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(ROHRABACHER) MAY 14, 1987

TAPING: CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS D-DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

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I KNOW THAT FOR MANY
OF YOU THIS DAY HAS
SPECIAL MEANING. YOU
PARTICIPATED IN THE
HISTORIC BATTLE THAT TOOK

PLACE ON THE NORMANDY
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YOUR FELLOW CITIZENS,
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FREEDOM TO THIS DAY.

WE THANK GOD FOR ALL

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(Rohrabacher/ARD)
May 13, 1987
5:00 p.m.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1987

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REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations to Tony Dolan by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

(Rohrabacher/ARD)
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ARKS: Please provide any co 2:00 p.m. on Wednesda Thank you.					

Tony Dolan,

05/11/87

DATE:

NSC concurs on the attached Pres tapings w/ comments on #3 Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

Executive Secretary

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Fred Ryan:

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I talked with RR about this. He is very aware of this group -- even told me the story about the 4 chaplains, etc. Also remembers he is an hon. member. He looked at the letter to see what date they were talking about -- seemed intrested, but I mentioned it would probably be in June while we are gone. Do you know what the actual date of event is? If we're not going to be in town, we should do a nice tape or message.

Please advise. Thanks.

Kathy O.



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March 6, 1987

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President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20500 SCHEDULING OFFICE

Dear Mr. President:

John Agnew has informed me of his receipt of your kind letter, which you sent in response to his phone call of 27 February. John is Chairman of this year's annual D-Day Memorial Service, which is sponsored each year by The Chapel of Four Chaplains for the Philadelphia area. He was a Pathfinder for the lOlst Airborne Division in The D-Day Invasion and, later, when our troops first entered Holland.

Last year was our third annual D-Day Memorial Service. The 1984 service was held in Washington Square. Just a few hundred persons attended, and Mayor W. Wilson Goode spoke. By our 1986 service, we were forced by the size of the congregation to move the service to a huge WWII aircraft hanger at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. This year, with an expected crowd of four to five thousand, about 500 of whom will be actual veterans of the invasion, we have been forced to move the service to larger facilities at Ft. Dix. It is possible that proximity to New York City and its large number of veterans organizations will swell the congregation beyond our expectations.

British, Canadian and American veterans and organizations participate in the service, and it is quite colorful and

inspirational. For all the success which we have enjoyed in these services, the crowning touch would be a surprise visit by you, Mr. President. As we lose some of the veterans to death each year, and as more and more dignitaries will be attending services in Europe as we approach the 45th anniversity of D-Day, this year would be the best possible year for such a visit.

You made us very proud when you accepted membership in our Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor four years ago. Should you be able to make this visit, you would not only add to our joy; you would provide these dear veterans with a cherished memory. Most of these veterans could never afford a trip to France for the all important 45th anniversary, and some of them will not be alive on that anniversary. But your presence would make this anniversary the "big one" for them.

As you may know, Navy Secretary Lehman, Defense Secretary Weinberger, General P.X. Kelley, Admiral James Watkins and General John Vessey, Jr., have all visited the chapel in the fairly recent past, and we are accustomed to cooperating with those who must coordinate such visits. Our idea is to make your visit a surprise. However, should you be able to accept our invitation, we can make knowledge your visit as public or as private as you wish.

I hope to have the honor of hearing from you soon.

God's peace,

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James Eric Pierce, Ph.D. Chaplain

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

5/11/87

MEMORANDUM

TO:

TONY DOLAN/ELIZABETH BOARD

FROM:

frederick J. Ryan, Jr. J

SUBJECT:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

Taping Session:

1. The Chapel of Four Chaplains D-Day Memorial Service

DATE:

2. John Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs Dinner (Dolan)

3. National Association of Bank Woman Annual Dinner (Board)

TIME:

May 14, 1987

DURATION:

4:30 pm - 30 minutes

LOCATION:

Library

BACKUP LOCATION:

REMARKS REQUIRED:

MEDIA COVERAGE:

No

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PARTICIPATION:

No

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