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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 302741

TR/23-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GERALD H. COHEN

SUBJECT: URGES INCLUDING VISIT TO DACHAU CONCENTRATION
CAMP DURING UPCOMING TRIP TO GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN,

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ATLANTA JEWISH FEDERATION, I URGE YOU TO INCLUDE IN YOUR UPCOMING TRIP TO GERMANY A VISIT TO DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP.

SUNDAY, IN SOLEMN TESTIMONY TO THE SIX MILLION JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST, WE CELEBRATED YOM HASHOA AND REAFFIRMED OUR VOW NEVER TO FORGET THESE MARTYRS. I CALL UPON YOU TO REAFFIRM YOUR OWN WORDS, UTTERED ON APRIL 11, 1983, IN WHICH YOU STATED "OUR MOST SACRED TASK

NOW IS INSURING THAT THE MEMORY OF THIS GREATEST OF HUMAN TRAGEDIES, THE HOLOCAUST, NEVER FADES--THAT ITS LESSONS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN."

YOUR PRESENCE AT DACHAU WILL BE A MORAL STATEMENT ASSERTING THAT THE FREE WORLD, INDEED ALL HUMANITY, CANNOT, AND WILL NOT, ALLOW ANOTHER HOLOCAUST TO OCCUR EVER AGAIN. FOR THIS REASON ALONE, IN MARKING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY AND THE LIBERATION OF THE DEATH CAMPS, YOU SHOULD INCLUDE THIS VISIT TO DACHAU IN YOUR ITINERARY.

GERALD H COHEN PRESIDENT
ATLANTA JEWISH FEDERATION
1753 PEACHTREE RD NE
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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. CHARLES SILOW

SUBJECT: URGES VISIT TO DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP
DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

AS AMERICAN CITIZENS, JEWS AND CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, WE URGE YOU TO VISIT THE DACHAU CONCENTRATION CAMP WHEN YOU VISIT WEST GERMANY. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED YOU HAVE DECIDED TO VISIT A CEMETERY OF GERMAN SOLDIERS THAT INCLUDES GESTAPO MEMBERS. IN LIGHT OF THE COMMITMENT YOU MADE TWO YEARS AGO IN WASHINGTON AT THE AMERICAN GATHERING OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS WE URGE YOU NOT TO FORGET THE HORRIBLE TRAGEDY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOLOCAUST.

C.H.A.I.M. - CHILDREN OF HOLOCAUST-SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION IN MICHIGAN, CHARLES SILOW PRESIDENT

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS SONIA LEVINE

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE 1100 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN IN KENTUCKY ARE VERY DISTURBED AND BOTHERED BY YOUR ITINERARY PLANS WHILE IN GERMANY. TO VISIT AND HONOR A MILITARY CEMETERY WHERE HITLER'S SS TROUPS ARE BURIED IS A TERRIBLE BLOW TO ALL THOSE VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II. BRAVE AMERICAN AND ALLIED SOLDIERS AND THE 6 MILLION JEWS ANNIHILATED IN THE HOLOCAUST. WE PLEAD WITH YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.

SONIA LEVINE, STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIRWOMAN

3630 DUTCHMANS LANE

LOUISVILLE KY 40205

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS LENORE HOLT-DARCY

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

THE 3000 ILLINOIS NCJW FAMILIES ARE DISTURBED BY GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY VISIT. TRIBUTE TO GERMAN WARDEAD WITHOUT HONORING OTHERS IS
TRAGIC. RETHINK ITINERARY.

LENORE HOLT-DARCY

STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIRPERSON

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

3024 BONNIE BRAE

FLOSSMORE IL 60422

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS DIANE WOLFSON

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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AS STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIRWOMEN FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH
WOMEN REPRESENTING 2500 MINNESOTA MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WE ARE
EXTREMELY DISTURBED WITH YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO A GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETARY NEXT MONTH. THE HORRORS OF WAR RESPECT NO NATIONALITY
INCLUDING THE SIX MILLION EUROPEAN JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST.
NCJW MINNESOTA URGES YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS AND TO PUBLICLY
COMMEMORATE ALL VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II.

DIANE WOLFSON, NCJW SPA MINNESOTA CHAIRWOMEN
1117 GOODRICH
ST PAUL MN 55105

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS BARBARA NEWMARK

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

AS STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIRWOMAN FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN IN MISSOURI, REPRESENTING 3,000 FAMILIES, I AM DISTURBED ABOUT YOUR COMING VISIT TO A GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY. PAYING TRIBUTE TO GERMANY'S WAR DEAD AND NOT THE ALLIE'S VICTIMS, INCLUDING THE SIX MILLION EUROPEAN JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST, IS A SERIOUS OMISSION. I URGE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS ACCORDINGLY AND PUBLICLY COMMEMORATE ALL OF THE VICTIMS OF WORLD WAR II.

BARBARA NEWMARK, STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIRWOMAN

8420 DELMAR

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SIEGFRIED REINKE

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF DECISION TO VISIT
BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY IN GERMANY

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8512331

Date May 13, 1985

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

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Siegfried Reinke
Date: April 16, 1985 Subject: Writes in support to
visit Bitburg Military Cemetery in Germany
WH Referral Dated: April 23, 1985 NSC ID# 302748
(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.
- X 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:

for Tom Collins
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Siegfried Reinke
President
German American National Congress
4700 North Western Avenue
Chicago IL 60625

Dear Mr. Reinke:

I have been asked to reply to your recent message to President Reagan concerning his trip to Germany.

The President very much appreciates your expression of support. Coming on the eve of the 40th anniversary of the end of World War II, his visit constitutes an important symbol of the reconciliation between the United States and the FRG which has allowed us to stand side by side in defense of freedom and the peace which has been maintained in Europe since the war.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas M.T. Niles".

Thomas M.T. Niles
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for European Affairs

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APRIL 23, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 302748

MEDIA: MAILGRAM, DATED APRIL 16, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. SIEGFRIED REINKE
PRESIDENT
GERMAN AMERICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS
4700 NORTH WESTERN AVENUE
CHICAGO IL 60625

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF DECISION TO VISIT
BITBURG MILITARY CEMETERY IN GERMANY

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

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Linas Kijelis

AS PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN AMERICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS CHAPTER CHICAGO
NORTH WITH 4,000 MEMBERS, WE SUPPORT YOUR PLAN TO GO TO BITBURG WEST
GERMANY IN THE INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NATO.
SIEGFRIED REINKE, PRESIDENT
4740 NORTH WESTERN AVE
CHICAGO IL 60625

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS KARON GOLDSTEIN

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
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AS STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIR FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN IN INDIANA, REPRESENTING 850 MEMBERS AND FAMILY, WE ARE DISTURBED ABOUT YOUR VISIT TO A GERMAN MILITARY CEMETARY NEXT MONTH ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF V-E DAY, TO PAY TRIBUTE TO GERMANY'S WAR DEAD WITHOUT HONORING THE ALLIED FALLEN, IS A SERIOUS AND TRAGIC OMISSION. THE HORRORS OF WAR RESPECT NO NATIONALITY INCLUDING THE 6 MILLION EUROPEAN JEWS WHO DIED IN THE HOLOCAUST, AS WAS MENTIONED IN OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S LETTER OF APRIL 3. THUS, NCJW ONCE AGAIN URGES YOU TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS AND TO PUBLICLY COMMEMORATE ALL VICTIMS OF WW-II.

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AS STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIR FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN IN
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YOUR VISIT TO A GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY NEXT MONTH ON THE 40TH
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ALLECK A. RESNICK

SUBJECT: OPPOSES SCHEDULED VISIT TO GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
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MR PRESIDENT

I REFLECT THE SENTIMENTS OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF ZOA MEMBERS ACROSS THE US IN CONVEYING DEEP DISTRESS AT YOUR SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE GERMAN MILITARY CEMETERY AT BITBURG. THIS DECISION, COUPLED WITH YOUR RELUCTANCE TO VISIT A CONCENTRATION CAMP BECAUSE OF YOUR SENSITIVITY TO GERMAN GUILT HAS CAUSED ANGUISH AND CONCERN IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE ARE IN FAVOR OF ATTEMPTS AT RECONCILIATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES, AND, WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR SENSITIVITY TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST, HOWEVER, WE ARE OPPOSED TO ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD SEEM TO SWEEP THE MEMORY AND AWARENESS OF THE HOLOCAUST, THE RESULT OF MAN'S INHUMANITY TO MAN AND THE WORLD'S INDIFFERENCE TO THE FATE OF 6 MILLION JEWS, INTO THE DUST BIN OF HISTORY. TO DO SO WOULD GIVE HITLER THE VICTORY AGAINST WHICH SO MANY YOUNG AMERICANS FOUGHT AND DIED.

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PRESIDENT DONALD BEAMAN
WHITE HOUSE DC 20505

MR. PRESIDENT

I WELCOME THE SENTIMENT OF THE MANY THOUSANDS OF YOUR MEMBERS ACROSS THE THIRTY-NINE STATES WHOSE WESTERN UNION MESSAGES WERE DELIVERED TO THE GERMAN MILITARY CENTERS AT RIGBY, THIS DECISION, COUPLED WITH YOUR REFUSANCE TO VISIT THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS BECAUSE OF YOUR SENSITIVITY TO GERMAN QUIET HAS MADE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN IN OUR COMMUNITY,

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TED WEISS

SUBJECT: URGES RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION TO VISIT
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 8, 1985

Dear Mr. Weiss:

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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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.

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Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ted Weiss
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President Ronald Reagan
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Dear President Reagan:

It has been announced by the White House press office that during your upcoming trip to Germany to commemorate V-E Day, you plan to lay a wreath at Bitberg, a German war cemetery. This follows an earlier decision not to visit any of the Nazi war concentration camps. I join numerous Jewish organizations and individuals and American veterans of World War II in expressing outrage over the lack of sensitivity demonstrated by this combination of actions.

I do understand your argument that it would be opening old wounds to recall Nazi atrocities and to pay tribute to World War II survivors and victims. To the contrary, on this 40th anniversary of victory over Nazism, we are presented with an invaluable opportunity to honor Allied efforts to end Hitler's evil and bring peace. Equally invaluable is the opportunity to bring attention to the lessons of history for the benefit of current and future generations in Germany and elsewhere.

I urge you to rethink the decision. World War II in Europe was waged against the evil of Adolph Hitler's nazism. The deliberate murder in those camps of six million Jews and millions of other nationalities whom the Nazis considered to be inferior was the ugliest aspect of nazism. Not to recall that by a Presidential visit to such a camp at the time of the commemoration of V-E Day while visiting a cemetery where German S.S. troops are buried is to desecrate the memory of those people killed by the Nazis as well as those Americans and others who fought and died to defeat Nazi Germany.

Sincerely,

TED WEISS
Member of Congress

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 17, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWARD F. FEIGHAN

SUBJECT: OPPOSES DECISION TO VISIT GERMAN MILITARY
CEMETERY DURING TRIP TO GERMANY

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May 8, 1985

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Congress of the United States
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April 16, 1985

The President
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am very concerned and disturbed by your intention to place a wreath at the German military cemetery at Bitburg during your European visit next month. The ceremony is an affront to the memory of all those who died at the hands of Hitler's legions and all those who sacrificed to ensure that freedom would endure in Western Europe. It should be canceled immediately.

As you are aware, the power of symbolism is great indeed. Surely, it is inappropriate for an American head of state, representing the people who liberated Germany and Western Europe from the greatest horrors in the history of humankind, to participate in a ceremony of remembrance for those who fought to extend the terrors of Nazism during the Second World War.

I am aware that the public outcry against this ceremony has led your staff to consider an additional ceremony during your trip, perhaps to a German concentration camp, as a means of adding "balance" to your presence at Bitburg. This is simply not enough. Nothing can justify your participation in a memorial ceremony for Nazi storm troops and infantrymen who bear responsibility for the deaths of thousands of American and allied troops and of countless civilian innocents.

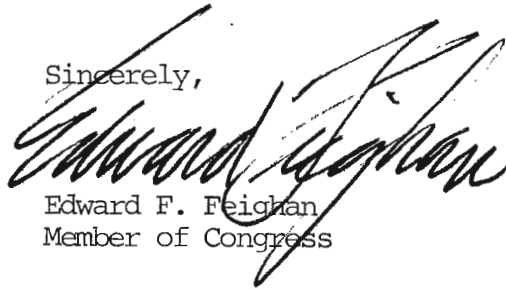
Your stated goal of increasing "reconciliation" between the German and American peoples is one I fully share. The placement of a wreath at a military cemetery, however, undermines that goal considerably. The American and German people have come together in the post-war years because of our shared commitment to enduring values, the values of peace, and liberty, and democracy. Since the defeat of Nazism in Europe, the people of West Germany and of West Berlin have dedicated and demonstrated their commitment to those values. Rather than commemorate the deaths of those who opposed those values, might it not be far more appropriate to commemorate the lives of those who fought for freedom and for the progressive future for Germany? I am thinking, of course, of men such as Konrad Adenauer, where a gravesite ceremony with your participation might have great benefit to the cause of American and German reconciliation and trust.

Mr. President, I cannot over-emphasize my concern over your participation in a ceremony to commemorate Nazi dead. The sacrifices made by so many during the grim years of the Second World War deserve far better from an American leader. Rather, we have every reason to consider our role in the liberation of Europe with continued pride. The graves of young Americans throughout the continent bear testimony to the evils which American lives were committed to halting. I would urge you to commemorate America's participation in the conquering of Hitler, the ending of the Holocaust, and the freedom of Western Europe rather than honor those who carried out some of the most unspeakable horrors of all time.

Americans can be proud not only of our conduct during the 1940's, but also for our efforts in the post-war era to bring about a revitalized Germany under a free and democratic government. Our efforts under the Marshall Plan helped to forge a growing and vibrant economy there, and our work in NATO has ensured that all the citizens of West Germany and West Berlin have had a chance to live in peace and freedom. Your trip to Germany should not be used to gloss over the past, or to rewrite history. Rather, it should serve as a statement of our two countries' continuing efforts to secure the peace and the freedom of Europe, remembering always, in the words of Goethe, that the highest wisdom is the realization that "he only earns his freedom and existence who daily conquers them anew."

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely,



Edward F. Feighan
Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul S. Sarbanes
United States Senate
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 16, 1985

M.B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

Like many of my constituents, I am at a loss to explain the President's decision to visit the German cemetery at Bitburg during his forthcoming trip to the Federal Republic of Germany, especially in light of his decision to cancel a previously agreed-upon memorial visit to Dachau. The two decisions, in my view, reflect not only an extraordinary disrespect for deeply-held American feelings and convictions but also a profound failure to comprehend the historical and moral significance of the Second World War. I can only hope that President Reagan himself will give careful reconsideration to the plans for his trip to Germany which have caused such dismay and even anguish to Americans everywhere, and that the plans will be appropriately revised.

I would appreciate your comments on the question of President Reagan's itinerary so that I can share them with the many, many constituents who have called or written to express concern about it.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Paul S. Sarbanes
United States Senator

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1985

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable George J. Feldman
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT C. McFARLANE *RCM*
SUBJECT: Letter from Former US Ambassador George Feldman

Issue

Your reply to former US Ambassador George Feldman.

Facts

George Feldman, former US Ambassador to Malta and Luxembourg in the 1960's, has written praising your determination to go to Bitburg. In his letter he equates your theme of reconciliation with the moral courage of Abraham Lincoln.

Discussion

Feldman, who is Jewish, is highly complimentary, and I thought you would want to send him a nice reply.

Recommendation

OK No

RCM

That you sign the attached letter to Feldman.

Attachments

- Tab A Letter to Feldman
- Tab B Letter from Feldman

Prepared by:
Peter R. Sommer

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SIGNED

June 21, 1985

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: NICHOLAS KLISSAS / PETER SOMMER

SUBJECT: Former Ambassador Feldman's Letter to the President

George Feldman, former US Ambassador to Malta and Luxembourg in the 1960's, wrote the President a flattering letter praising his determination not to cancel his Bitburg visit.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I self-explanatory memorandum to the President.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

- Tab I Memorandum to the President
- Tab A President's reply
- Tab B Incoming

AMBASSADOR GEORGE J. FELDMAN

June 11, 1985

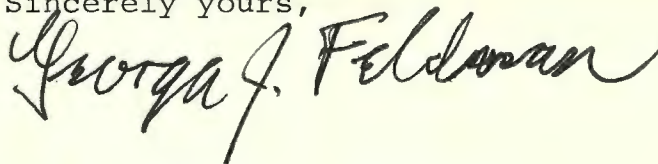
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My Dear Mr. President:

As an American and a Jew, I was profoundly distressed at the widely publicized indignation - some of it clearly contrived - which focused on the Bitburg phase of your recent trip to Europe. While I share my co-religionists' deep concern - as I know you do - for the victims (Jews and non-Jews) of the Nazi terror, I do not share the sense of vindictiveness aroused by some who would have objected no less strenuously had there been no SS troops buried at Bitburg. In fact, I regard such an attitude as a betrayal of the Judeo-Christian precept of forgiveness and reconciliation. Joseph forgave his brothers, who sought his death and later sold him into slavery. And who does not tremble before that devastating line in the Pater Noster: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us?"

Mr. President, you occupied the moral high ground with your theme of reconciliation. Your perseverance in it will, in the long run, redound to your credit and honor among the American people. I am reminded of another President who harbored malice towards none but charity for all, and manifested a generous firmness in the binding-up of old wounds.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George J. Feldman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "George J. Feldman".

800 25th Street, N.W.
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