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**WHITE HOUSE
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Name of Correspondent: Richard Darnon

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Subject: Remarks: Omaha Beach Memorial
Wednesday, June 6, 1984

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- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

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- CPn - Presidential Correspondence
 - n - 0 - Unknown
 - n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
 - n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
 - n - 3 - Ron
 - n - 4 - Dutch
 - n - 5 - Ron Reagan
 - n - 6 - Ronald
 - n - 7 - Ronnie

- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
 - n - 0 - Unknown
 - n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
 - n - 2 - Nancy
 - n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
 - n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
 - n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
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- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *Orig. signed by FFF*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks
for Omaha Beach Memorial

Our office has reviewed the above-referenced draft remarks, which seem very appropriate for this occasion, and has no legal or other substantive objection to them.

cc: Richard G. Darman

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

PETER J. RUSTHOVEN 

SUBJECT:

Draft Presidential Remarks
for Omaha Beach Memorial

Richard Darman's office asked us to provide comments directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 29, on the above-referenced draft remarks, which the President is scheduled to deliver on Wednesday, June 6, at memorial ceremonies at Omaha Beach as part of the 40th Anniversary commemoration of the Normandy Invasion.

The remarks, which consist in large part of quotations from a very moving letter written by the daughter of a member of the invading forces, are most appropriate for the occasion and present no legal or other problem on which our office need comment.

A memorandum for Elliott, with copy to Darman, is attached for your review and signature.

Attachment

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/25/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, 5/29

SUBJECT: REMARKS: OMAHA BEACH MEMORIAL REMARKS
 (5/25 - 3:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

Please provide any edits directly to Ben Elliott by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 29th, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2702

(Dolan/BE)
May 25, 1984
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: OMAHA BEACH MEMORIAL REMARKS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 1984

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Those words of Private Zanatta come to us from his daughter, Lisa Zanatta Henn, in an essay written about an event her father spoke of often: "the Normandy Invasion would change his life forever," she said.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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May 29, 1984

FOR: FILES

FROM: JUDY JOHNSTON

SUBJECT: Remarks: Omaha Beach Memorial

Gene McAllister reviewed and approved the attached remarks.
No comments were relayed to the Speech Office.

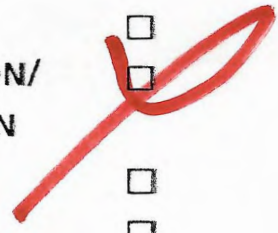
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RESPONSE TO:
 GENE McALLISTER FOR ACTION
 May I pls have approval/changes by 10:00 a.m. Judy J

John A. Svahn
 Assistant to the President
 for Policy Development
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Roger B. Porter
 Director
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