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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 16, 1984

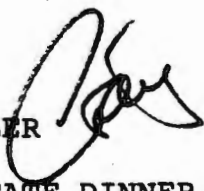
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MEMORANDUM FOR GAHL HODGES

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER 

SUBJECT: MITTERRAND STATE DINNER

Karen told me that people are "pounding down the doors" to get into this event but I would still like to recommend that you include the following person at the Mitterrand State Dinner.

(H) Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Peters (Sarah)  
14 Village Lane  
Bronxville, New York 10708  
914/337-1899

Dr. Peters is the Chairman and President of the French-American Foundation. I met him in France last Fall when I participated in one of their seminars. His office address is:

Dr. Arthur Peters  
Chairman and President  
The French-American Foundation  
825 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022  
212/308-5520

Thanks for your help.

JV

WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

C0051

O - OUTGOING

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 84/10/2123

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Henri Mustel

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: For translation

ROUTE TO:

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- Y - Study

*French*

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REFERRAL

**8406082**

FEBRUARY 28, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:  
APPROPRIATE ACTION

REMARKS: MONEY KEPT AT WHITE HOUSE, RETURN TO ROOM 93, OEOB (J. ROBERTSON)

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 208448  
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1983  
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN  
FROM: MR. HENRI MUSTEL  
25 RUE HELLEIN  
50 580 PORT - BAIL FRANCE  
SUBJECT: FOR TRANSLATION

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 (OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Received in 5/5-T  
2/28 at 11:50 AM (CS)*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

*\$ returned*  
*no response.*

LS No. \_\_\_\_\_  
MKS/RH

TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: French  
Date of Communication: December 15, 1983  
Addressed to: The President  
Name and address of writer: Mr. Henri Mustel  
25 rue Hellein  
50 580 Port-Bail  
France

Substance of writer's statement:

Mr. Mustel, a 77-year old French national, expresses his admiration for the United States and the President. Noting that an organ manufactured by his great-grandfather, Victor Mustel, was used for the televised White House Christmas Eve concert in 1982, Mr. Mustel requests a photograph of the instrument. He also encloses several U.S. dollars\* left over from his 1982 vacation in this country as a symbolic repayment for the liberation of France during World War II. Mr. Mustel's daughter, Lysiane, is married to an American citizen from Towaco, New Jersey.

\*[ There is no money enclosed].

Enc.: a 2-page newspaper clipping about the writer and his great-grandfather; (copy);  
1 copy of the envelope addressed to President Reagan (2 pages).

Monsieur Henri MUSTEL

25 rue Hellein

50 580 PORT 6 BAIL

( FRANCE )

PORT - BAIL le 15 décembre 1983

Monsieur le **PRESIDENT**

C'est avec la plus grande déférence que je me permet de vous adresser cette lettre.

Je me nomme MUSTEL Henri, je suis agé de 77 ans et j'habite a quelques kilomètres du lieu du débarquement du 6 JUIN 1944.

J'ai, Monsieur le Président une profonde admiration pour la grande démocratie que vous dirigez avec tant de courage et de compétence et aussi beaucoup de reconnaissance envers les milliers des jeunes AMERICAINS qui ont verser leur sang pour libérer ma patrie, et l'Europe.

Ma fille Lysiane MUSTEL est mariée avec un Américain - charmant garçon - Il se nomme Keen WERON et ils habitent TOWACO, NEW JERSEY.

Je suis allé en compagnie de ma femme passer les fêtes de fin d'années chez mes enfants, et le soir de NOEL nous avons eu la joie d'admirer a la télévision un superbe concert auquel vous assistiez en compagnie de votre charmante épouse.

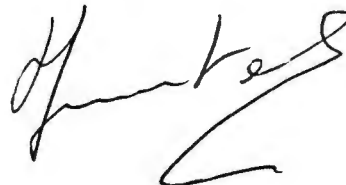
Au cours de ce concert qui etait retransmis nous avons constaté avec joie, et émotion que la MAISON BLANCHE possédait un orgue MUSTEL nos enfants habitant TOWACO, nous avez mis au courant ayant vu ce concert, le NOEL précédent et en direct, a la télévision.

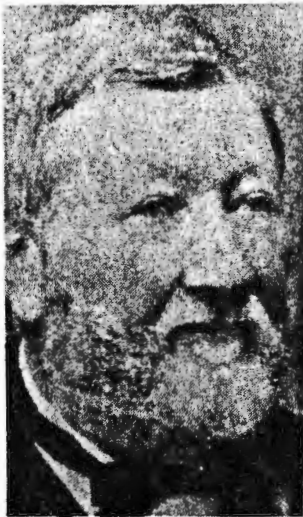
Comme vous voudrez bien Monsieur le PRESIDENT, par le document, joint a ma lettre, cest mon arrière Grand - Père Victor MUSTEL qui a fabriqué cet orgue. Il avait un atelier a PARIS, et il exportait a l'étranger et notamment, aux ETATS-UNIS, une grande partie de sa production

Vous serait-il possible Monsieur le PRESIDENT de me faire parvenir une photo de cet instrument ce qui me ferait le plus grand plaisir.

Monsieur le PRESIDENT vous menez un combat difficile pour permettre a l'Europe de conserver sa liberté. De mon voyage j'ai ramené quelques dollars que je garde en souvenir, qu'il me soit permis d'en joindre a ma lettre? Je n'ignore pas que cest un geste purement symbolique, je suis conscient des sommes considérables que votre pays dépense pour nous protéger et c'est de tout coeur que je vous dit MERCI

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le PRESIDENT l'expression de mes sentiments les plus respectueux.





Un portrait du facteur d'harmoniums Victor Mustel (1815-1890) dont on disait, à la fin de sa vie, qu'il avait un visage de patriarche.

C'est une histoire comparable à celle d'un petit Vrétois qui partit un jour, son seul certificat d'études en poche, travailler dans un atelier d'optique au Havre et qui réalisa les meilleurs instruments mis à la disposition des hommes de science avant la dernière guerre.

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Son arrière petit-fils nous montre, à Portbail  
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le Second Empire

moniums de dispositifs subtils et de voix sonores comme la Voie Céleste, le Baryton et la Harpe Eolienne, voix nouvelle qu'il avait créée.

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Seulement, l'harmonium était déjà inventé. Il s'efforça de le perfectionner en collaborant avec le facteur renommé Debain, dont il devint l'ami.

Il mit au point la « double-expression » qui assurait l'indépendance des nuances d'ensembles sonores opposés, acquérant une réputation qui allait lui permettre d'ouvrir un atelier pour son propre compte.

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M. Henri Mustel nous montre les médailles qui furent décernées à son aïeul, à Paris en 1855 et en 1858, à Marseille en 1861, à Londres en 1862, à Toulouse et à Porto en 1865.

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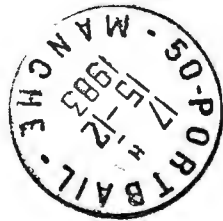
MONSIEUR RONALD REEGAN

PRESIDENT DES ETATS-UNIS

LA MAISON BLANCHE

WASHINGTON

20 DEC 1983



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MONSIEUR HENRI MUSTEL  
25 RUE HELLOIN  
50 580 PORT-BAIL  
FRANCE

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 84102124

Name of Correspondent: Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) PRES (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: "I am very pleased to inform you that President Francois Mitter and has been invited to address a Joint Session of Congress on March 22. I hope that this invitation will be an opportunity to emphasize how much we value close and cooperative relations with France."

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The Speaker's Rooms  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

February 23, 1984

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am very pleased to inform you that President Francois Mitterand has been invited to address a Joint Session of Congress on March 22nd. I hope that this invitation will be an opportunity to emphasize how much we value close and cooperative relations with France.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr." in a cursive script.

Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.  
The Speaker

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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VIA LDX

February 9, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State

SUBJECT: State Visit of President Francois Mitterrand  
of France

Attached is list of actions due in preparation for the State Visit  
of President Mitterrand of France on Thursday, March 22.

*William F. Martin*

*f* Robert M. Kimmitt  
Executive Secretary

Attachment: List of Actions Due

NSC # 8401113



## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 7, 1984

SIGNED

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBER M. KIMMITT

FROM: WILLIAM F. MARTIN

SUBJECT: State Visit of President Francois Mitterrand of  
France

Attached at Tab A is memorandum to Charles Hill for your signature forwarding actions due in preparation for the State Visit of President Mitterrand on March 22.

*TWC*  
Ty Cobb concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum for Charles Hill at Tab A.

Approve *WFM* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment: Memo for Hill w/a

MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

February 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TC*

SUBJECT: Papal Communication to President Reagan

Late this afternoon, I received a call from Monsignor Whalen in the Vatican Embassy to the United States, indicating that the Pope was attempting to reach the President by telephone to discuss the current situation in Lebanon. Unable to reach President Reagan, the Pope is sending a telegram tonight via the Vatican Embassy here. The message will be hand-carried to the NSC Situation Room.

STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND OF FRANCE  
Thursday, March 22, 1984

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°Visit was announced on December 22, 1983

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ACTIONS DUE

°Recommended Dinner Guest List would be appreciated as soon as possible -- State

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
°Issues and objectives papers to NSC for review and distribution to appropriate White House and Cabinet officers -- State

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
°Review and response on issues and objectives papers to NSC Staff -- WH/Cabinet

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29  
°Meeting of appropriate White House, NSC, and State officials to review issues and input from Cabinet -- NSC

FRIDAY, MARCH 2  
°Welcoming remarks and dinner toast to NSC -- State  
°Issues, talking points, and background papers to NSC -- State

TUESDAY, MARCH 6  
°Recommended US and French participants, and meeting scenario to NSC -- State  
°Issues and background papers to appropriate White House and Cabinet for review -- NSC  
°Welcoming remarks and dinner toast to speechwriters -- NSC  
°Media plan distributed to White House press office and State -- NSC

FRIDAY, MARCH 9  
°Recommended US and French participants, and meeting scenario to McFarlane -- NSC

MONDAY, MARCH 12  
°Comments on background papers returned to NSC -- WH/Cabinet

THURSDAY, MARCH 15  
°Shultz memo to the President, schedule, scenario, and bios to NSC -- State  
°Welcoming remarks and toast to NSC -- Speechwriters

MONDAY, MARCH 19  
°Briefing memorandum -- including McFarlane memo, Shultz memo, schedule, scenario, background papers, bios, talking points, welcoming remarks, and toast to McFarlane for signature and distribution to President, White House Staff, and Cabinet -- NSC

THURSDAY, MARCH 22  
°Briefing of the President -- NSC

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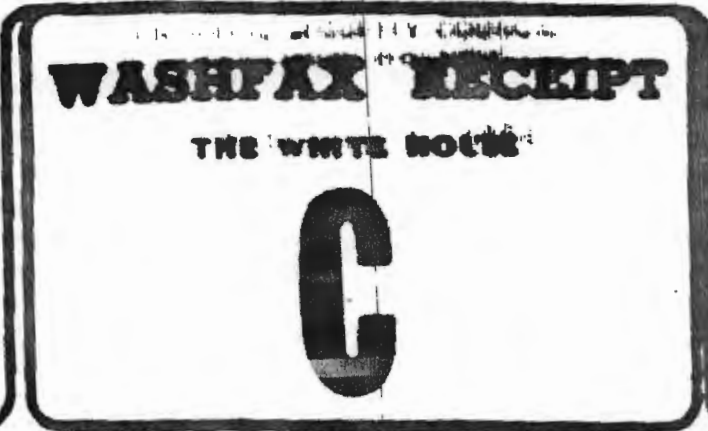
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PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH THE FRENCH PRESS

QUESTION: ISSUES FOR THE MITTERRAND VISIT?

-- I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND RANGE OF GLOBAL ISSUES. RELATIONS WITH FRANCE, OUR OLDEST ALLY, ARE EXCELLENT TODAY. WE TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN HEALTHY STATE OF ALLIANCE AND FRANCO-AMERICAN COOPERATION ON SECURITY ISSUES.

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-- WILL REITERATE U.S. COMMITMENT TO EUROPEAN DEFENSE. ALSO, WILL STRESS THAT U.S. SINCERELY DESIRES IMPROVED EAST-WEST DIALOGUE, INCLUDING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

-- PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I WILL HAVE THOROUGH REVIEW OF GLOBAL ISSUES, INCLUDING AREAS OF DIFFERENCES, SUCH AS CENTRAL AMERICA AND TRADE ISSUES. STILL, THESE ARE MINOR: OUR RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HIS VISIT.

Talking Points for the President's Interview  
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TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW

Q. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES YOU EXPECT TO BRING UP WITH MITTERRAND?

A. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND THE WHOLE RANGE OF GLOBAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

-- HE IS VISITING AT A TIME WHEN OUR RELATIONS WITH OUR OLDEST ALLY, FRANCE, ARE EXCELLENT. OBVIOUSLY, THIS WILL BE A SOURCE OF SATISFACTION FOR BOTH OF US.

-- WE CAN ALSO TAKE SATISFACTION IN THE HEALTHY STATE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND THE UNUSUAL DEGREE OF TRANSATLANTIC CONSENSUS AND SECURITY COOPERATION WE HAVE.

-- I WILL REITERATE THE U.S. COMMITMENT TO THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE, BUT ALSO ASSURE PRESIDENT MITTERRAND THAT THE U.S. SINCERELY DESIRES AN IMPROVED EAST-WEST DIALOGUE, INCLUDING THE RESUMPTION OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

-- PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I WILL HAVE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE WORLD SITUATION. WE SHARE A COMMON INTEREST IN PROMOTING PEACE IN LEBANON, THE MIDDLE EAST, THE PERSIAN GULF, IN AFRICA AND IN ASIA. OUR DISCUSSIONS WILL HIGHLIGHT U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND WITH EUROPE IN GENERAL, THE SUBJECT OF IMPORTANCE TO BOTH OF US.

-- THERE ARE, OF COURSE, SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US. FOR  
EXAMPLE, ON TRADE AND AGRICULTURAL ISSUES, AS WELL AS ON  
CENTRAL AMERICA. WE WON'T GLOSS OVER THEM, BUT WILL DISCUSS  
THEM FRANKLY.

-- PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I WILL CERTAINLY NOT LACK FOR  
SUBJECTS TO DISCUSS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS VISIT.

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May 8, 1984

Dear Senator Bumpers:

Thank you for your inquiry of April 23 regarding the possibility of Mr. Robert Decomis of Beaugency, France, being included in the D-Day ceremony which the President will be attending in Normandy, France, June 6.

Due to the numerous similar requests from veterans and other interested parties, and the President's tight schedule, we sincerely regret that we will not be able to accommodate this request. We know this must be a disappointing reply but please extend to Mr. Decomis the President's warm regards.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Dale Bumpers  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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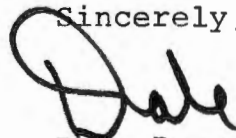
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Mr. M. B. Oglesby  
Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

A constituent of mine, Judge Royce Weisenberger of Hope, Arkansas, has inquired about the possibility of the White House extending an invitation to Mr. Robert Decomis of 23, Rue des Guerres, 45190 Beaugency, France, to attend the 40th anniversary ceremony of the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1984, at Normandy, France. I understand that Mr. Decomis served with distinction as the French liaison officer attached to the United States 6th Armored Division in France in 1944. Mr. Decomis has expressed an interest in attending the ceremony and has explicitly stated that he does not expect to have any expenses paid.

I would appreciate any courtesies that your office could extend to Mr. Decomis regarding his request for an invitation to the commemorative ceremony on June 6th at Normandy.

Sincerely,  
  
Dale Bumpers

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MARCH 22, 1984

*Presidential Remarks*

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE ARRIVAL

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MR. PRESIDENT, MADAME MITTERRAND,  
MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

NANCY AND I ARE HONORED AND PLEASED TO  
GREET YOU AND MADAME MITTERRAND. WE WELCOME  
YOU AS A HEAD OF STATE WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED  
COURAGE AND DECISIVENESS IN THE FACE OF  
INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES THAT TEST THE  
CHARACTER OF WESTERN LEADERSHIP.

WE WELCOME YOU ALSO AS THE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRENCH PEOPLE, FOR  
WHOM ALL AMERICANS SHARE A SPECIAL  
AFFECTION. WE LOOK OUT OVER THE WHITE HOUSE  
GROUNDS AND WE SEE EVIDENCE THAT THE BOND  
BETWEEN US IS DEEP AND HAS STOOD THE TESTS  
OF TIME. THERE IN THE DISTANCE IS THE  
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL -- A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S  
THIRD PRESIDENT, A FOUNDER OF OUR REPUBLIC,  
AN INTELLECTUAL WHOSE IDEAS WERE PROFOUNDLY  
INFLUENCED BY HIS EXPOSURE TO FRENCH  
PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE.

IT IS NOT MERE COINCIDENCE THAT THIS GIANT OF AMERICAN FREEDOM WAS ONE OF OUR FIRST REPRESENTATIVES TO FRANCE.

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MR. PRESIDENT, MILLIONS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ADMIRE AND RESPECT YOUR COUNTRY'S HISTORIC LEGACY. TODAY, UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP, FRANCE CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO WORLD STABILITY AND PEACE. IN THIS CAUSE, WE STAND TOGETHER AS TWO PEOPLES WHO CHERISH LIBERTY AND TWO PEOPLES COMMITTED TO HUMANE AND CIVILIZED VALUES.

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OURS IS NOT AN EASY TASK. AS YOU HAVE ASTUTELY NOTED, "PEACE -- LIKE LIBERTY -- IS NEVER GIVEN AND...THE PURSUIT OF BOTH IS A CONTINUAL ONE." IN LEBANON, WE AMERICANS ARE PROUD WE ARE PART OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE WORKING TOGETHER, AT GREAT RISK, TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO THAT TROUBLED LAND.

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WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT, IN THIS GALLANT AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORT, WE STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH YOUR BRAVE COUNTRYMEN.

OUR NATIONS, TWO GREAT WORLD POWERS, HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FAR BEYOND OUR BORDERS. YOUR INFLUENCE IS A FORCE FOR GOOD IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU HAVE DRAWN A LINE AGAINST AGGRESSION IN CHAD AND YOU HAVE EXTENDED ASSISTANCE TO OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS SEEKING TO PRESERVE THEIR SECURITY AND BETTER THE LIVES OF THEIR PEOPLES. THESE ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE GLOBAL ROLE FRANCE IS PLAYING.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE APPLAUD YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND YOUR COURAGE.

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, YOU COME HERE FRESH FROM A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SUMMIT MEETING IN BRUSSELS.



AT THIS MEETING, AND ELSEWHERE, YOU EXERTED YOUR LEADERSHIP AS AN ADVOCATE OF GREATER EUROPEAN UNITY. I AM MOST EAGER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU OUR BILATERAL CONCERNS, AND ALSO THOSE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EUROPE AS A WHOLE.

AMERICA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT A STRONG AND UNITED EUROPE. THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES ARE, THROUGH THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, ANCHORING THE MUTUAL DEFENSE OF OUR COMMON FREEDOM. TODAY, AS IN YEARS PAST, OUR OWN LIBERTY RELIES HEAVILY ON THE GOOD WILL AND SHARED SENSE OF PURPOSE AMONG THOSE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WHO ENJOY FREEDOM. VICTOR HUGO'S WORDS STILL RING TRUE. "IT IS THROUGH FRATERNITY," HE SAID, "THAT LIBERTY IS SAVED."

CLEARLY, MR. PRESIDENT, IF THOSE WHO LOVE LIBERTY STAND TOGETHER, STRONG IN RESOLVE, FREEDOM WILL NOT ONLY SURVIVE, IT WILL PREVAIL.

SYMBOLIC OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, THIS SUMMER AMERICA WILL GREET THE FIRST CONTINGENT OF FRENCH EXPERTS COMING TO NEW YORK TO AID IN THE RESTORATION OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. THIS YEAR, WE WILL BEGIN CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THAT LADY OF LIGHT. THAT MAGNIFICENT GIFT, A BEACON OF LIBERTY FOR ALL MANKIND, IS A LASTING REMINDER OF THAT PRECIOUS HERITAGE WE -- THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN PEOPLE -- SHARE.

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, I AM PLEASED THAT YOUR VISIT WILL INCLUDE TRAVEL TO PARTS OF AMERICA THAT, AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO VISIT. YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN A GOOD PART OF OUR EAST COAST, ESPECIALLY THE TIDEWATER REGION OF VIRGINIA, WHICH YOU VISITED DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FRENCH AND AMERICAN ALLIANCE AT YORKTOWN, AND AGAIN WHEN WE MET WITH OUR SUMMIT COLLEAGUES AT WILLIAMSBURG.

THIS WEEK YOU WILL GO FARTHER SOUTH, TO THE DYNAMIC CITY OF ATLANTA, AND LATER NORTH TO PITTSBURGH. YOU WILL ALSO JOURNEY TO AMERICA'S HEARTLAND, THE MIDWEST FARM COUNTRY, FOR A FIRSTHAND LOOK AT AMERICAN AGRICULTURE.

AND, YOU WILL TRAVEL TO THE AMERICAN WEST COAST AND VISIT MY HOME STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THERE, INNOVATIONS IN ENERGY AND ELECTRONICS, SPURRED BY TAX INCENTIVES THAT REWARD PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND RISK-TAKING, ARE PAVING THE ROAD TO THE 21ST CENTURY AND A NEW ERA OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY. IT IS COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT NO MATTER WHAT CHANGES TECHNOLOGY BRINGS TO OUR WAY OF LIVING, THE GOOD WILL BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES WILL REMAIN SOLID AND LASTING.

AMERICA IS DELIGHTED YOU HAVE SET THIS WEEK ASIDE TO BE WITH US, AS A FRIEND.

DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, NANCY  
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO DEEPENING OUR PERSONAL  
FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU AND MADAME MITTERRAND,  
AND WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES. WE OFFER YOU A  
WARM WELCOME AND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A  
REWARDING AND MEMORABLE VISIT.

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(Rohrabacher/BE)  
March 19, 1984  
11:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE  
ARRIVAL CEREMONY  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1984

Mr. President, Madame Mitterrand, Mr. Foreign Minister,  
distinguished guests:

Nancy and I are honored and pleased to greet you and Madame Mitterrand. We welcome you as a head of state who has demonstrated courage and decisiveness in the face of international challenges that test the character of Western leadership.

We welcome you also as the representative of the French people, for whom all Americans share a special affection. We look out over the White House grounds and we see evidence that the bond between us is deep and has stood the tests of time. There in the distance is the Jefferson Memorial -- a tribute to America's third President, a founder of our Republic, an intellectual whose ideas were profoundly influenced by his exposure to French philosophy and culture. It is not mere coincidence that this giant of American freedom was one of our first representatives to France.

Mr. President, millions of people throughout the world admire and respect your country's historic legacy. Today, under your leadership, France continues to be a major contributor to world stability and peace. In this cause, we stand together as two peoples who cherish liberty and two peoples committed to humane and civilized values.

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Ours is not an easy task. As you have astutely noted, "peace -- like liberty -- is never given and . . . the pursuit of both is a continual one." In Lebanon, we Americans are proud we are part of a French, British, and Italian peacekeeping force working together, at great risk, to restore peace and stability to that troubled land. We will always remember that, in this gallant and humanitarian effort, we stood shoulder to shoulder with your brave countrymen.

Our nations, two great world powers, have responsibilities far beyond our borders. Your influence is a force for good in the Middle East. You have drawn a line against aggression in Chad and you have extended assistance to other African nations seeking to preserve their security and better the lives of their peoples. These are but a few examples of the constructive global role France is playing. Mr. President, the American people applaud you and the people of France for your diligence and your courage.

President Mitterrand, you come here fresh from a European Community summit meeting in Brussels. I have followed the progress of the summit with great interest. Again, you exerted your leadership, this time as an advocate of greater European unity. I am most eager to discuss with you our bilateral concerns, and also those economic, social, and political issues of significance to Europe as a whole.

America continues to support a strong and united Europe. The European democracies are, through the North Atlantic Alliance, anchoring the mutual defense of our common freedom.

Today, as in years past, our own liberty relies heavily on the good will and shared sense of purpose among those people in the world who enjoy freedom. Victor Hugo's words still ring true. "It is through fraternity," he said, "that liberty is saved."

Clearly, Mr. President, if those who love liberty stand together, strong in resolve, freedom will not only survive, it will prevail.

Symbolic of our friendship, this summer America will greet the first contingent of French experts coming to New York to aid in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. This year, we will begin celebrating the centennial of that lady of light. That magnificent gift, a beacon of liberty for all mankind, is a lasting reminder of that precious heritage we -- the French and American people -- share.

President Mitterrand, I am pleased that your visit will include travel to parts of America that, as President of France, you have not yet been able to visit. You have already seen a good part of our East Coast, especially the Tidewater region of Virginia, which you visited during the celebration of the French and American Alliance at Yorktown, and again when we met with our summit colleagues at Williamsburg. This week you will go farther south, to the dynamic city of Atlanta, and later north to Pittsburgh. You will also journey to America's heartland, the Midwest farm country, for a firsthand look at American agriculture.

And, you will travel to the American West Coast and visit my home State of California. There, innovations in energy and electronics, spurred by tax incentives that reward personal initiative and risk-taking, are paving the road to the 21st century and a new era of high technology. It is comforting to know that no matter what changes technology brings to our way of living, the good will between our peoples will remain solid and lasting.

America is delighted you have set this week aside to be with us, as a friend.

During your visit to Washington, Nancy and I look forward to deepening our personal friendship with you and Madame Mitterrand, and with your colleagues. We offer you a warm welcome and our best wishes for a rewarding and memorable visit.



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MARCH 22, 1984

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Presidential Remarks:

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE  
STATE DINNER TOAST

MR. PRESIDENT, MADAME MITTERRAND,  
MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, HONORED GUESTS, LADIES  
AND GENTLEMEN:

OUR EVENING TOGETHER HAS REKINDLED SOME  
PLEASANT MEMORIES: OF WARM JUNE NIGHTS IN  
THE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS OF VERSAILLES, OF  
OBSERVING THE COLORFUL AND MOVING  
COMMEMORATION OF THE UNION OF FRENCH AND  
AMERICAN FORCES AT YORKTOWN, OF THE MANY  
DISTINGUISHED WORLD LEADERS AT WILLIAMSBURG  
JUST LAST YEAR. SOON, I LOOK FORWARD TO  
BRINGING HOME YET ANOTHER MEMORY IN WHICH  
PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WILL BE A MAJOR PART.  
WE WILL MEET LATER THIS YEAR TO COMMEMORATE  
THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LANDING OF ALLIED  
FORCES ON THE NORMANDY BEACHES 40 YEARS AGO.

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THAT EVENT TIED THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLES,  
AND FOR ALL TIME SENT A MESSAGE TO TYRANTS  
THAT FREE MEN ARE ALL CITIZENS OF THE SAME  
LAND.

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MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR VISIT TO AMERICA  
THIS WEEK IS YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE  
COMMON HERITAGE AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION OF OUR  
TWO FREEDOM-LOVING NATIONS. FRANCE WAS  
AMERICA'S FIRST ALLY. THE TRUST AND  
CONFIDENCE WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED OUR LONG  
RELATIONSHIP IS UNDOUBTEDLY AN OBJECT OF  
GREAT ENVY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FRANCE AND  
AMERICA SHARE MANY TRADITIONS. WE HAVE  
INNUMERABLE TIES, CHERISHED BY OUR PEOPLE,  
NURTURED BY OUR GOVERNMENTS. FOREMOST AMONG  
OUR TIES IS A PROFOUND COMMITMENT TO  
DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY, A HERITAGE INSCRIBED  
IN THE CONSTITUTIONS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

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THESE VALUES LIE AT THE HEART OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. THIS COMMITMENT BETWEEN THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES OF EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA HAS PRESERVED PEACE FOR A LONGER PERIOD THAN ANY IN MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY.

TONIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO REEMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND TO THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE.

WE SEEK PEACE AND SECURITY, AND, TO THAT END, AMERICA ALSO STRIVES TO ACHIEVE GREATER EAST-WEST DIALOGUE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR A MORE STABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, ONE THAT WILL LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND A RELAXING OF EXISTING TENSIONS.

THIS EVENING, WHILE SAVORING THE MEMORIES OF LAFAYETTE AND ROCHAMBEAU, OF JEFFERSON AND FRANKLIN, WE MUST ALSO SALUTE THOSE CONTEMPORARY FIGURES WHO PERSONIFY THE RICHNESS OF BONDS BETWEEN US.

I AM STRUCK BY HOW MANY OF OUR GUESTS HERE TONIGHT SHARE CLOSE TIES TO FRANCE AND TO FRENCH CULTURE. BOTH OUR NATIONS CAN BE PROUD OF OUR CITIZENS WHOSE WORK AND CREATIVITY HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES AND WHO ARE RECOGNIZED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

WE SHARE STRONG LINKS OF CULTURE AND COMMERCE. WE ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AND EVERY DAY WE REAP THE HARVEST OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL INTERCHANGES. I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES ARE ENGAGING IN TWO NEW ENDEAVORS — AN ARTISTS EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS. THESE AGREEMENTS WILL GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ENRICHMENT OF OUR SOCIETIES.

MR. PRESIDENT, TODAY WE HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES AND ALSO OF THOSE CONCERNS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. SUCH DIALOGUE BETWEEN US CAN ONLY SERVE THE INTEREST OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.

IN THE YEARS AHEAD, AMERICANS AND FRENCHMEN WILL BE AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE BEEN, PROUD AND INDEPENDENT, BUT UNITED TOGETHER IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, SECURITY, AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. ALL AMERICANS ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND APPRECIATE THE COURAGEOUS STANDS FRANCE HAS TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY. WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY, PLEASE TAKE THAT MESSAGE OF OUR GRATITUDE AND ADMIRATION WITH YOU. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WISH YOU A PLEASANT AND WORTHWHILE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

~~LET US RS. ... GLSS NOW ... COMMON~~  
~~PURPOSE & ... SPCL. FRND SHIP ... FRNK & ... U.S.~~  
~~& ... PRES. F. M. & ... LOVELY WF. DANIELLE~~  
~~OUR GUESTS & OUR FRNDS.~~

(ROHRABACHER)

MARCH 22, 1984

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE  
ENTERTAINMENT THANK YOU

I'M CERTAIN YOU ALL AGREE WITH ME THAT  
TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT HAS BEEN A  
DELIGHTFUL TREAT.

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JULIO IGLESIAS IS AN ATHLETE WHO TURNED  
TO MUSIC, A MAN OF BODY AND SOUL. THANK  
YOU, JULIO, FOR SHARING YOUR TALENTS WITH  
US. YOUR MUSIC IS POPULAR THROUGHOUT THE  
WORLD AND IT IS BOUND TO CAPTURE THE HEARTS  
OF AMERICANS AS WELL.

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THANK YOU AND THANK ALL OF YOU FOR  
MAKING THIS A SPECIAL EVENING.

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(Rohrabacher/BE)  
March 20, 1984  
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: PRESIDENT MITTERRAND OF FRANCE  
STATE DINNER TOAST  
THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1984

Mr. President, Madame Mitterrand, Mr. Foreign Minister,  
honored guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Our evening together has rekindled some pleasant memories: of warm June nights in the beautiful gardens of Versailles, of observing the colorful and moving commemoration of the union of French and American forces at Yorktown, of the many distinguished world leaders at Williamsburg just last year. Soon, I look forward to bringing home yet another memory in which President Mitterrand will be a major part. We and some of our other close allies will meet later this year to commemorate the anniversary of the landing of Allied forces on the Normandy beaches 40 years ago. That event tied the hearts of our peoples, and for all time sent a message to tyrants that free men are all citizens of the same land.

Mr. President, your visit to America this week is yet another milestone in the common heritage and close association of our two freedom-loving nations. France was America's first ally. The trust and confidence which have characterized our long relationship is undoubtedly an object of great envy throughout the world. France and America share many traditions. We have innumerable ties, cherished by our people, nurtured by our governments. Foremost among our ties is a profound commitment to democracy and liberty, a heritage inscribed in the Constitutions of both our countries.



These values lie at the heart of the Atlantic Alliance. This commitment between the great democracies of Europe and North America has preserved peace for a longer period than any in modern European history. Tonight, I would like to reemphasize that the United States remains thoroughly committed to the Western Alliance and to the defense of Europe.

We seek peace and security, and, to that end, America also strives to achieve greater East-West dialogue. We will continue to work for a more stable relationship with the Soviet Union, one that will lead to better understanding and a relaxing of existing tensions.

This evening, while savoring the memories of Lafayette and Rochambeau, of Jefferson and Franklin, we must also salute those contemporary figures who personify the richness of bonds between us. I am struck by how many of our guests here tonight share close ties to France and to French culture. Both our nations can be proud of our citizens whose work and creativity have contributed so much to the quality of our lives and who are recognized on both sides of the Atlantic.

We share strong links of culture and commerce. We engage in extensive scientific cooperation, and every day we reap the harvest of social, cultural, and educational interchanges. I am particularly pleased that France and the United States are engaging in two new endeavors -- an artists exchange program and cooperation in environmental affairs. These agreements will greatly contribute to the cultural and scientific enrichment of our societies.

Mr. President, today we had a frank discussion of bilateral issues and also of those concerns of the European community as a whole. Such dialogue between us can only serve the interest of both our countries.

In the years ahead, Americans and Frenchmen will be as they always have been, proud and independent, but united together in the cause of freedom, security, and economic progress. All Americans are grateful for your friendship and appreciate the courageous stands France has taken throughout the world in the cause of liberty. When you return to your country, please take that message of our gratitude and admiration with you. In the meantime, we wish you a pleasant and worthwhile visit to the United States.

Let us raise a glass now to the common purpose and to the special friendship of the people of France and the United States. And to President Francois Mitterrand and his lovely wife Danielle -- our guests and our friends.

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For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
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The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Rudolf Nooreev

Date: March 8, 1984 Subject: Dinner for President

and Mrs. Mitterrand

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Department of State.

Action Taken:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.
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- X We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
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- \_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
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Executive Secretary

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Paris, March 8th 1984

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Mr The President,

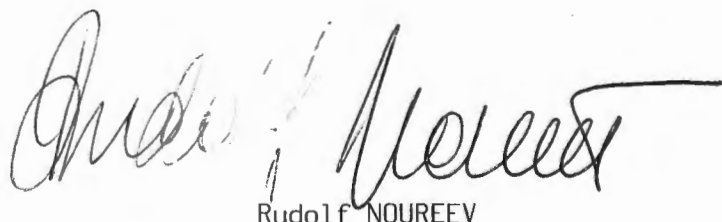
I was deeply honoured by your invitation at dinner on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency The President of the French Republic and Mrs MIFERRAND.

I wish I would have been able to come over.

Unfortunately, although I tried to find out a possibility, I must renounce, since I have to perform at the Paris Opera for the opening night of a new production on the 22nd of March.

I would like to express to you and Mrs REAGAN my deepest regrets.

May I add my best wishes for that visit to be a successfull event and address the expression of my highest consideration.



Rudolf NOUREEV

Mr The President  
The White House  
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