


UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
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*It was the testimony of American liberators
that brought the Holocaust home:*

*"I was there. I was present. I
will never forget."*

*-- Father Edward P. Doyle
U.S. Army Chaplain*

*"The same day I saw my
first horror camp, I visited
every nook and cranny. I
felt it my duty to be in a
position from then on to
testify about these things in
case there ever grew up at
home the belief or
assumption that the stories
of Nazi brutality were just
propaganda."*

*-- General Dwight D.
Eisenhower*

*"What I saw and experienced
at Dachau -- the atrocities, the
cruelty -- was something which
if I had not seen with my own
eyes, I would not believe had
happened in civilized nations.
I pray to my God that this
cannot happen again."*

*-- Douglas Kelling
Medic
45th Infantry Division*

Dear Friend,

Eisenhower knew that what he and his men saw in 1945 would be the only testimony many Americans would believe.

Thus it was that sergeants from Maine ... medics from Nebraska ... infantrymen from California ... and a general from Kansas became not only liberators of the Nazi camps, but the messengers of their horrors as well.

Their snapshots and diaries recorded a nightmare too horrifying to be believed, and showed us a truth too compelling to be denied. And now, 45 years later, the conscience of American citizens like you is immortalizing that truth, so its meaning will never be lost, and its relevance never forgotten.

This letter is your official invitation to take part in this once-in-lifetime effort, by joining thousands of Americans as a **Charter Member of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum**.

In a moment I will tell you why becoming a Charter Member will be such a rewarding experience for you. But first, let me tell you why building the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is such a meaningful experience for us all.

Now under construction less than 400 yards from the Washington Monument the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will be one of the largest and most important Holocaust museums in the world when it opens in 1993.

Our Chairman, Elie Wiesel, will introduce an extraordinary film -"The Final Solution"--which will have its American premiere during this Evening. The documentary is being distributed by Arthur Cohn, producer of "The Garden of the Finzi-Continis."

The national civic commemoration in the Capitol Rotunda is a public ceremony for which no tickets are required. Tickets for the Evening of Commemoration will be issued without charge to those attending the Inaugural Assembly. For your convenience, we are enclosing registration information, which must be returned to the American Gathering.

We hope that you will be with us for these ceremonies in Washington on April 18 and in Philadelphia on April 21.

Sincerely yours,

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