

Dear Senator Grassley,

I am writing to you both personally and as an American deeply committed to historic truth, justice, and accountability.

I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to you and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for your extraordinary leadership over the past several years in pursuing the truth regarding the role Swiss banks played before, during, and after World War II in aiding and abetting the Nazi regime. The upcoming hearing, “The Truth Revealed: Hidden Facts Regarding Nazis and Swiss Banks,” represents an essential and historic moment for our nation.

As the son of a World War II veteran, this issue is profoundly personal. My father served as a soldier in the Engineering Corps of the U.S. Ninth Army, fighting directly against Nazi forces in Europe. My great-uncle was a bombardier shot down over Germany, later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. These men—and millions like them—bled, suffered, and sacrificed to defeat the greatest evil the modern world has ever known.

To learn that, even as America’s Greatest Generation fought and died to stop the Nazis, major Swiss banks such as Credit Suisse were quietly enabling, protecting, and profiting from the perpetrators of genocide is an insult to that sacrifice and a stain on history that demands full exposure and accountability.

The Committee’s efforts to bring these long-hidden facts into the public record are nothing less than remarkable. Congressional hearings of this nature do more than document history—they correct it. They create a permanent public repository of truth, accessible to future generations, and ensure that deception spanning decades does not remain buried by institutional power or financial influence.

Importantly, these hearings also provide a long-overdue opportunity to demand bold and meaningful accountability from Swiss banks that misled victims of the Third Reich and their descendants for more than eight decades. Transparency without accountability is insufficient; justice requires both.

At a time when antisemitism is surging at home and abroad, when extremists openly attempt to rehabilitate the Third Reich, and when the Jewish people are still reeling from the October 7 massacre—the largest mass murder of Jews since the Holocaust—your leadership sends an unmistakable message: the United States will not allow historical truth to be distorted, denied, or hidden, and it will not allow collaborators in evil to escape scrutiny simply because time has passed.

As a physician, military historian, educator and father, I believe deeply in our obligation to teach younger generations the importance of historical truth, moral courage, and accountability. The work you are leading honors the memory of America's Greatest Generation, the victims of the Holocaust, and the millions whose lives were destroyed by Hitler and his allies.

Thank you for your courage, determination, and unwavering commitment to justice. Please know that many Americans stand with you in this essential effort.

Respectfully,

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