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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/12/85

TO:

Mike Deaver

FROM:

Michael A. McManus, Jr.
*Assistant to the President
and Deputy to Deputy Chief of Staff*

- ☒ Information
- ☐ Action
- ☐ Let's Discuss

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

error
corrected
2/12

February 12, 1985

Dear Mr. Silverman:

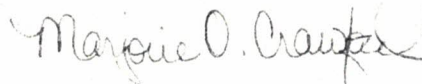
Last fall I spoke to you about the remaining outstanding bill charged to USIA from the 1983 Williamsburg Summit. At that time you asked for a break down, which I requested from Williamsburg, and which I have just received.

Enclosed is the break down figures and justification from Williamsburg. I would appreciate your reviewing this and expediting the payment of these bills so that we may finally close the books on the Williamsburg Summit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 456-6687.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marjorie O. Crawford
Staff Assistant to
Michael A. McManus, Jr.

Mr. Stanley Silverman
Office of the Controller
USIA -- Room 664
301 4th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20547

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Mike McMonies*

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

☐ Information

☒ Action

*This come to
our office would
you please handle.
Thank you.*

STATEMENT

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

P.O. BOX B
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185

• es

To USIA
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20547

(SEE REVERSE SIDE)

\$ _____

<u>Economic Summit</u>			
Room Accounts			
Sullivan	# 5155	\$ 248.00	
Brake	# 5013	248.00	
Bastion (Incidentals)		<u>27.08</u>	523.08
Less: Tax	(\$3,677.00 X 6% = \$220.62)	- 220.62	
		<u></u>	\$ <u>302.4</u>

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WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185

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To USIA
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 530
Washington, D.C. 20546

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<u>Economic Summit</u>			
Room Accounts			
Rogers, Phil	# 5143	\$ 62.00	
Rogers, Phil	# 5272	62.00	
Lacovey, J.	# 4331	<u>48.00</u>	
			\$ <u>172.00</u>

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185

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IN THIS COLUMN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1985

Mike:

I would recommend against this.
Miklaszewski used to cover the White
House, but doesn't any longer. And CNN
wouldn't give us much exposure.

I would turn it down.

S
Larry

tion --

Recommend
ew you live
a 5 part series
uld be 15 min.
ou has influenced
view LS, Pat Buch-
ES NO

TD
called
2/13/85

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMO TO LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: MIKE DEAVER

SUBJECT: Attached request

Would you be so kind as to give me your recommendation --
guidance on this request.

Thanks....

NAME	Jim Miklaszewski	REMARKS <i>ask LS what he recommends</i> He would like to interview you live here or in studio - for a 5 part series on Press and Gov. it would be 15 min. on how RR through you has influenced WH press coverage... They are hoping to interview LS, Pat Buchanan and Don Regan Setup <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>
	CNN	
Time	12:20 PM	
Phone	342-7995	

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2/17/55

Mr. Deane:

re: Cyrene

Wed. Feb. 13

9 PM

(Sey. Clerk)

called like
a would be
embarking in
7:30 PM & never
Barry - asked for
but 3 months ago
+ was apparent.
has not worked
But but since as
three times he has
been here.

Thurs. Feb 14

Fri. Feb. 17

7:30 PM
Sey. Clerk

7:30
Whitney
Nile

730 PM
Sey. Class

730
Whittier
New

about a tennis rematch?

JAMES C. SANDERS
453-6605

Monday
2/11

Dear Mike,

Thanks for lunch and
thanks for offering to check
on the availability of some
"Cyrano" seats. Tickets
not available

Also, the sooner the
better, as far as an appointment
with Don Regan is concerned—
before too much misinformation
is spread about! Regards, Jim



THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE
50TH AMERICAN
PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURAL

Washington, D.C.
20599

202/433-7100

MEMORANDUM TO: Michael K. Deaver
Ronald H. Walker
John F. W. Rogers

FROM: Frederick G. Hale

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT

February 11, 1985

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

5/4/85

DB - set-up
meeting prior to
lunch with Ron Walker
include these
+ WFS
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1. I have withheld this report awaiting a more complete status of refund for the Parade tickets. Thus far we have refunded about \$600,000 of some \$1,200,000 sold. We expect refunds to top out at about \$800,000.
2. The large profit shown is a combination of:
 - a. Business methods applied to Inaugural Committee.
 - b. 6% contingency in Budget never required.
 - c. 9% margin between possible revenue and budgeted monies.
 - d. Superior management by all Divisions that brought costs in 6% below budget.
 - e. Very profitable Galas, where budgets were maintained and professional management paid off.
 - f. The raising of \$1 million more in ticket revenue than expected.
3. Though all invoices have not yet been received, I expect our final profit to be in excess of \$3 million. Marketing is still spending, but current projections show a possible breakeven.
4. All Guaranty Fund checks will be mailed out on February 18, with another thank you letter.
5. The first TV revenues arrived Friday, February 8. I expect full revenues by Friday, February 15. I will pay ABC (air time) by February 20.
6. The Trust will be closed in March. All Trust Funds (\$884,887) have been applied to Public Events.
7. A meeting this week is probably required to formulate a final press release.

Jim Lake



2/8/85
5:30PM

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THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 50TH AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 1985

Washington, D.C.
20599
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INCOME

Ticket Sales (Less Estimated Parade Rebate \$850,000)	\$ 10,706,809
Marketing (Net) (Loss)	(138,071)
Miscellaneous Interest and Investments	289,249
Television Revenues (Net) (Less Production & Air Time)	1,272,760
Inaugural Trust	<u>882,887</u>
TOTAL NET INCOME	<u>\$ 13,013,634</u>

EXPENSES

Committee Executive	\$ 313,271
Finance	108,972
Press	151,849
Operations (Private Events)	3,740,936
Invitations & Tickets	793,866
Treasurer	563,309
Administration	1,381,083
Public Liaison	453,427
Public Events	1,043,115
Parade	<u>930,964</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,480,792</u>
Net Profit	<u>\$ 3,532,842</u>

NOTE:

1985 Inaugural expenses are currently projected at about \$9,500,000. In 1976 President Jimmy Carter spent about \$5,000,000 on his Inaugural. Using the authorized inflation factor of 1.81 (1976 - 1984), Carter's Inaugural would have cost \$9,050,000 in January 1985.



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Red Cavaney
Vice President

February 12, 1985

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Thank you so very much for including Vicki and me in the the State Dinner for King Fahd. It was an evening we shall forever cherish!

I would also like to express my thanks for making me a part of your Inaugural team. As you mentioned, it was a group unlike any I have ever seen before and a double honor to be chosen to serve. It was sad that it all ended so quickly and that you were not able to share more in those final few days.

I wish you the best as you put the final touches on your long, distinguished record of unselfish service to the President and Mrs. Reagan. You'll be sorely missed.

Our very best to you as you move into your next endeavor. Please feel free to call upon me if ever I can be of service. Again, Mike, thanks for your special consideration.

Warmest regards,

Red

RC/jdp

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2-23-85

TO: *Gail Hedwig*

FROM: **FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.**
Director
Presidential Appointments and
Scheduling

☐ Information

☐ Action

☐ Let's Discuss

*This is now scheduled
for February 27 at
2pm for 20 min.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/12/15

TO: *Kathy Osborne*

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director
Presidential Appointments and
Scheduling

*We will hold time
for this meeting on 2/26.
Please let me know
when we should
go ahead on it.*

Fred

*Yes & allow enough
time for their agenda. RR*

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OFFICE

Office of the President

February 4, 1985

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

FOR
2-26-84
4:00
20 min
2/12/85
b(6)

Dear Mr. President:

This is to let you know that I have resigned as President of Eureka College. Enclosed is a copy of the statement made to the Board of Trustees on Saturday, February 2. 110-31-34

This letter is being sent primarily, though, to seek a few moments of your time within the next few weeks for Mary Jane West, Chair of the Board, and George Hearne, Executive Vice President of the College, and me to visit with you to project future plans for the college and areas where you may be of assistance. We would be available any day at any time to come, and if such an arrangement could be made, I would be pleased to provide some proposed agenda items in advance. Especially at this time of transition and uncertainty among the college constituents, it would be very helpful if we could meet with you. 7-19-30 b(6)

As Eureka College celebrates its 130th year on February 6th, on behalf of all of us I extend special birthday greetings to you as well.

Our best regards to Nancy.

Sincerely,

Dan D.

Daniel D. Gilbert
President

9-1-38

b(6)

DDG/ljm
enclosure

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Office of the President

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees of Eureka College

FROM: Daniel D. Gilbert, President

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board and very special friends:

This is that occasion for which none of us can prepare, but which inevitably should come. The time for each of us to enter a new phase of life. Just last Thursday, after much prayerful consideration and deliberation, I accepted the responsibility to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Christian Church Homes of Kentucky, Inc., and its affiliated corporations.

The Christian Church Homes were founded over 100 years ago under the auspices of the Christian Church of Kentucky and they continue that ministry under an independent Board of Directors today. There are four campuses in the state of Kentucky, three for the elderly in Hopkinsville, Corbin and Louisville, where the central offices are located, and one children's campus for the treatment and care of extremely disturbed and abused children. They serve a total of about 1,600 elderly citizens and children each year.

Through the years of my tenure at Eureka I have said "no" immediately to numerous opportunities. But this particular challenge seems to be one I simply cannot refuse because of its implications for long term career direction. I am sorely aware that this is probably not the best time for a change in Presidential leadership at Eureka, but I sincerely believe that upon reflection you will recognize the appropriateness of this transition now. Therefore, by way of this communication, I respectfully submit my resignation as President of Eureka College to be effective no later than July 1, 1985. I would hope to have the opportunity to negotiate with you and them regarding the potential of an earlier departure, but no earlier than May 15, 1985.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served at Eureka these eight years. I will be forever grateful for your love, support, and patience. I will do all I can to assure a smooth transition and will always be supportive of your efforts here. Linda joins me in expressing our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to each of you.

DDG/ljm
2/2/85

Office of the President

February 25, 1985

Background information and proposed items for discussion for President Reagan's visit on February 27, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. with representatives from Eureka College: Mrs. Mary Jane West, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Daniel D. Gilbert, President, and George Hearne, Executive Vice President.

Purpose: To discuss transition plans for College and outline specific concerns for President Reagan's consideration and attention.

Background of Participants:

Mary Jane West, Peoria, IL, in second term on the Board of Trustees, completing second year as Chair. Also serving as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Former member of the Peoria County Board of Supervisors, laywoman in Christian Church (Disciples).

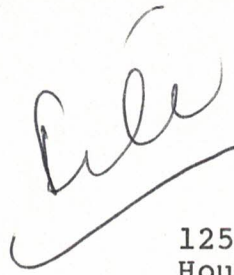
George Hearne, Eureka, IL, has been on staff at Eureka College 25 years. Met President Reagan with Mr. Becker and Gilbert June, 1984 in Oval Office visit. Will be chief administrator of the College after Gilbert leaves this summer while search for new president is completed.

Items for Discussion:

1. CLEMENT STONE - thank the President for his willingness to call Mr. Stone after appointment for visit with him had been secured by member of Board of Trustees. With untimely death of Mr. Stone's daughter, they have rescheduled the visit for week of March 25. When we have a specific date and time we will notify the President so that he may call and thank him for planning to visit with Eureka College representatives.
2. EARLE JORGENSEN - thank the President for Mr. Jorgensen's Christmas gift to the College as a result of the President's request that he do so.

3. 130th ANNIVERSARY - 1984-85 is the 130th Anniversary Year of Eureka College. We propose for the President's consideration his personal involvement to directly assist the College in a Chicago event. We understand that he has been invited to dedicate the new Illinois Building in Chicago on May 6, 1985. If he plans to accept that invitation, could we have the President also participate in an evening fund raising event for the College in Chicago? We have been pleased with the involvement of Mr. William Farley of Farley Industries in the past year, and he has agreed to host and sponsor a 130th Anniversary Dinner for Eureka College with the President as guest of honor. With his support, we would be able to net the entire proceeds from the dinner for the College's urgent financial needs and celebrate the 130th Anniversary with its most distinguished alumnus.
4. EUREKA COLLEGE HONORS FOR MRS. REAGAN - At any time appropriate to Mrs. Reagan's schedule, the College would like to award her an Honorary Doctorate. As the President's partner and as an exceptional First Lady, Eureka would like to honor her. This event could be scheduled at any time during any of the next few academic years, and her attendance would be required on the campus. The College simply needs adequate time to make proper arrangements for such an important experience. We would, of course, be honored to have the President with her, but we propose this to be "her occasion."
5. HOLMES TUTTLE/BILL CLARK - In Dan's last personal visit with Holmes Tuttle in early December 1984, Mr. Tuttle suggested that we still needed to find someone especially close to the President who might be willing to take the lead in contacting prospects for support on behalf of the College. This person would lead a small group of identified friends who would together contact others for the benefit of the College. The Honorable William Clark's name has been suggested as one who might do this. We need the President's evaluation of such an idea in general and Mr. Clark's name in particular. If the idea is valid, is there someone else to ask if Mr. Clark is not the one? And, would the President join Holmes Tuttle in appropriately "asking" such a person to help?
6. TRANSITION AT COLLEGE - Mrs. West will outline very briefly plans for transition in Presidential Search at the College and directions for future. She will invite the President to submit any nominations he may wish to make.
7. PRIVATE MOMENT - President Gilbert requests very brief private time with President Reagan at close of other session to discuss a personal matter.

Thank you for this opportunity to share again about Eureka College. We appreciate more than we can say the continuing priority the President gives to Eureka College.



1250 Trace Drive
Houston, Texas 77077
February 6, 1985

Dear Michael Deaver,

Hello. Let me introduce myself. My name is Lynne Catherine McCreary. I am sixteen years old. I live in Houston, Texas and am a sophomore at St. Agnes Academy. I am in the Young Republicans club at school, and worked as a volunteer at Republican Headquarters last fall. I have been following your career in the news. I know that you know President Reagan very well. I am especially interested in you, because you and I are related! My mother is Nan Gauthier McCreary, the oldest daughter of Marcia Bliss Gauthier. Marcia Bliss Gauthier, my grandmother, has two sisters, whom I think you have met. Their names are Laura Bliss and Florence Bliss Hilborn. Their mother was Carrie Sperling Bliss, the sister of Blanche Sperling Deaver, your grandmother. I think that makes me your cousin three times removed, but I'm not sure!

Anyway, the reason I am writing this letter is because of my English term paper. We are allowed to write on any topic we choose. My topic is "Ronald Reagan: The Path to the Presidency". It is about President Reagan and the events in his life that have shaped him as a president. I need seven sources: four books, two magazines, and one other. Mr. Case (my English teacher) said that an interview would be a good source. Below are some questions for you, and some for President Reagan. I know you are both VERY BUSY, but I would REALLY appreciate it if you could PLEASE answer these questions.

QUESTIONS FOR MICHAEL DEAVER:

- 1) What do you feel are the personal characteristics of President Reagan that have most helped him to get where he is today?
- 2) Can you recall any personal experiences you may have had with President Reagan in which he demonstrated the above characteristics?

QUESTIONS FOR RONALD REAGAN:

- 1) What do you feel are the personal characteristics that have most helped you to get where you are today?
- 2) What events in your life do you believe have most shaped you for presidency?

(see next page)

Thank you very much. If you do not have time to answer my questions, I understand. I would appreciate any information about President Reagan that you could send to me. Thank you.

Your cousin three times removed,

Lynne C. McCreary

Lynne C. McCreary

P.S. The paper is due in early March, so please hurry. Thank you.

Do you want me to
send info- or do you
want to respond.

Send info _____

Respond _____



February 4, 1985

WRM FINANCIAL
CORPORATION

Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mike:

I want to express my personal regret that we were unable to "make connections" during the inaugural celebration. Frankly, I was unaware that you were ill prior to our arrival in Washington and have just recently read where you were released from the hospital. The articles I have seen indicate that you were hospitalized with flu-like symptoms and I hope it is nothing more serious than that.

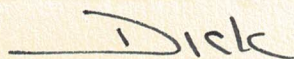
I also want to thank you for providing Darlene and me with tickets to the Gala. I really did not expect to receive any free tickets, but was really asking your guidance on how to secure tickets.

I am sure that you were disappointed in not being able to participate in the festivities, however, I can assure you that we had a marvelous time. Everything seemed well prepared and we were even gathering our courage to attend the Parade.

I do not have many occasions to visit Washington, D.C., however, if you will advise me of your new affiliation in the private sector, I'll ensure that I contact you in advance of any travel to that area. Naturally, you are always welcome whenever you may visit southern California.

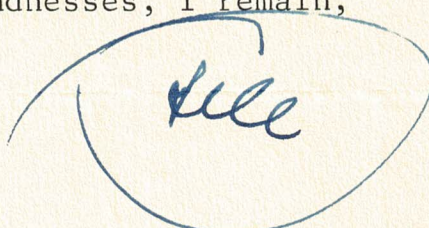
Thanking you again for your many kindnesses, I remain,

YITBOS,



W. Richard Mills

WRM:vm



17452 Irvine Boulevard
Suite A
Tustin, California 92680
(714) 838-9112

May. Gen. Del Shinsky - deceased - Stalag III.
1000. Major Glenn Stener Jeary, USAF - KIA
'72. AF Transfer '75 - Currently in SDI (Stan
Pentagon.

I send this to you as it's my opinion the
pilots were not "hanging around" in the
expensive aircraft as mine been hearing
from several Sedonans. I observed the
wing man for 30-40 minutes flying over the
crash area and my heart ached for him
and the loss of another dedicated young ^{SEAF} ~~SEAF~~

Just heard on morning radio, a group of
Sedona's troubled may file a lawsuit against
the Air Force through lawyer Nolen Kahn. as they
feel the Air Force is trying to cover up the
crash. Kahn is new I guess.

624
1607

Michael, Andrew and I are staunch supporters
of our defense measures 'cause we've both
been there in the defense of this great country and
have no time for "bleeding hearts".

March 24th is the 40th anniversary of my late
first young husband's death in Wiesel, Germany.
I'm ending the chapter ^{with the letter} in the book I'm writing
of my life with Gordon - so brief - and thought
you might like to use it somewhere. I can
read it now, but I am turning my "Scars into
Stars" in my life with Andrew. I'm blessed twice.

Once again, thank you for being my friend,
and listening.

God Bless!

Cordially,

Eloise K. Hahn

The Arizona Republic

Air Force jet slams into peak

Fiery crash kills pilot in Oak Creek Canyon

By ANDY HALL and MABEL FUNK
Arizona Republic Staff

An Air Force pilot who deviated from his flight plan to avoid bad weather was killed Saturday when his anti-tank jet slammed into a mountainside in Oak Creek Canyon.

Jet fuel exploded upon impact, blackening the snow of 7,116-foot Wilson Mountain and touching off smaller explosions from 950 rounds of practice ammunition.

Demolitions experts continued to search late Saturday for unexploded practice rounds, which are less potent than shells that would be used in battle.

The crash, which forced the closure of U.S. 89A between Sedona and Flagstaff for two hours, occurred at 10:10 a.m. as residents began protesting to a Sedona radio station about noise from the passage of two jets engaged in low-altitude navigation training.

The dead pilot, identified as Capt. Stephen P. Bowden, 29, was assigned to the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., said Luisa Bailey, deputy chief of public affairs for Luke Air Force Base.

No one on the ground was injured. More than 500 people were within 300 yards of the crash, according to Coconino County sheriff's Detective Trevan Woolbright. He said many of them were in a mobile-home park and in houses. Others were in a restaurant.

The single-seater A-10 jet crashed about half an hour after taking off with another A-10 from

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Williams Air Force Base southeast of Phoenix.

"They wandered into this canyon and wondered, 'How do we get out of here,' probably," Woolbright said. "I don't think they were doing anything stupid."

Woolbright gave this account, based on interviews with witnesses:

The pilots, after flying between the canyon's red sandstone walls, tried to gain enough altitude to clear the eastern wall but decided to turn back, apparently because they still were too low.

Flying side by side, they banked hard, but Bowden's jet, on the outside of the formation, hit the mountain about 700 feet below its peak, in heavy underbrush on national forest land.

Storm clouds and fog blanketed the area, and light rain was falling at the time of the crash.

The two jets had flown over Sedona so low that many residents complained to the local AM radio station.

Kent Scott, a reporter for AZM, said, "The big question up here, by 20 to 30 phone calls we've had from residents, was: What were they doing flying at heights of 200 to 400 feet through Oak Creek canyon?"

The other pilot, whose identity was withheld, witnessed the crash

and was questioned after returning to Luke Air Force Base. He also is stationed at the South Carolina base.

The jets were practicing low-altitude navigation as part of a nationwide training exercise that started Friday at the South Carolina base, said Lt. Joe Davis, a spokesman for the base. They were scheduled to land at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson at about 10:30 a.m. Saturday and to fly back to Myrtle Beach today.

"The reason they were in that area is they were trying to circumnavigate weather on that published low-level training route," Davis said. He was unsure how far off course the pilots were.

In response to complaints that the jets were flying too low, Davis said they were authorized to fly to 100 feet.

"The flying is done within safety factors," Davis said. "The absolute minimum is 100 feet, but you have to take into consideration weather factors. When we fly low-level, we try to fly around populated areas."

A helicopter with a hastily convened group of officers and munitions experts was sent from Luke to the crash area in southern Coconino County, 200 feet west of the highway.

A State Department of Public Safety helicopter, volunteers from the Sedona Fire Department and Coconino County sheriff's deputies also converged on the scene.

The plane is designed to destroy tanks and protect ground troops.

To destroy tanks, a seven-barreled cannon mounted in the nose fires 30mm shells hardened with depleted plutonium, according to *Jane's All the World's Aircraft*.

The jet is capable of carrying a potent arsenal of missiles and bombs on its underside.

Since the A-10's development a decade ago, it has developed an excellent safety record. More than 700 of the \$6 million jets are used by American forces around the world. It is manufactured by Fairchild Republic Co., which is based in New York.

Bowden's plane, manufactured in 1978, had a clean safety record. The crash occurred near the Twin Oaks Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge, said John Conway, a spokesman for the local fire department.

"When we got there, there were several pockets of fire burning and minor explosion caused by the ammunition," said Conway, who several minutes earlier had heard the planes rumbling overhead.

"For some reason, it was so loud that I just went to the window," he said.

EYEWITNESS REPORT

Statement:

Crash USAF A-10 aircraft
Sedona, Arizona
Approximately 10:00 A.M.
February 9, 1985

Eyewitness: James E. Geary
Ex major, pilot, USAF
Lawyer, Age 62

The two aircraft, AF A-10 type, were noticed flying north from Sedona into Oak Creek Canyon. The two aircraft were flying in a loose formation with the lead ship on the left and the wing man in trail to the right. There was a solid overcast that was obscuring the mountain tops. The overcast was snow clouds that produced a heavy snowfall about three miles further north. The aircraft, upon entering the canyon were under the overcast and were clearly visible. The lead ship, upon noticing that he was boxed in by canyon walls and a descending overcast pulled his ship into a severe climb upward. The trailing ship broke to the right and penetrated the overcast. The lead ship, with his straight-up climb---and before penetrating the cloud cover---made a severe wing-over to the left and attempted to make a 180^o turn and exit by the same path he entered the canyon. The pilot was clearly aware of his boxed-in position and attempted to make a 180^o exit. The pilot would have been successful if there had not been a ledge protruding above the Twin Oaks bar, however, his rate of sink was extremely rapid and he may not have had the control to keep his aircraft from mashing into the ledge. The pilot did not fly into the mountain side. The boxed-in position made his maneuver necessary and he mashed into the ledge.

Friday, March 23, 1945.

France

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My darling wife,

Well, honey, "this is it, again," and it looks like it's gonna really be a rough one. There isn't so many outfits going in, but it's rough where we're going. I know what you'll be thinking when you receive this Cloise, but by that time I'll probably be all over as far as we're concerned, anyway.

You won't get any mail from me for about a week, honey, but I'll write as soon as I get back.

I'm not afraid now, although we're all a little nervous, naturally. I've written to you before on the subject of the possibility of my death, so I won't go into it again. You know how much I love and adore you, Cloise, so always remember that no matter what may happen tomorrow and the succeeding days.

I'm not afraid of death and I don't think I will be when it should come now. I also know that you would be brave and courageous in the event of that happening.

However I'm not counting on getting killed, because
we'll gonna give those Bastardy Krauts a hard time.
I'll tell you for sure. If we'll gonna be expendable,
we'll sure as hell sell for a high price!

I must close now, angel, and write one to Mother.
Then go to bed and try to get a good night's sleep.

Remember, all our moments together are cherished, whether
good or bad - and I'll always love you. Chise, no
matter what comes.

your adoring husband,
Gordon
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