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George Fisher



Dear Mr. Fisher,

Thank you for the kind letter. It means a great deal to hear from one who was there.

Have you ever thought about doing an oral history? It is easy: just turn on the tape machine and let it roll; after a few hours, the memories will come flooding back. Remember, tape is cheap and you don't need to worry about names and dates. Just talk about what was important to you and discuss the things that happened to you and your buddies.

Recording an oral history does take time and energy. Why should you do it? Perhaps you heard about the controversy about the Smithsonian's WWII exhibit, or the book by the Canadian who asserted that General Eisenhower deliberately starved German POWs. These events are not isolated. They show that the historiographical debates over WWII are only just beginning. I do not know what questions will burn brightly in the minds of future historians and commentators, but I can promise you that the reality and meaning of WWII will continue to be debated long into the future. I think it's very important that you, Mr. Fisher, add your voice to this debate.

My friends, Kevin and Annie, over at the Eisenhower Center will be happy to assist you, and will make sure that your tape is properly stored in the archives. The number there is 504-539-9560. Please pass the word along to your friends.

As to your request, if you send me a copy of the book (with a self-addressed stamped envelope), I would be happy to inscribe it to you or your group.

Best Wishes,



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