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WASHINGTON

May 3, 1985

MEMO TO BETTY UBBENS

FROM: GAIL LEDWIG

SUBJ: NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

You can cancel Mr. Deaver's newspaper subscription effective today - Friday, May 3, 1985.

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Thank you for your attention to this request.

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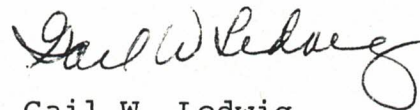
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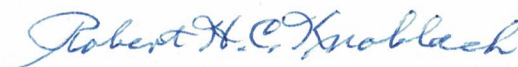
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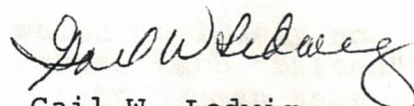
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The mail being what it is, I shall also phone the above in on Monday.

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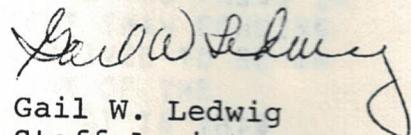
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IF THE VISIT IS TO OCCUR (WHICH CURRENTLY APPEARS UNAVOIDABLE) I SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PURPOSE BE TWOFOLD:

1. A SYMBOL OF RECONCILIATION BY PLACING THE WREATHS; AND
2. AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOSE TO THE WORLD THE AUTROCITY OF THE HOLOCAUST, INCLUDING, THE UNIFICATION OF WEST GERMANY, ISRAEL, NATO AND THE WELCOMING OF ALL NATIONS WHO WILL JOIN, AND A COMBINED PLEDGE THAT SUCH AN EVENT WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO OCCUR AGAIN. NATURALLY, I WOULD FORMALLY WELCOME THE USSR AND ITS SATELLITES TO JOIN IN SUCH A PLEDGE.

THESE THEMES WOULD BE ECHOED IN BOTH REAGAN'S AND KOHL'S PRESENTATIONS AT THE SCENE (WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH BOTH OF THEIR ATTITUDES). UNDER THESE CONDITIONS ELIE WIESEL MAY JOIN IN, IF SO, THIS FESTERING ISSUE WOULD TURN INTO A POSITIVE CLARIFICATION OF POSITIONS AND AN IDENTIFICATION OF GOOD AND EVIL.

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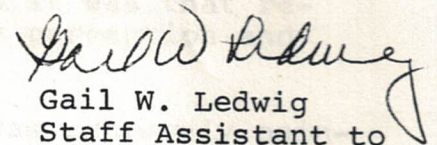
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Thank you once again for your interest and concern which prompted your writing.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Gail W. Ledwig
Staff Assistant to
Michael K. Deaver

Ms. Patricia J. Frye
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April 23, 1985

THE WHITE HOUSE

Gentlefolk,

You were so kind to return my call and I thank you so very much.

I wanted so much to be heard and don't know if there is any time left but I am none the less going to put my feelings in writing and share them with you---for whatever they are worth.

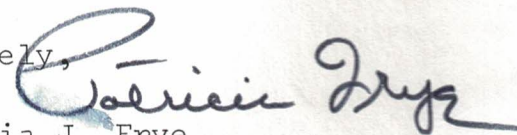
I recognized immediately President Reagan's good intention and the healing, forgiving theme of reconciliation. I am sure many of you already are familiar with all the attempts at reconciliation of Martin Buber and the German nation and people. And, how he and his efforts were vilified by his own people, (not ALL however). They were misinterpreted and misunderstood.

I also heard the plea of Martin Luther King that those who were the haters and persecutors of the blacks were as much a victim as were the blacks themselves. I know it was that revelation of some 30 years ago that changed my perception and politics forever.

Both men were open to dialogue and it was extremely painful for Buber to even return to German soil but he did in order for a dialogue and reconciliation to begin. But he did so at institutions of learning and places dedicated to peaceful dialogue. I don't think either man would have laid a wreath at their graves or honored their dead. I think that would have remained a private affair for both.

I may not agree with your policies and politics entirely but I have this sick feeling in the pit of my stomach that if you go through with this (which I have heard the majority of Germans feel it is an empty gesture in the first place) you will be laying a wreath at your own credibility and future to govern freely and without this tainted gesture haunting you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Dr. Klingenstein:

I wish to acknowledge your recent letter to Mr. Deaver. Before he left for the European Summit he asked me to write and thank you for taking the time to bring your thoughts and observations to his attention. Please be assured your views were given every consideration in planning for President Reagan's trip to Germany and the Summit.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Michael Deaver
 The White House

Dear Mr. Deaver:

I was pleased to learn that Mr. Reagan has decided to visit the site of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp during his upcoming trip to Germany. My brother-in-law, Steven Hess, and his sister Marion Lewin are the only twins to survive that camp. They were interned there with their parents from ages five through seven, and when liberated by the Allies were one of the few families to survive intact. They were German Jews who moved to Holland to try to escape the Nazis after Hitler came to power. They emigrated to America in 1947 and grew up in New York City. Steven is now a prosperous businessman in Rochester, N.Y.; he is a graduate of Columbia University and was an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1964. Marion Lewin lives in Chevy Chase, M.D. and is a former Congressional aide. Their mother is still alive in New York City.

I am writing to you because I think there might be public relations value in having them accompany the President on his visit to that camp. If you are interested, Steven Hess lives at 11 Pine Cone Drive, Pittsford, N.Y. His phone is 716 248-2768.

Sincerely,

R. James Klingenstein M.D.
 R. James Klingenstein, M.D.

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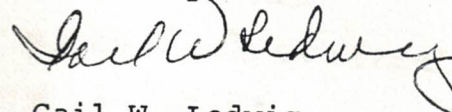
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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Gail W. Ledwig
Staff Assistant to
Michael K. Deaver

Mr. Howard S. Halpern
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April 18, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
The White House

Some 40 years ago I paid a condolence call upon the family of a friend lost in the Battle of the Bulge. He was their only son. Now you plan to honor those who killed him by placing a wreath upon their graves. These were not ordinary soldiers but also murderers of little children, and of 100 American prisoners captured at Malmedy during the Battle of the Bulge.

The only way you can make your planned visit to the German World War II military cemetery acceptable would be to refrain from placing a wreath and stating that you are witnessing the accomplishment of our boys, and those of our allies, achieved with great sacrifice.

There are alternative cemetery visits:

- (1) Visit the grave of Conrad Adenauer who was himself a leader in reconciliation with no Nazi taint.
- (2) Visit a World War I rather than World War II German military cemetery. As a reminder to the German people, it would help if the grave site picked for laying a wreath were that of a Jewish soldier who died for Germany.

Howard S. Halpern (Howard S. Halpern)
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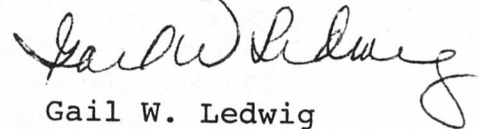
Dear Mr. Musgrave:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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April 23, 1985

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Deputy Assistant to the President and
Assistant to the President
The White House
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Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Bitburg/Bergen-Belsen

Dear Mr. Deaver:

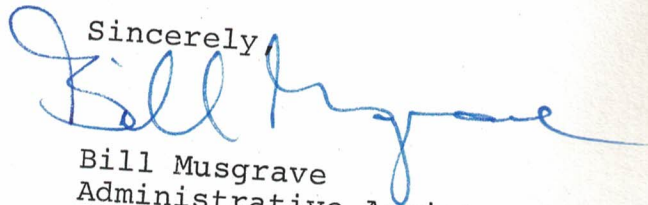
Thank you for your kind response to my inquiry regarding your future plans for a public relations firm. I appreciate your reply.

I know you are embroiled in the controversy surrounding the President's upcoming trip to Germany. If I may, I would like to offer a suggestion that could possibly diffuse some of the negatives and offer a positive symbolic backdrop for the tours of the German cemetery at Bitburg and the Bergen-Belsen camp.

Locate a son or daughter of a Holocaust survivor, and a son or daughter of one of the SS officers buried at Bitburg. If they could accompany President Reagan and Chancellor Kohl to both the cemetery and the camp they could well symbolize a new era and understanding among the German people. They would not be expected to "forgive and forget" but rather they might offer words similar to those of Elie Wiesel's: "I don't believe in collective guilt, nor in collective responsibility. Only the killers were guilty. Their sons and daughters are not."

Clearly, press coverage will be extraordinary when the President and the Chancellor visit the two sites. Perhaps it would be most advisable to get it over with as quickly as possible. If, however, you are considering ways to try to make the best of a bad situation my suggestion may be of some value to you.

Sincerely



Bill Musgrave
Administrative Assistant to
E. THOMAS COLEMAN, M.C.

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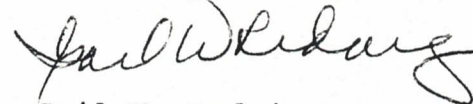
Dear Mr. Krutein:

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Thank you once again for your interest and concern which prompted your writing and your kind words of support for President Reagan.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Staff Assistant to
Michael K. Deaver

Mr. Manfred G. Krutein
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MANFRED G. KRUTEIN
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Irvine, April 28, 1985.

Mr. Michael Deaver,
Member of Staff,
White House,
Washington - DC.

Dear Mr. Deaver,

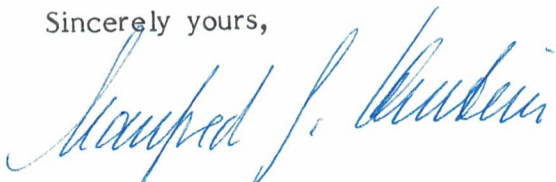
In support of the President's effort to reconcile with our NATO partner West Germany and give the soldiers in the Bundeswehr the feeling that they are finally accepted in the Free World, I sent several letters to senators and congressmen, a typical copy of which is enclosed.

I wanted to remind them that after 1951 the Allied Military Government had released a number of top SS-Generals and officers who had been accused of crimes against humanity and sentenced to death or long-term prison when the governments of Britain, France and the U.S. wanted to rearm West Germany.

The inexcusable and irresponsible reaction of senators and congressmen can be explained only by their ignorance of those actions of the years after 1951, actions which could not have been done without the approval of the allied governments.

I admire President Reagan for not giving in to complaints from small ethnic groups.

Sincerely yours,



MANFRED KRUTEIN
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- C O P Y -

Irvine, April 26, 1985.

Senator Arlen K. Specter,
Senate Building,
WASHINGTON, DC.

Dear Senator,

I support our President's effort to strengthen the alliance of NATO by not changing the travel itinerary for the Presidents Europe trip.

The Germans have the old tradition to celebrate battles and ends of wars only for 40 years. After such a long period most of the veterans have died and a new generation has no interest to keep the memory of events of the former generation.

The D-Day ceremonies of last year were used to celebrate victories of the Allied Forces instead of setting an end to the terrible WWII memories of all nations. The West Germans were snubbed and were willfully excluded from these ceremonies. Instead, they were told that there would be a reconciliation act at the end of WWII ceremony to demonstrate the acceptance of the new German military forces within the NATO alliance.

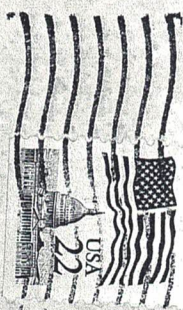
Then came Mr. Elie Wiesel and told the President that there were 47 soldiers of the Waffen-SS buried on the Bitburg cemetery and he should not go to this place, thus causing a political turmoil for the American nation.

What is so wrong with the existence of some 47 graves of young German boys who were forcefully drafted by the Waffen-SS to participate in WWII war actions? Could they have protested and rejected their draft call? Would the NAZI recruiting office in 1944 have accepted their protest and send them home? Aren't they also victims of the NAZI dictatorship ?

However, another problem should be considered by Mr. Wiesel and the American politicians trying to pressure the President to reject the visit of the Bitburg

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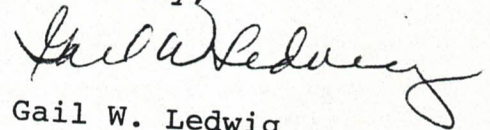
Dear Mr. Garber:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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Staff Assistant to
Michael K. Deaver

Mr. Corey Douglas Garber
Attorney and Counselor at Law
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Corey Douglas Garber
Attorney and Counselor at Law

April 27, 1985

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

RE: Bitburg

Dear Mr. Deaver:

This letter follows up my telephone call to your office this morning.

I had telephoned to suggest that covering the headstones of the SS soldiers buried in the Bitburg cemetery might be a solution to the President's quandary. I want to amplify the reasons for my suggestion.

FIRST, in the event the West German government should refuse to comply with the request that the gravestones be covered, the President would be justified in cancelling his visit to the cemetery.

SECOND, if the West German government agreed to cover the SS headstones, the visual effect would constitute a dramatic statement which would help reverse the initial negative response to the President's visit to the cemetery.

Finally, it is my view that the President could use his request to cover the SS headstones to emphasize his feelings and the feelings we all share for those against whom atrocities were committed during the war.

For example:

"I have asked that the headstones of SS soldiers buried in this cemetery be covered so that my eyes would not fall upon the gravesites of those who, rightly or wrongly, symbolize atrocities and human suffering all men abhor. I have come to this place as a gesture of reconciliation between the American people and the German people, but neither the German people nor the American people will ever be reconciled to or accept the atrocities which remain so vivid for so many people."

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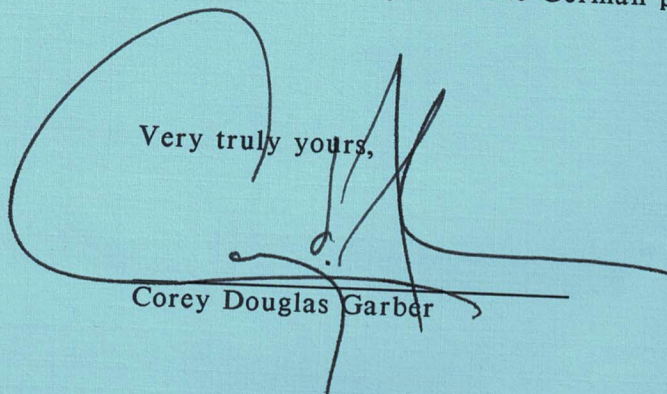
Mr. Michael K. Deaver

April 27, 1985

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Therefore, with the approach I have suggested, I believe the President can turn his visit to the Bitburg cemetery into a symbolic gesture, not just to the German people but also to the Jewish people.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Corey Douglas Garber', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop on the left and a long horizontal stroke on the right.

Corey Douglas Garber

cc: Mr. Donald Regan