

Le jour où le président Ronald Reagan prononça le mot Génocide pour qualifier celui des Arméniens

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One of Mr. Khachigian's most memorable achievements, as a chief speech writer, senior political advisor, and special consultant to President Reagan, was the "Holocaust Proclamation", signed by the President on April 22, 1981. It says, "Like the Genocide of the Armenians before it, and the Genocide of the Cambodians which followed it - and the too many other such persecutions of too many other people - the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

Mr. Khachigian admitted that he had cleared this speech with two senior members of the National Security Agency before presenting it to the President. Such measures were necessary, he noted, to make sure that there were no international political repercussions harmful to the United States.

In the course of his professional work with President Reagan, Mr. Khachigian was a frequent visitor of Camp David. He also once visited the President's famous Santa Barbara ranch, which President Reagan used for rest and relaxation.

During the question and answer session that followed the lecture, Mr. Khachigian anticipated one question raised by a member of the audience and....