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The Honorable John Ashcroft  
Governor of Missouri  
State Capitol Building  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Ashcroft:

Those who deny that the Holocaust ever occurred spit on the graves of the dead. Not only on the millions of dead Jewish victims and the hundreds of thousands of Gypsies, gays, political prisoners, the disabled of the Nazi euthanasia program, the Poles, French, Greeks, German resisters, Czechs, Soviets, Hungarians, Bulgarians, Rumanians and others who were annihilated by Hitler's design but they also spit on the graves of every American serviceman who was killed on World War II. They spit on the reputation of all U.S. soldiers, sailors, marines and air force personnel who saved the planet from fascism. They spit on those from every nation who fought to deny Hitler his ambitions. And they mock those G.I.'s and others who liberated the death camps, who are still haunted by the sights, smells and moans that greeted them on those occasions.

Anyone who says that the Holocaust is fantasy is either a liar, mentally incapacitated or monumentally ignorant. There is no other category for one who insults memory and intelligence in such an insensitive way.

Those who publish or air the rantings of such men and women without editorial comment or adequate response by others are irresponsible. Objectivity or First Amendment rights are not the issue here. What is at issue is truth, common sense, human dignity and decency. No newspaper or radio or television station has the legal obligation to present scurrilous thinking. It is not a matter of giving us all that a media outlet can but all that it should.

The same is to be said of those who accept the indecent advertisements that the spitters produce for the media. Those who accept such ads affront journalism, advertising, humanity.

I hope that you will make a public statement on the matter of the spitters and on those who give them visibility. In France, in Germany, in other countries they convict Holocaust deniers. In our nation we should at least deny the deniers, the spitters, those who would demean the level of our common humanity.

Peace in deed,

*Harry James Cargas*  
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