. Even a visit to a military cemetery without SS may also be an inappropriate gesture. Surely, we ought to Honor the many German civilian victims as the spiritual source of renewal and reconciliation. Surely, there are such places in Germany for you to visit.

Mr. President, that place is not your place, nor is it the place for any of us who love justice and peace. As public officials, we understand your dilemma in wishing to keep a personal commitment to the head of the West German Government. But, sometimes, the historic importance of gestures and symbols must be acknowledged. In the name of so many dead, whose souls look to you for justice, and in the name of so many living who look to you as a symbol of strength and decency, do not do this thing.

Our thoughts are with you as you struggle with this decision.

MEMBERS OF NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

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*Julia Harrison*  
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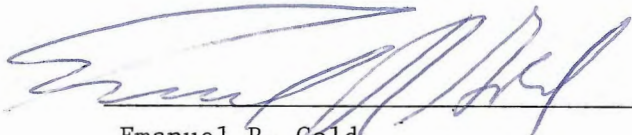
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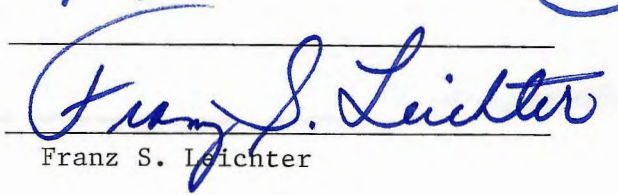
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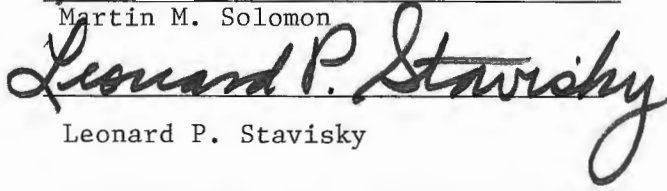
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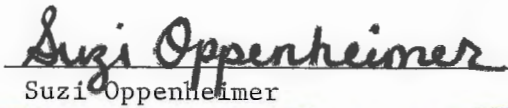
  
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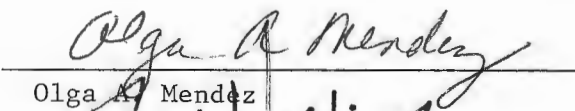
  
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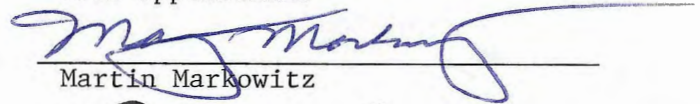
  
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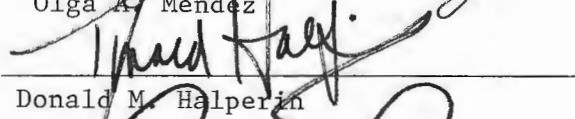
  
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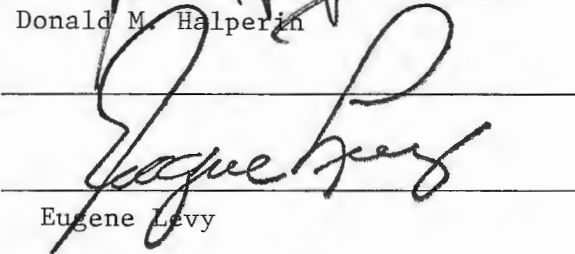
  
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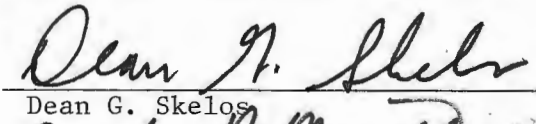
  
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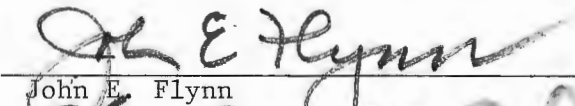
  
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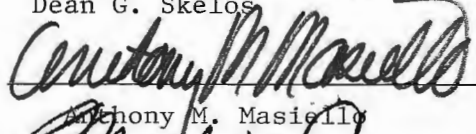
  
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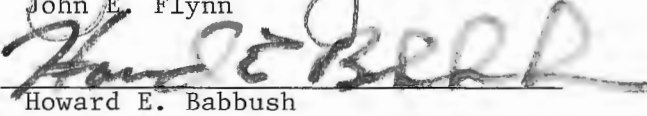
  
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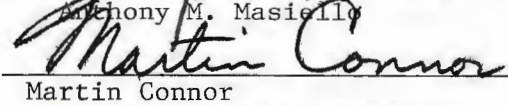
  
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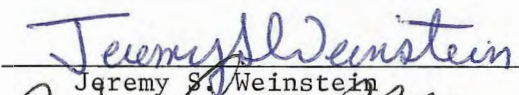
  
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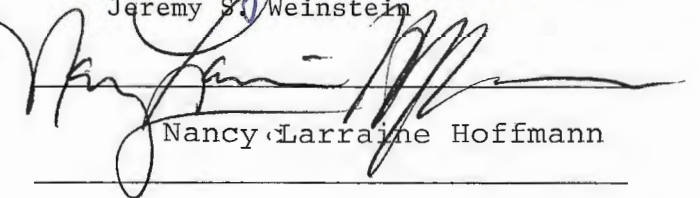
  
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RICHARD L. MCELROY

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO VISIT THE CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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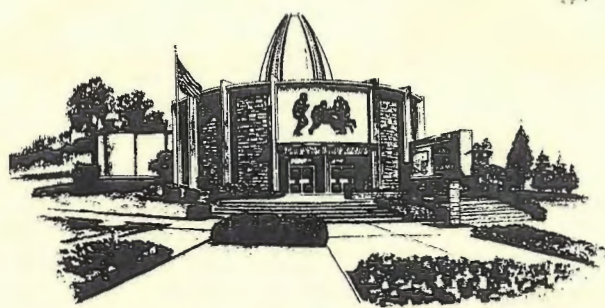
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CITY COUNCIL OFFICE  
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**RICHARD L. McELROY**  
Canton City Councilman

April 27, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President, Much has been printed and stated regarding your visit to the cemetery in Bitburg. I would personally like to say, quite frankly, that you or your staff made perhaps an error in judgement.

The millions of Jewish people who make up this great land of ours have a right to be upset. And I also know your feelings about the holocaust, and that your hatred of the Nazis is as strong and intense as any decent American. I am hopeful that you will reconsider your visit to the cemetery there.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

With Kind Regards,

Richard L. McElroy  
Canton City Councilman

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TR123-01

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LEWIS J. YEVOLI

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL PLANNED VISIT  
TO THE BITBURG CEMETERY IN GERMANY

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LEWIS J. YEVOLI  
13th Assembly District

April 25, 1985

Honorable Ronald W. Reagan  
President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On Wednesday (5-24-85), I joined several of my Assembly colleagues at an early morning press conference in Albany where we implored you to cancel your planned visit to the Bitburg Cemetery in Germany. One of the organizers of the conference was Assemblywoman Gerdi Lipschutz from Queens, who is a highly respected member of the State Legislature. I have known Gerdi for many years and always admired her grit and determination. I also knew Gerdi was a survivor of the Holocaust and was witness to the horrors she had lived through almost forty years ago.

At the press conference, Assemblywoman Lipschutz recounted a story which was obviously and understandably painful for her to recall. When she was through, it was difficult for any of us to speak, let alone add anything to our message to you, Mr. President, that could have more of an impact. I asked Gerdi if I could repeat her story in the hope that those who see no harm in your visit to a cemetery where S.S. soldiers are buried might have second thoughts and she agreed.

Gerdi Lipschutz was living in a small village, Hagenbach-Am-Rhein, in Germany when Hitler's Nazis came to power. She was the only Jewish child in the village and the only school she could attend was one where two Catholic nuns taught the children to read and write. One day the schoolhouse was filled with the sound of boots stomping on the small school's wooden steps. In a blinding moment the classroom was suddenly filled with the dreaded S.S. soldiers. What followed would remain etched in Gerdi's and the other children's memories for the rest of their lives. The eldest nun was crucified by S.S. soldiers, who used their bayonets to pierce her hands and feet. The younger nun was stripped of her habit and raped. Some of the children were so stricken by the violence of these monstrous acts that they remained frozen in their seats, while others fled the classroom in stark horror. As I said earlier, Gerdi Lipschutz is a survivor, she somehow managed to put her life together and now serves as an outstanding member of the New York State Legislature. For Gerdi Lipschutz, time can never erase the atrocities of Hitler's Nazis. Those of us who were far more fortunate have a moral obligation to make certain others do not reach a point of complacency where forgetfulness becomes more convenient than remembering.



Mr. President  
April 25, 1985  
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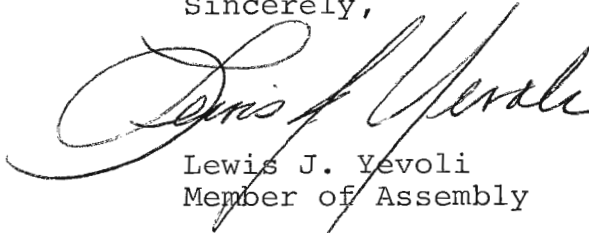
In recent years there has been a concerted effort to rewrite history and obliterate the Holocaust entirely. There have been books and articles written which attempt to deny the existence of the gas chambers, the concentration camps, the systematic annihilation of millions of Jews and non-Jews. While many scoff at such ludicrous attempts, the fact is, they are being made. One of the dangers of your planned trip to the Bitburg Cemetery is that as a world leader, who possesses such power and personal magnetism you may convey the erroneous message that Hitler's S.S. troops are worthy of tribute, which can only give those who seek to rewrite history another opportunity to distort the facts.

No one who lost a member of their family at the hands of the Nazis or a member of the U.S. Armed Services, who fought in World War II, will ever forget. As I said earlier, Gerdi Lipschutz is a survivor who managed somehow to put her life together and become an outstanding member of the New York State Legislature. But for Gerdi, time can never erase the horrors of life in Nazi Germany. Those of us who were more fortunate should never let the world forget it either.

Mr. President your plans to visit Bitburg Cemetery cannot be written off as an act of ignorance or insensitivity. Surely you must know that the S.S. was Hitler's elite corps. They were zealots who volunteered for duty; they were not drafted. The S.S. were the proponents of the Aryan Race Doctrine; they were the officers and guards who ran the death camps. To dignify them in any way is a horrendous insult of such unbelievable magnitude that one has difficulty imagining what distorted mind or minds could advise the President of the United States that a visit to Bitburg Cemetery would serve to strengthen our ties with Germany.

Lest we forget the victims of the Holocaust.....lest we forget our brave soldiers who gave their lives on foreign battlefields - I ask you, Mr. President, to do the right thing and reverse your decision to visit Bitburg. To do otherwise would leave a tragic, indelible mark on history.

Sincerely,



Lewis J. Yevoli  
Member of Assembly

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL V. NOLAND

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS VISIT THE BITBURG CEMETERY DURING  
VISIT TO GERMANY

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June 11, 1985

Dear Dr. Nolan:

Thank you very much for your kind message and generous words. I am truly grateful and particularly so for your approval of my recent visit to West Germany. I felt from the start that I was doing the morally right thing, and feel that even more so now that the trip is over. Your message strengthens my conviction.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Paul V. Nolan, M.D.  
County Commissioner  
Hamilton County Board  
of Commissioners  
105 Courthouse  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

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April 29, 1985

RESIDENCE  
1103 Crown Point Road  
Signal Mountain, Tennessee 37377

The Honorable Ronald R. Reagan  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I support you wholeheartedly in your visit to Bitburg Cemetary during your upcoming visit to Germany. I think the relationship of the German people today, with our American citizens and vice versa is very good and should not be detracted from by a group of individuals who wish to keep dredging up the past.

I believe that most American citizens are sympathetic with the objectives of your trip and your visit and believe that your itinerary is a good one and in our best interest.

Sincerely yours,

Paul V. Nolan, M. D.  
County Commissioner

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HENRY KRUSE

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE  
CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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LAST NIGHT THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT TO A "HITLER SSS" CEMETARY. FAITHFULLY YOURS

HENRY KRUSE, MAYOR OF CITY OF ALBANY

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. KENNETH FRIEDMAN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES ARTICLE, URGES THE PRESIDENT  
TO RECONSIDER VISIT TO THE MILITARY  
CEMETERY IN BITBURG, GERMANY

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## Avoid Bitburg at all costs

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Since President Reagan seems to have such a refined sense of good and evil when it comes to distinguishing between communists and everyone else in the world, it is difficult to understand why he cannot comprehend the greatest evil of this, and many other, centuries.

To the president, the members of the Nazi war machine were just as much the victims of Nazism as the people they slaughtered. To the president, members of the Nazi SS were the same as German infantrymen. He continues to insist on insulting the 11 million people, including the more than six million Jews, who were murdered as a result of Hitler's madness, and the many millions more who fought to free the world of one of the greatest scourges mankind has ever seen.

It is difficult to understand why Reagan remains adamant about honoring evil and trampling on its victims.

Let us assume that the president is simply ignorant of historical detail and that he cannot grasp even the gross distinctions that are enough to convince the most insensitive people that he should not honor the Nazi soldiers, including 47 members of the feared SS, at the cemetery at Bitburg.

Let us assume that Reagan is determined to make political points with the West German government of Helmut Kohl, and that he does not see the political damage he is causing on many other fronts if he goes ahead with his plan to visit the cemetery.

Concede that the president is now snared in an ego trap and that he cannot bring himself to yield to the outcry against his visit to Bitburg.

Give Reagan the benefit of every doubt, wrap him in every possible excuse, and still all the explanations combined do not satisfactorily explain either his initial decision or his subsequent refusal to change that decision.

If Reagan goes ahead and visits Bitburg, the result will be a triumph not just for the Nazis who are buried there, but for the leaders of the Third Reich as well, and for those who would revive Nazism. A visit by Reagan will offer a handy rationalization for those who 40 years from now will wonder what the furor over Nazism was all about since a president of the United States honored the Nazi dead just 40 years earlier.

There is no way the President can visit Bitburg honorably because there is nothing honorable about evil. If the president must go to Germany, he should steer clear of Bitburg and any place like it. Better still, maybe he should stay home.





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April 29, 1985

*M. Berger*  
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed article is self-explanatory. There is no way that you can rationalize something productive will take place from your trip to Bitburg. On behalf of 28,000 members in the State of Florida, I beseech you to reconsider your trip.

Respectfully,

*Kenneth Friedman*  
Kenneth Friedman  
President

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Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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FOR: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
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The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Wojtkowski  
DATE: April 29, 1985 SUBJECT: President's trip to Germany

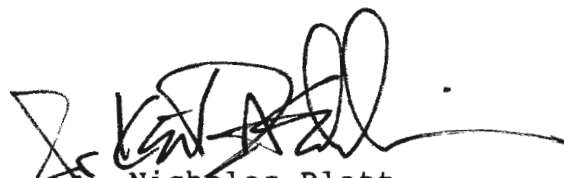
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      cited below  
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REMARKS:

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 23, 1985

Mr. Edward Wojtkowski, President  
Polish American Congress, Inc.  
Wisconsin State Division  
1801 South 12th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Mr. Wojtkowski:

I am replying to your April 29 letter to President Reagan 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."

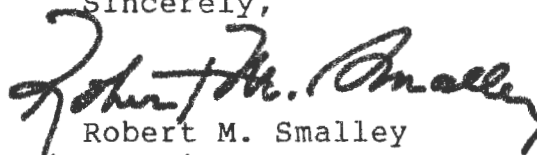
President Reagan strongly believes, as part of our efforts to learn from the experiences of this dark era, we must not reject opportunities for reconciliation. In this spirit, he was asked by Chancellor Kohl, and accepted the invitation, to visit a German military cemetery in Bitburg.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert M. Smalley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Robert M. Smalley  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Public Affairs

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FROM: MR. EDWARD WOJTKOWSKI  
PRESIDENT  
POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS, INC.  
1801 SOUTH 12TH STREET  
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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CHANGE PLANS TO VISIT  
THE BITBURG CEMETERY

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SALLY KELLEY  
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**Reply Address:** 1801 South 12th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53204

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mister President,

The Wisconsin Division of the Polish American Congress assembled in its Annual Membership Meeting, on Saturday, April 27, 1985, has instructed me to address you concerning the matter of your forthcoming visit to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mister President, we are sadly disappointed with your decision to visit the Bitburg cemetery, which contains graves of Nazis SS soldiers, and we strongly urge you to change that plan.

We do not dishonor any war dead. However, a visit by the President of the United States to the Bitburg cemetery would be to disregard the strong feelings in this matter held by the Polish American community and by our fellow citizens.

Further, such a visit would make it appear that you lack an appreciation of the great loss of so many innocent lives to the Nazis murderers, and of the sacred honor we accord those victims.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward Wojtkowski*  
Edward Wojtkowski  
President

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 02, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE THOMAS J DEVERIN

SUBJECT: FEELS IT IS INAPPROPRIATE TO VISIT THE  
CEMETERY IN BITBURG

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF NEW JERSEY  
TRENTON

April 30, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing with respect to your upcoming visit to Germany from April 30-May 10. Although we recognize your desire to work toward full reconciliation with our German allies, we believe it is inappropriate to visit the cemetery in Bitburg where soldiers from the elite Nazi guard, the SS, are buried. We believe that a ceremony at this cemetery would be a dishonor to the American soldiers who fought to save the world from Hitler's deadly campaign, as well as for victims of the genocide perpetrated by the Nazis.

We feel that a ceremony to commemorate the death of even one individual who participated in the Nazi war crimes would denigrate the significance of your trip. A visit to Bergen-Belsen does not obviate the insult of the ceremony at Bitburg.

Reconciliation is a goal which all Americans can support. However, at the same time, we firmly believe that retaining our commitment to remembering the victims of this terrible period in history cannot be overshadowed. We fear that could easily be the result of the planned ceremony at Bitburg. The crimes which took place during the Holocaust are of such great magnitude that the United States, as the leader of the free world, must maintain a vigilant respect for those Americans and Europeans who lost their lives to the Nazis. Therefore, the act of laying a wreath at the tombs of the Waffen SS is a particular affront to countless Americans, and other people throughout the world, whose closest relatives and friends lost their lives during World War II.

We respectfully urge you to remove the Bitburg ceremony from your itinerary.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO CANCEL BITBURG  
CEMETERY VISIT

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES S. MUNN

SUBJECT: SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT TO BITBURG

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JAMES S. MUNN  
LAWYER  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104  
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April 29, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

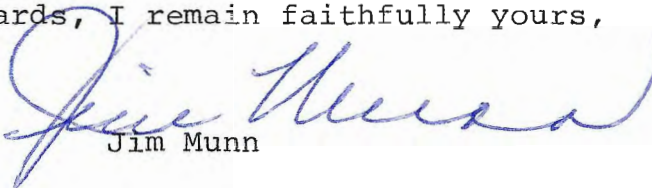
Last week I wrote to you of your forthcoming visit to Europe. I expressed my concern over the planned visit to Bittberg. On the eve of your trip, I wish to convey to you a word of reassurance.

Whatever you decide, I know that decision will be thoughtfully made. In the final analysis, the decision is yours and we, who are your admirers and supporters, will support you in that decision.

I understand and fully endorse your determination to seek to harmonize relations among World War II enemies. We must not again commit the blunders of Versailles. We have advanced far toward this end. The best wisdom suggests now to be the time for this meaningful gesture of reconciliation.

Our thoughts and prayers shall accompany you on this most delicate mission.

With warmest regards, I remain faithfully yours,



Jim Munn

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Dear Mr. President:

As religious leaders and as Americans, we wish to convey to you our profound anguish concerning your intention to visit the German military cemetery at Bitburg.

We strongly favor your efforts toward reconciliation between the United States and today's Germany. But such reconciliation must extend only to the free, democratic, post-Nazi Germany. It cannot include the perpetrators of the Nazi monstrosities.

The cause of reconciliation is not advanced by honoring the soldiers of Hitler's army, especially members of the S.S. Many of them participated in genocide and slaughtered captured American prisoners of war.

In the name of morality and for the sake of genuine friendship between the United States and Germany, we implore you to find an alternative to Bitburg.

Respectfully,

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