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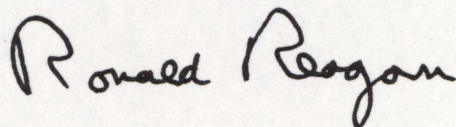
Dear Friends:

It is an honor to send my best wishes for the success of the Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum in Caen, France.

On the 40th Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1984, I visited the battlefields of Normandy to pay tribute to the brave heroes of America, France, Britain, and Canada who fought so valiantly side by side so that freedom might prevail and Europe recover its ancient liberties. It was one of the most moving and rewarding moments of my Presidency.

I share your determination to keep alive the memory of this historic struggle for the cause of democracy. We prevailed because we were united in a cause we believed in. I know that freedom-loving people the world over will benefit greatly from the cultural and educational programs of this important new museum. I send my warm regards to all of you on the Committee. You have my thanks for your work to remind future generations of the immense sacrifices made for them and for freedom. God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

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