January 8, 1976

Chaplain Leroy T. Ness, Project Officer
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York 10305

Dear Chaplain Ness,

Thank you very much for your warm and thoughtful letter of December 30th. I was also delighted to have an opportunity to speak with you over the telephone on Monday.

As I indicated, I shall be pleased to accept your kind invitation to address the United States Army Chaplain Center and School Workshop on Ethics on April 5th and 6th, in accordance with the terms you suggest.

As requested, I am enclosing copies of my testimony before a United States Senate Committee Hearing on World Hunger. Also enclosed is a copy of the paper that I prepared for the Vatican Office on the observance of Holy Year. Both of these documents deal with moral and ethical assumptions from the perspective of Judaism underlying commitments to contemporary human concerns in the area of world poverty and social justice.

I will also send you a copy of my testimony before a United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee dealing with moral values and goals in relation to the making of Foreign policy.

As we come closer to the date, we can talk about how to make available the background readings that you suggested.

With warmest personal good wishes for a happy and, above all, a peaceful New Year.

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

Enclosures
Rabbi Mark Tannenbaum  
American Jewish Committee  
165 E 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Sir:

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LERoy T. NEss  
CH (LTC), USA  
Project Officer
Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum  
The National Director of the Inter Religious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

Inclosed is a copy of my remarks which I delivered as we shared in the opening of the Ethics Seminar this past week.

It was an historical event for us in the Army and for the Army Chaplaincy - the first of its kind ever to be held in the Armed Forces. We were extremely honored to have you as one of our resource leaders. Your contributions have made a lasting impact and impression on all of us. In behalf of our Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Kelly and all the chaplains as well as other officers attending the seminar, I wish to thank you for sharing with us your time and talents. You certainly aroused our consciences in areas where perhaps we have been negligent and wanting.

It was a pleasure meeting you as well as listening to your talks. I hope our paths cross again real soon.

Gratefully,

Thaddeus F. Malanowski  
Chaplain (Brigadier General), USA  
Deputy Chief of Chaplains

1 Incl Remarks
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

12 April 1976

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

Enclosed are three pieces which I think fit the category you asked about during the conference last week. The two smaller ones -- a speech and an article -- lay out the basic position for the need of an Army and the role of military power. The larger document is the posture statement delivered by the Chief of Staff of the Army as he presented to Congress the rationale to support the Army's Fiscal Year 1977 budget.

I hope these will be of some use to you. Please let me know if there are any specific questions about any of the points raised which you would like to have answered.

The ethics conference was most enjoyable, and I particularly found your presentations both inspiring and informative. It is too bad all of us in the Army couldn't have the opportunity of attending such presentations more often.

Wishing you the best of luck in your work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dave R. Palmer
Colonel, GS
Chief, Congressional Activities Team, ODDAS(CAR)

Encl

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
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Working paper/Schedule with areas of concern expressed by Workshop Committee

Sunday

4 April

1200-1800  Registration and Room Assignments
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1500-1800  Sunday Buffet served at Fort Hamilton Officers Club

Monday

5 April

0745 - Chapel Services for Wadsworth (optional)

0830 - Welcome to USACHCS by the COMMANDANT

0830 - Welcome to the Ethics Workshop by the CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

0900 - Introduction of Program objectives, speakers and panel participants. General objective (to develop and extend my ethical base gaining a more universal prospective from which I can make particular ethical decisions)

0915 - 1015 Presentation by 2 speakers

1015 - 1030 Break

1030 - 1130 Presentation by 2 speakers

Presentation of the Jewish, Christian, humanistic, and atheistic base of ethics.

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What are the internal factors (those which are assumed as given) that contribute to the base? What are the external factors that interact and tend to overcome or subsume the base as decisions are made?

1130 - 1200 Questions of Understanding of the speakers.

1200 - 1315 Lunch

1315 - 1430 Group consideration of the Ethical Base.
      Resource persons will participate with the groups.

1430 - 1445 Coffee Break

1445 - 1545 Panel members question and respond to and with the morning speakers.

1545 - 1630 Questions and response from the floor to total panel

1700 - Buses back to Billets and club for dinner.

1900 - Buses depart from Hamilton to Wadsworth Theater

1930 - Film

2200 - Close of film buses return participants to Hamilton
Tuesday
6 April

0745 - Chapel Services Fort Wadsworth (optional)

0830 - Recapitulation and Program Objectives for the day.
0845 - 1030 Group consideration of questions growing out of and resting behind Monday presentations.

1030 - 1045 Break

1045 - 1115 Group reports and response of resource persons

1130 - 1300 Lunch

1300 - 1430 Group consideration of previous questions or case studies.

1430 - Coffee Break

1445 - 1515 Group reports and response of resource persons
1515 - 1630 Closing presentations of resource persons, (panel format.)
Wednesday
7 April

0745 - Chapel (optional)

0830 - Recapitulation and Program Goals
0845 - Introduction of Guest Speakers
0900 - Gen DeWitt Smith

Considerations for this presentation

1. How do I maintain moral (ethical) responsibility in times of War and Peace?
2. At what point do I not do what I have 99% of the time been trained and indoctrinated to do?
3. What are the ethical implications of decisions that require the implementation of others?
4. How can I make ethical decisions other than on the basis of self-centeredness? (Is it easier to make ethical distinctions that benefit me?)
5. How can I make hard decisions without being hard?
6. How can I draw identity from the community and at the same time contribute identity to the community?
7. Can forgiveness be practiced as a means of reconciliation in the military system?

1000 - Questions of Understanding of the speaker.

1015 - Coffee Break

1030 - Chaplain Joe Beasley

Considerations: Those listed for the previous consideration apply.

1. How can I make hard decisions without being hard?
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1130 - Questions of Understanding of the speaker.

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1445 - 1515 Group reports

1515 - 1530 Coffee Break

1530 - 1645 Groups consider case studies

1915 - Bus transport to Wadsworth Theater

1930 - Film

2200 - or about Bus transport back to Hamilton
Thursday

8 April

0745 - Chapel (optional)

0830 - Recapitulation & Program goals and procedure for the day. Introduction of Panel

0850 - Panel

Gen____________________ Panel #2____________________

Chap____________________ Panel #3____________________

Chap____________________ Panel #4____________________

Participant #1_____________ Dean:____________________

Groups make their reports on case studies and the panel responds and interacts on the basis of their ethical position. Following response to group reports the panel members question, attack or affirms the position of the resource persons.

1015 - Coffee Break

1030 - 1222 Group consideration of case studies or questions of the morning

1200 - 1315 Lunch

1315 - Group reports and Response

1400 - Closing Presentation by Resource Persons

1500 - Adjourn for the day Bus transportation back to Hamilton
Friday

9 April

0745 - Chapel (optional)

0830 - Recapitulation and Program goals and procedure for the day.
0845 - 1015 Group consideration on the following questions:
   How can I implement a more universal ethical prospective into my daily decision making?
   How can a commander utilize and be aided by his staff in the area of ethics?
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Sincerely,

LEROY T. NESS
CH (LTC), USA
Project Officer

Sir: My present plans will have me on leave 5-10 January. I will call you during the following week.
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9 April

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PROPOSED SCENARIO
VISIT OF RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

20 - 21 September 1975

Saturday, 20 September

Early Afternoon  Arrival MCDEC Quantico, Virginia
1500           Tour of Base
1830           Dinner with Chaplains and Wives

Sunday, 21 September

0800           Breakfast with Escorting Chaplain
0945           Speak at Informal Worship Service
1100           Speak at Formal Worship Service
1230           Lunch with Commanding General or His Representative

Mid-Afternoon  Depart MCDEC.
conceptual development within the Corps. Through this command pass the officer candidates and officers at each significant level of their development. Also located aboard this command are the FBI and National Police Academies. I have taken the liberty of enclosing a proposed scenario of your visit and will forward by separate mailing a brochure describing the command in order to familiarize you with the background of the people to whom you would be speaking.

We would welcome the opportunity to hear a theologian of your distinction and sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

A. Wayne Riggs
Staff Chaplain

Enclosure
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 56th Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

It is my privilege to extend to you an invitation to participate in the "Distinguished Spokesmen of the Faith" program sponsored by the Protestant congregation of the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia. This program is designed to provide our people an opportunity to interact with the leading theologians and preachers of our nation. Our hope is that through such exposure their Christian experience might be broadened and given depth. Having heard your presentation on the Chief of Navy Chaplains Continuing Education tape, it is my belief that you have a great deal to contribute to our understanding of the tradition which underlays and reacts with our own religious experience.

It is our hope that you would be available to deliver the sermon during the 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. worship services on 21 September 1975. (As alternate dates we would suggest 14 or 28 September or 5 October.) We would leave the choice of sermon topic to your discretion. The Protestant Chapel Fund would, of course, assume responsibility for transportation, meals and lodging at Quantico, and an honorarium of $100.00. We would appreciate your permission to tape your address for use within our chapel community.

The Marine Corps Development and Education Command is the primary site of Marine Officer Training and the center of strategic and tactical
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1100 - 1130 Dr George Webber

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Dr William Jones  Dr George Webber

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How can Command enable me to dare to risk failure?

How can Command expect perfection when we are not perfect?

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1015 - Questions of the speaker
1100 - Group consideration of questions resting behind or growing out of the morning presentation.
1215 - Lunch
1330 - Group Reports and Response by participants and resource persons
1400 - Closing remarks by Gen Smith
1430 - Coffee Break
1500 - 1630 Groups consider case studies
1630 - 1700 Group reports
Thursday
8 April

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0830 - Recapitulation of program goals for the day
0845 - Introduction of guest speakers.
0900 - Chaplain Kermit Johnson
1000 - Questions of speaker
1015 - Coffee Break
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Considerations for these two presentations:
(all previous considerations apply as well as the following)

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1515 - Panel

Dean McGloin  Participant #1
Chaplain Johnson  Participant #2
Chaplain Beasley  Participant #3
Participant #4

The participants and dean probe, affirm or attack the position of the speakers. As the panel sparks the issues addressed in these presentations, and those of the entire workshop, the panel is opened to all the participants.

1630 - Summary remarks by the two resource persons
Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York NY 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum

The Command Chaplain, Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colorado, is planning a Bicentennial Reserve Chaplain Training Conference and Workshop to be held 21-25 June 1976 at the Denver Stapleton Plaza Hotel. Approximately 225 rabbis, ministers, and priests who comprise the elite of the Reserve Chaplaincy will be in attendance.

The purpose of this conference is fourfold:

a. To provide orientation and training for newly appointed chaplains and chaplain candidates.

b. To provide an update on Air Force Reserve policies and procedures with special emphasis on Total Force Policy.

c. To provide opportunities for Reserve chaplains to improve their professional skills as they seek to train with and serve the active force.

d. To identify the Reserve chaplain's role in our nation's Bicentennial and provide information which will help him to interpret our religious heritage and serve more effectively as a bridge of understanding between the military and civilian communities.

In order to give special emphasis to the Bicentennial, we are inviting three eminent church historians representing the Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic faith groups to consider significant contributions to American culture by these respective faith groups during the past 200 years.

We are asking each of them to present a fifty minute lecture in their field of study. In addition, we request the three of them interact in a panel discussion of approximately one hour. Part of this interaction will consider questions raised by the chaplains.
This special event will take place on Thursday, 24 June. Each speaker will be provided round trip air transportation, lodging as required, and an honorarium of $500.

We are deeply honored and grateful that it is possible for you to represent the Jewish community at this historic event. Rarely will our chaplains have the opportunity to hear three such eminent persons as yourself address an issue which is so interrelated to our responsibilities as American citizens.

As soon as the names of your Protestant and Catholic counterparts are firm, we will forward them to you should you wish to correspond with them concerning this event. We will also provide you a copy of the conference agenda in the very near future.

Be assured the possibility of your coming has already created excitement within the Reserve community. Please send a glossy photo and vita at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, Rabbi Tannenbaum, and may every blessing attend you in the exciting days ahead.

Sincerely

HANS E. SANDROCK, Ch, Col, USAF
Command Chaplain
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
The American Jewish Committee  
165 East 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

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I look forward to meeting you on Monday 5 April.

Sincerely,

John J. Murphy  
Chaplain (COL) USA  
Commandant
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
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Sincerely,

JOHN J. MURPHY  
Chaplain (COL) USA  
Commandant

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May 28, 1976  (Dictated)

Chaplain (Col.) Hans E. Sandrock, USAF
Command Chaplain
Department of the Air Force
Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center
3800 York Street
Denver, Colorado  80205

Dear Chaplain Sandrock,

I appreciate very much your recent warm and thoughtful letter.

This is to confirm my acceptance of your kind invitation to address the Bicentennial Reserve Chaplain Training Conference and Workshop on June 24th at the Denver Stapleton Plaza Hotel.

I would be glad to know who the Protestant and Catholic speakers will be.

I look forward with much pleasure to coming to know you in person at that time.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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NYBR #9
June 8, 1976

Chaplain (Col.) John J. Murphy, USA
Commandant
Department of the Army
Headquarters US Army Chaplain Center and School
Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York 10305

Dear Chaplain Murphy,

I want to thank you for the gracious hospitality that you and your colleagues extended to me during my recent participation in the Chief of Chaplains Ethics Workshop at Staten Island.

It was a genuinely meaningful and stimulating experience for me and I want to thank you for making it such a comfortable setting.

I do hope that this search for ethical and moral standards will continue and I want to pledge you my personal cooperation in any future activity that you may be considering.

It was a genuine privilege and pleasure to come to meet you in person. I hope our paths will cross again in the very near future.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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May 28, 1976  (Dictated)

Chaplain (Brigadier General) Thaddeus F. Malanowski, USA
Deputy Chief of Chaplains
Department of the Army
Office of the Chief of Chaplains
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Chaplain Malanowski,

I appreciate very much your thoughtful letter of recent date.

You were more than gracious in your comments about my participation in the Ethics Project Workshop. I, too, found it a stimulating and rewarding experience and I would be happy to consider taking part in any future effort of this kind that you might be planning.

Should you be in New York in the fall, I hope you would do me the favor of visiting with me. It would give me much pleasure to come to know you better in person,

With warmest personal good wishes and my prayers for God's blessings over you, I am,

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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Dear Sir:

It is my understanding that you have now received orders from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains to attend our Ethics Workshop. Even though the orders you received are for Fort Wadsworth, please plan your Sunday arrival to Fort Hamilton as registration and room assignments will be made from the Adams Guest House there. All our BOQ facilities are located at Fort Hamilton.

The information sheet you received in the last mailing indicated that autovon lines would be available to you for calls back to your home station. However, because we have had to change the location of the Workshop to contracted facilities at Mount Manresa, a retreat house located about one-half mile from Fort Wadsworth, autovon lines will not be available. Emergency calls will be received as stated in the information sheet.

To get to Mount Manresa by car you exit highway 278 (the roadway of the Verrazano Bridge) just as if you were coming to Fort Wadsworth. Take School Road to Bay Street. Turn left at the stop light onto Bay Street and proceed to Fingerboard Road (3 blocks less than .2 of a mile). Turn left and proceed to Mount Manresa (.3 of a mile 1/2 block beyond Tompkins Ave). If you cross over 278 you have gone too far.

The facilities at Mount Manresa are very satisfactory and provide us with a better mess than if we had met at Fort Wadsworth. Bus transportation will be provided between the Fort Hamilton BOQ and Mount Manresa.

If you have unanswered questions about this Workshop, please contact me at autovon 938-1630 extension 435 or 617 or (212) 447-5100 extension 435 or 617.

Sincerely,

LEROY T. NESS
Chaplain (LTC), USA
Ethics Workshop Project Officer
Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I am pleased that you will be attending the Chief of Chaplains Ethics Workshop. In the spirit of the Founding Fathers who pledged their lives, their property, and their sacred honor to the quest of self evident truth I welcome you to the United States Army Chaplain Center and School for this Bicentennial Event. At this workshop we will be considering together a dynamic ethical base out of which we make decisions.

We are fortunate to have secured the services of capable resource persons. All these persons have established abilities in the field of ethics. If this workshop is to have the results I hope for, all participants must recognize that we too have established ethical principles out of which we act. It is important that we test these principles and allow growth in our ethical base.

Enclosed is a packet of case studies, a program schedule and an information sheet.

With warm personal regards and trusting that the time we spend together will be mutually profitable, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JOHN J. MURPHY
Chaplain (COL), USA
Commandant
Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

From our conversations on the telephone I understand that you will be staying at your home, and will not require any housing for either Sunday or Monday. As a result we will meet you Monday morning 0800 hours 5 April at Fort Wadsworth.

Fort Wadsworth is located in Staten Island and it is easy to find when you recognize that the Verrazano Narrows Bridge sets on it. You enter Fort Wadsworth from Bay Street and presently we plan on the workshop being conducted in building 210. This is an old three story red brick building located on New York Ave which is an extension of Bay Street and is one and one-half blocks straight ahead from the Bay Street gate.

The enclosure expands some of the committee expectations for the workshop and I emphasize that it is not meant to be limiting to your expectations.

Again thank you for your commitment to us.

Sincerely,

LEROY T. NESS  
Chaplain (LTC), USA  
Curricula Officer
I have been asked by several of the resource persons if we could provide more guidance as to our expectations of each one of you. This is difficult for me to attempt as all of you are much more qualified in the area of ethics than I or any other member in the workshop committee.

We do have a strong desire that the workshop will not be prescriptive as to the ethical issues considered or that the participants would leave here thinking that we have only considered the ethical implications in present political and social issues. To us it is important that the participants can recognize that the base out of which a person makes decisions must be influenced, and held in tension by the ethical domain.

We see the first two days as being able to emphasize what is ethics and to establish the ethical base as that which will stand in tension with and against many of our other values and drives. I would hope that the presence and teaching of all of you men will serve to broaden or extend the ethical base of every participant so that we who tend to be a conservative community can not hide behind law or legality or we may be contributing to the arrogance of power. By the same token do not assume that a military group is monolithic in its social, political or spiritual values. As such we are not a group to preach to, but to grow with.

The manner in which you can influence the extension of the ethical base of each participant in your presentations, panels and group work should equip the participant to be better enabled in his decision making processes to have less fear of change or its consequence.

Tuesday you will all be participating with groups of between ten and thirteen persons and be giving consideration to specific issues or to case studies. These issues may come from you as well as from any other participant.

One of the end results we hope for from this workshop is that every participant will be enabled to hold all personal and corporate agendas in tension with ethical considerations in the decision making process, and that ethics might have a strong influence in the process of decision making.
January 8, 1976

Chaplain Leroy T. Ness, Project Officer
Department of the Army
Headquarters, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School
Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York 10305

Dear Chaplain Ness,

Thank you very much for your warm and thoughtful letter of December 30th. I was also delighted to have an opportunity to speak with you over the telephone on Monday.

As I indicated, I shall be pleased to accept your kind invitation to address the United States Army Chaplain Center and School Workshop on Ethics on April 5th and 6th, in accordance with the terms you suggest.

As requested, I am enclosing copies of my testimony before a United States Senate Committee Hearing on World Hunger. Also enclosed is a copy of the paper that I prepared for the Vatican Office on the observance of Holy Year. Both of these documents deal with moral and ethical assumptions from the perspective of Judaism underlying commitments to contemporary human concerns in the area of world poverty and social justice.

I will also send you a copy of my testimony before a United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee dealing with moral values and goals in relation to the making of Foreign policy.

As we come closer to the date, we can talk about how to make available the background readings that you suggested.

With warmest personal good wishes for a happy and, above all, a peaceful New Year.

Cordially yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
National Director
Interreligious Affairs

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Enclosures
Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum:

Inclosed is a copy of my remarks which I delivered as we shared in the opening of the Ethics Seminar this past week.

It was an historical event for us in the Army and for the Army Chaplaincy - the first of its kind ever to be held in the Armed Forces. We were extremely honored to have you as one of our resource leaders. Your contributions have made a lasting impact and impression on all of us. In behalf of our Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Kelly and all the chaplains as well as other officers attending the seminar, I wish to thank you for sharing with us your time and talents. You certainly aroused our consciences in areas where perhaps we have been negligent and wanting.

It was a pleasure meeting you as well as listening to your talks. I hope our paths cross again real soon.

Gratefully,

THADDEUS F. MALANOWSKI
Chaplain (Brigadier General), USA
Deputy Chief of Chaplains
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CHAPLAIN (BG) THADDEUS F. MALANOWSKI
DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, USA

5 APRIL 1976
Chaplain Kelly and I welcome you to this seminar. We appreciate the presence of our future Army commanders. We are delighted that General Smith, Dr. Novak, Dr. Weber, Dr. Jones, Dr. McGloin and Rabbi Tannenbaum have joined us from the civilian community. We hope that this is the beginning of many annual seminars in which we can deal with significant ethical issues that affect not only our military community but also our civilian community.

What do we mean by ethics? The Greek word 'ethos' translates character. Cicero used the Latin 'moralis' or 'morals' to mean the Greek character or customs. Within our seminar, I hope the concept of choice, obligation, moral law, and
value can be dealt with as essential to human life. Our resource leaders will provide insights from the spectrum of ethical theories. For years, perhaps even for centuries, religious people have been trying to defend the principle that morality is impossible without faith. Jean Paul Satre once insisted that an ethical system is impossible precisely because there is no God. On the other hand moral philosophers have advanced recently the thesis that ethics do not depend on nor flow from religion. It is possible, to deny God and still think and act ethically. Professor Gustafson a leading ethicist in his recent book "Can Ethics be Christian?" states that at
most Christian faith qualifies one's ethical judgment. Every ethical judgment is qualified by the ethnic and national histories of people. Yes, I personally like to emphasize my ethical judgments are based in my persuasion. A recent interesting Gallup Poll showed that Americans are religious on the surface, but spiritually illiterate. Roughly, three out of six do not consciously connect religion with their judgment of right and wrong in our pluralistic society. Thus God in his highest dimension is denied. The Second Vatican Council in "Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World" identified this problem 10 years ago. Ethics need an an integration of cognate areas of knowledge to help
individuals and society to be more ethical in their behavior.

The chairman of Koppers Company sees little point in writing a code of ethics for his company but he says "if you don't do something in this atmosphere, people may conclude you have something to hide." This is a typical response to the wave of unethical behavior that has plagued our modern day society. The Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission suggests that all of American business adopt a common code partly to forestall more aggressive governmental action.

There are even recommendations that an international code of business conduct be administered through the United Nations.

The question of the ethical dimension of
illegal political contributions and overseas payments to increase sales in the aftermath of Watergate are issues of vital interest to the American public. Again, the heated debate in the courts of the Quinlan case focuses on the ethical dimension of the right to life. Perhaps an internalization of ethical values motivating the public and private life of the individual American is more needed than a code because a code may be just an excuse for survival.

This is a revolutionary age we live in. Toffler points out to us that the rate of change has been increasing so that, for example, if I consider the greatest speed at which I could travel when a child - about 75 miles an hour - and compare it to the speed at which I now
travel, that change is greater than the change in speed of travel in all history that preceded me. Now - this fact - that the time between changes decreases and the magnitude of change increases has an important consequence. It denies a basic aphorism of our culture: Experience is not a best teacher. It is not even a good teacher. It is too slow, unprecise and too ambiguous. Experimentation is an accepted way of learning. I pose the question, in this age of systems planning, how can we make man and society more aware of his ethical decision making process? How can he/she learn and adapt to their ever changing environment and live an ethical life? The synthesis
coming out of this systems age does have an impact on our life styles. We look at "entities," "larger entities," of which things are a part rather than by taking things apart. We are amazed when we consider that the telephone transmits symbols - a communicating machine. Electricity emerged as a new source of power with instruments to tell its properties. Then in 1944 the ENIAC was born which was the first digital computer. Three technologies were put together and we had the components for what we call mental work. Here we have the mechanization of mental work. The ethical dimension - the impact of these discoveries as they are used by man, government and society are challenging.
Therefore, how can we explain free will or purposeful behavior in our present pluralistic society? This week is an exciting challenge as we look at the different type of ethics and how we make our own ethical judgment. I believe our lives will be the richer from this experience. Again - welcome to all of you.