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RE: D-day Anniversary

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1984

9/11/84

Dear VnameV:

Thank you for your message and for sharing with me your thoughts on the 40th anniversary of D-day.

It would be nearly impossible to describe to you all the ideas and emotions that converged during my visit with the other heads of state to the beaches of Normandy. The beauty of that coast, the silence of its cemeteries, and the rows of crosses and Stars of David are merged now in a single geography of courage and cooperation against a common enemy. That enemy was not a people or a place, but a philosophy that rose on the world stage in the middle years of our century and threatened to crush both peace and freedom.

The monuments of Normandy are testaments to a durable truth: unity in defense of our sacred values of liberty and the dignity of all people is invincible. Today, we and the other nations of the NATO Alliance have joined together in a community dedicated to these values. Our alliance, forged in the crucible of war, tempered and shaped by the realities of the postwar world, has succeeded. As a result, threats to freedom have been contained and the peace has been kept.

We can provide no better tribute to the memory of those who fought and died on D-day and every day in World War II than the firm structure of a free alliance. My visit to Europe renewed my confidence that this structure has never stood on more reliable foundations, and with that conviction we can look to the future with faith and hope. Let us always stand for the ideals for which so many lived and died.

You were good to write, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Vinside\_addressV

RR/CAD/AVH

DRAFT/Date June 19, 1984

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Dear Mica Connors

Thank you for your message and for sharing with me your thoughts on the 40th anniversary of the <sup>D-Day</sup> ~~Normandy~~ invasion.

It would be nearly impossible to describe to you all the ideas and emotions that converged during <sup>my</sup> the visit ~~of our party~~ <sup>with</sup> and the other heads of state to the beaches of <sup>Normandy</sup> ~~D-Day~~. The beauty of that coast, the silence of <sup>its</sup> ~~the allied~~ cemeteries, and the rows of crosses and Stars of David are merged now in a single geography of <sup>and cooperation</sup> courage against a common enemy. That enemy <sup>was</sup> is not a people or a place, but a philosophy that rose on the world stage in the middle years of our century and threatened to crush both peace and freedom.

The monuments of Normandy are testaments to a durable truth: unity in defense of our sacred values of liberty and the dignity of all people is invincible. Today, we and the other nations of the NATO Alliance have joined together in a community dedicated to these values. Our alliance, forged in the crucible of war, tempered and shaped by the realities of the post-war world, has succeeded. As a result, threats to freedom have been contained and the peace has been kept.

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than the firm structure of a free alliance. My visit to Europe renewed <sup>m</sup>by confidence that this structure has never stood on more reliable foundations, and with that conviction we can look to the future with faith and hope. Let us always stand for the ideals for which so many lived and died.

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S/RR

Anne -  
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Presidential firm?

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