

To The Citizens of Ste. Marie Eglise and The Surrounding Area.

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Kindly translate and have posted at entrance to our church yard.
(Could you find me a translated copy?)
You might also give this to a local newspaper.

As June 1965 is now upon us, it behooves me to direct the following message to all you grand and wonderful people.

Without doubt, my visit and seven day stay in Ste. Marie, and the honor I had in participating with you in the 20th anniversary ceremonies of the 1944 invasion and liberation of your particular area is the highlight of my entire life. I shall cherish the fond memory unto my death.

Allow me here and now to extend to each and every one of you kind souls my undying and sincere gratitude for all the kindness, generosity and very warm feelings showered upon me during that visit - may God Bless you.

And now we must dedicate and guard ourselves against the possibility of another enemy occupation and ^{the} necessity of an allied invasion ^{of} your grand ^{and glorious} ~~and glorious~~ Country.

All is well with me, and I can only dream of another visit with you - but Oh! how wonderful it would be to see all of you dear people again.

Most Sincerely,

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