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MARINE CORPS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMAND  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA 22134

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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29 September 1975

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

I fully understand your inability to travel until after the conclusion of the Sabbath Day. Chaplain Boyette will meet you at Washington National Airport.

The two services are before two different audiences. The first is a relatively informal setting and is designed to appeal to those of our command who come from a less liturgical background. The second service is more liturgical in nature. Chaplain Boyette will introduce you to both congregations.

As I mentioned in my first letter, the primary focus of the Marine Corps Development and Education Command is officer education. The regular officer candidate program, a twelve-week course, prepares college graduates for commissioning as Second Lieutenants of Marines. At the time of your visit, there will be two male and one female companies undergoing pre-commissioning training. Upon completion of training, the new Marine officers are assigned to The Basic School, a twenty-six week course, for training in the duties of an officer of Marines.

Basic School graduates are either assigned to specialty schools, one of which is located here, or directly to the Fleet Marine Force. Selected officers in the grade of Captain return for a nine-month course at the Amphibious Warfare School. Additionally, selected officers in the grade of Major and Lieutenant Colonel are assigned to the nine-month Command and Staff Course.

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Besides the educational programs, the command is involved in development and evaluation of Marine Corps equipment, doctrine, and tactics. The Marine Corps Air Station provides support for the mission of the command, and helicopter support for the President and other high-ranking officials. Also located at Quantico, though not a part of the command, is the FBI Academy and the National Police Academy.

The congregations to which you will be speaking are composed of students, instructors, support personnel and their dependents from all of these segments of command. In my experience, the level of ability and expectation of the personnel who make up these congregations is much higher than one would expect at a normal military installation.

I regret the delay in the Commanding General's invitation. We have recently had a change of Command at Quantico and General Fegan, the new Commanding General, has indicated that he desired to personally invite you. His letter should be forthcoming shortly.

I was particularly pleased by your selection of a topic. I believe it is most apropos to this audience.

Cordially,

*A. Wayne Riggs*  
A. Wayne Riggs  
Staff Chaplain



September 28, 1975

Chaplain A. Wayne Riggs  
United States Marine Corps  
Marine Corps Development and Education Command  
Quantico, Virginia 22134

Dear Chaplain Riggs,

Thank you for your recent letter and the enclosed schedule for my appearance at the U.S. Marine Corps base on October fifth.

My delay in responding to your good letter grew out of the fact that I was away on vacation and returned to my office only this past week.

Owing to the observance of the Jewish Sabbath I will not be coming to Washington International Airport before Saturday evening. As soon as I am clear about my calendar, I will call or write you about the exact hour.

I have no comments to make about the schedule of my two sermons. I assume that these are two separate audiences before whom you will want me to present fairly much the same messages.

Incidentally, you mentioned that I would be receiving a letter from the commanding general. Simply as a matter of information, that has not been forthcoming as yet. Also, you indicated that you would give me some greater detail about the nature of the audiences that will be present in addition to the Marine Corps personnel. I would also welcome having that data.

I look forward with pleasure to meeting you in person,

Cordially,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

MHT:RPR



September 10, 1975

Chaplain A. Wayne Riggs  
United States Marine Corps  
Marine Corps Development and Education Command  
Quantico Virginia 22134

Dear Chaplain Riggs,

In response to requests in your letter of August 11th, enclosed is a glossy photograph and a biography of Rabbi Tanenbaum.

The title of Rabbi Tanenbaum's sermon will be: "Values To Live By In An Age Of Violence."

Our office will be in contact with yours advising your staff of Rabbi Tanenbaum's arrival time.

If there is any way in which I can be of further assistance regarding the Rabbi's visit, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Rita P. Reznik

Secretary to Rabbi Tanenbaum

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Enclosures (2)



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11 August 1975

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

In preparation for your visit on the 4th and 5th of October, we have reserved quarters for your use at Harry Lee Hall aboard the Base. I have requested Chaplain Larry Boyette to serve as "Project Officer" to assist you during your stay at Quantico.

It would seem most feasible for you to make your own travel arrangements to Washington, either by Air Shuttle to National Airport or by Metroliner to arrive on the afternoon of the 4th. If you will advise us of the time of your arrival, Chaplain Boyette will meet you. Cost of transportation, taxi fares, and meals enroute will, of course, be reimbursed.

Enclosed are proposed outlines of the two services for the 5th. Please feel free to recommend any changes which you feel to be desirable.

It would be deeply appreciated if you could furnish us with a brief biography, a glossy photograph, and the title of your sermon for use in publicizing your visit.

We are looking forward to sharing this moment in the life of our congregation with you that it may be conducive to a better understanding of our joint heritage.

Cordially,

*A. Wayne Riggs*  
A. Wayne Riggs  
Staff Chaplain



U.S. MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL CHAPEL  
MARINE CORPS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION COMMAND  
QUANTICO, VIRGINIA

5 October 1975

0945

THE CHURCH GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
Chaplain Earl L. Boyette  
Chapel Pastor  
Miss Debby Graves - Organist

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 3

"O Worship the King All-glorious Above"

\*WELCOME

\*THE HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHAPEL

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THE PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those who

are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy Name.  
AMEN

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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\*THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

OFFERTORY

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

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SILENT PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

\*HYMN OF ACCLAMATION

No. 25

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

INTRODUCTION OF RABBI TANENBAUM

THE SERMON

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum

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\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

No. 18

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

\*BENEDICTION

\*MARINE CORPS VERSE OF THE NAVY HYMN

No. 196

POSTLUDE

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\* - Congregation please stand  
\*\*\*\* - Interval for ushering

5 October 1975

1100

THE CHURCH GATHERED FOR WORSHIP

Speaker

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director, Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee

Liturgist

Chaplain Earl L. Boyette, Chapel Pastor

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

INTROIT

OPENING SENTENCES

Chaplain Boyette

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all  
the lands! Serve the Lord with  
gladness! Come into His presence with  
singing! For the Lord is good; His  
steadfast love endures forever, and His  
faithfulness to all generations."

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE

No. 3

"O Worship the King All-glorious Above"

\*INVOCATION

\*GLORIA PATRI

THE COMMON CONCERNS

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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hereafter live a godly, righteous, and  
sober life, to the glory of Thy holy  
Name. AMEN

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Chaplain Boyette

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AFFIRMATION

ANTHEM

MORNING PRAYER AND

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Chaplain Boyette

PRAYER RESPONSE

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PROCLAMATION

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION  
THE SCRIPTURE

\*THE HYMN OF ACCLAMATION

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BENEDICTION

Chaplain Boyette

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 196

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"  
(Verse 5)

POSTLUDE

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\* - Congregation please stand



April 16, 1975

Hy Bookbinder

Marc Tanenbaum

I have recently received the enclosed invitation from the U. S. Marine Corps to speak on October 5th at their Quantico base. I have accepted on the hope that it might be useful.

I wanted to share this information with you and also to get your view as to whether something like this could be done with other parts of the Joint Chiefs of Staff operation in light of the General Brown episode.

If the October 5th meeting goes well, perhaps that could be the model for other forms of presentation and discussion about Jews, America, pluralism, etc.

What do you think?

MHT:RR

cc: Bert Gold  
Seymour Samet  
Mort Yarmon





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25 March 1975

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs  
American Jewish Committee  
165 56th Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum:

We are particularly pleased that you are able to accept our invitation to participate in the Distinguished Spokesmen of the Faith program. The date of 5 October 1975 will fit very well into our program. Your expertize in Judaic culture will, I believe, add a great deal of depth to our efforts to provide a meaningful experience for our congregation.

In August I will write to you concerning specific details of your visit. At that time, I will appoint a member of our staff to serve as a "Project Officer" to assist you and to make your time in Quantico as enjoyable as possible. In September you will receive a formal invitation from the Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command.

We are looking forward to sharing this moment in the life of our congregation with you.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Wayne Riggs*  
A. Wayne Riggs  
Staff Chaplain



March 5, 1975

Chaplain A. Wayne Riggs  
United States Marine Corps  
Marine Corps Development and Education Command  
Quantico, Virginia 22134

My dear Chaplain Riggs:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful letter  
of February 27th.

I am honored to have your invitation and shall  
be happy to accept it.

As of this moment, the best date for me would be  
on October the fifth.

If this schedule is acceptable to you, please do  
let me know and I will arrange my schedule accordingly.

With warmest personal good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum  
National Director  
Interreligious Affairs

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