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May 14, 1980

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

Many thanks indeed for taking the time to join us in honoring the United States Air Force at Washington Cathedral last week. Your sermon and participation helped make it the memorable occasion it was.

Enclosed is a cassette tape copy of your sermon. You are free to keep it.

Peace,

The Reverend Lloyd S. Casson Canon Missioner

Washington Cathedral

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April 25, 1980

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

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

The service for the United States Air Force to be held at teh cathedral on May 4, has been planned. Enclosed for your information and guidance is a draft outline of the service. As you will see, the scriptural passages are the same ones I sent you earlier.

In addition, I offer the following suggestions:

- 1) Experience has taught us that 15 minutes is the maximum effective length of time for the sermon, in order to guarantee communication and the undivided attention of the congregation.
- 2) When preaching in the cathedral it is necessary to use a strong voice (although not too loud), and to speak with deliberateness, that is slightly slower than conversation, (although not stilted).

I would appreciate a copy of your sermon text or quotations from it in advance if possible, for press release purposes.

Finally, I hope that you can remain after the service for a brief reception for the participants. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, May 4. Participants will gather in the cathedral slype (vesting room) for briefing and vesting at 3:30 pm.

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The Reverend Lloyd S. Casson Canon Missioner

Washington Cathedral

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Presentation of the Colors and The National Anthem

Entrance Hymn

Opening Sentences

Psalm 8 (read responsively)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 26:1-8

Anthem

The Second Lesson Mark 12:13-17

AMERICAN JEWISH

Anthem

The Prayers

Greeting

Hymn

Sermon

Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offertory

Memorial Prayer

Hymn (Sung by Cadet choir)

Closing Prayer and Denedication

Recessional Hymn

Organ Postlude



April 14, 1980

Rabbi Marc H. Tannenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th Street New York. New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tannenbaum.

On behalf of the Provost, Canon Charles A. Perry, it gives me pleasure to confirm the invitation to preach at the cathedral in the service for the United States Air Force, on Sunday, May 4th, 1980, at 4 p.m. The scriptures to be read are:

> Isaiah 26:1-9 Psalm 8 (read responsively) Mark 12:13-17

You may wish to plan your sermon around one of these passages. Should you desire the reading of a different passage of scripture around which you will develop a sermon, I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so that the reader may be notified.

Seats will be reserved for your relatives attending the service. Please let me know how many persons will be accompanying you.

The Cadet Choir of the Air Force Academy will sing the music for the service and will perform a Prelude Concert at 3:30 p.m. on that afternoon. You may wish to arrive in time for your guests to hear them. In any event, I would appreciate your coming to the Slype (the vesting room on the nave floor next to the north transept entrance), by 3:30 p.m. for vesting and briefing. You may, of course, wear vestments or not, as you so desire.

We look forward to having you with us. Please call me collect if you have any questions at (202) 537-6273.

Peace.

The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson

Canon Missioner

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May 12, 1980

General Lew Allen United States Air Force The Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear General Allen,

I was delighted to have the privilege of meeting you during the recent observance at the Washington National Cathedral honoring the Air Force.

I enjoyed our conversation together, and trust that we shall have other opportunities in the near future to be together.

In light of the interesting conversation that we had about the defense of American democratic values, I thought that you might find of interest the enclosed paperback I wrote some time ago on "Religious Values in an Age of Violence." The section on American democratic values might be of especial interest.

I do hope our paths will cross again in the near future. Should you be in New York during the coming months, it would give me much pleasure to have you as our guest at luncheon and show you around our Institute of Human Relations building.

With warmest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum National Director Interreligious Affairs

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