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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 19, 1981

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT *Adick*
FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN
SUBJECT: Proclamation of Consular Convention
with the German Democratic Republic

The State Department has forwarded the Proclamation of the Consular Convention between the United States and the German Democratic Republic. In accordance with the terms of the Convention, it enters into force on February 19, 1981.

The long and arduous negotiations culminated in the GDR acceptance of our position on the crucial nationality issue, i.e., our traditional view that there is one German nation which is currently divided into two German states, the Federal Republic of German and the German Democratic Republic -- inter alia that we not recognize the German Democratic contention that there is a "German Democratic Republic nationality." This Convention establishes a basis for our Embassy to the GDR to protect United States citizens travelling in the German Democratic Republic while maintaining our basic position on the sensitive German nationality issue.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Proclamation at Tab A.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

cc: Ed Meese
James Baker

Proclamation signed & dtd. 2/24/81
" " returned to STATE, Rm 7241, via receipted with Messg. 2/25/81

NSC #8100478

Noted
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

CONSIDERING THAT:

The Consular Convention between the United States of America and the German Democratic Republic was signed at Berlin on September 4, 1979, the text of which is hereto annexed;

The Senate of the United States of America by its resolution of July 2, 1980, two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein, gave its advice and consent to ratification of the Convention;

The Convention was ratified by the President of the United States of America on August 7, 1980, in pursuance of the advice and consent of the Senate, and was duly ratified on the part of the German Democratic Republic;

It is provided in Article 47 of the Convention that the Convention shall enter into force after the expiration of thirty days following the date of the exchange of instruments of ratification;

The instruments of ratification of the Convention were exchanged at Washington on January 19, 1981, and accordingly the Convention enters into force on February 19, 1981;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, proclaim and make public the Convention to the end that it shall be observed and fulfilled with good faith on and after February 19, 1981, by the United States of America and by the citizens of the United States of America and all other persons subject to the jurisdiction thereof.

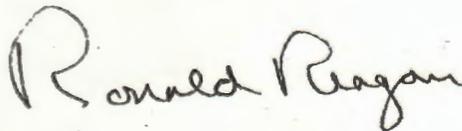
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed this proclamation and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington

2/24/81

our Lord one thousand
nine hundred eighty-one
and of the Independence
of the United States of
America the two hundred
fifth.

By the President:



Secretary of State

CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

THE CONSULAR CONVENTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC,
SIGNED AT BERLIN ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1979



APRIL 28, 1980.—Convention was read the first time and, together with
the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign
Relations and ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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WASHINGTON : 1980

Handwritten initials

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

February 17, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR: RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*

SUBJECT: Proclamation of Consular Convention with
the German Democratic Republic

Your self-explanatory memorandum to the President at Tab I forwards for his signature the proclamation of the Consular Convention between the United States and the German Democratic Republic signed at Berlin on September 4, 1979. The entry into force of this Convention is in the national interest of the United States.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Approve _____

Handwritten signature
2-19-81

Disapprove _____

RVA Signed



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 13, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Proclamation of Consular Convention
with the German Democratic Republic

Attached for signature by the President is the proclamation of the Consular Convention between the United States of America and the German Democratic Republic signed at Berlin on September 4, 1979.

The Senate gave its advice and consent to ratification on July 2, 1980; the President signed the instrument of ratification on August 7, 1980, and instruments of ratification were exchanged at Washington on January 19, 1981. In accordance with the terms of the Convention, it enters into force on February 19, 1981.

At the time United States-German Democratic Republic diplomatic relations were established in 1974, we set as our first objective the negotiation of a consular convention. We believed that such a convention was necessary to establish a basis for greater contacts between the United States and the German Democratic Republic. As a subsidiary, but key objective, we determined that nothing in a United States-German Democratic Republic consular convention could conflict with our traditional view that there is one German nation which is currently divided into two German states, the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Democratic Republic. This required, inter alia, that we not recognize the German Democratic contention that there is a "German Democratic Republic nationality" distinct from that of the Federal Republic of Germany. The negotiations were long and arduous, but in the end the German Democratic Republic accepted our position on the crucial nationality issue, opening the way to the signing of the Convention. This Convention establishes a basis for our Embassy to the German Democratic Republic to protect United States citizens travelling in the German Democratic Republic while maintaining our basic position on the sensitive German nationality issue. As such, its entry into force is very much in the United States national interest.

John H Kelly
for L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Proclamation

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TO ALLEN

FROM BREMER

DOCDATE 13 FEB 81

KEYWORDS: GERMANY D R

TREATIES

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION W/ THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

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SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION OF CONSULAR CONVENTION W/ THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

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The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the German Democratic Republic
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

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The President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 23, 1982

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: NORMAN A. BAILEY *NAB*

SUBJECT: Presidential Statement for Leipzig Spring Fair

It seems to me entirely inappropriate under the present circumstances for the President to send a statement to the Leipzig Trade Fair in East Germany (Tab I). I have held up clearance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you kill it or authorize me to do so.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____

HN
Henry Nau concurs.

Attachment

Tab I Clearance Cable on Presidential Statement

NSC # 8201112

National Security Council
The White House

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Package # 1112

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RMP

Bailey

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FROM: A. ADAMS S/S 28448 7224
(Officer name) (Office symbol) (Extension) (Room number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION TELEGRAM TO BERLIN RE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR

<u>TO: (Agency)</u>	<u>DELIVER TO:</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Room No.</u>
<u>NSC</u>	<u>- MICHAEL WHEELER</u>	<u>395-3044</u>	
	<u>- Bailey</u>		
	<u>- WAC</u>		

FOR: CLEARANCE INFORMATION PER REQUEST COMMENT

REMARKS: _____

Do not clear it. MB

S/S Officer: *[Signature]*

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E.O. 12065: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, GC

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR

THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT FOR
THE SPRING LEIPZIG FAIR:

BEGIN TEXT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I AM HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU
TO THIS UNITED STATES EXHIBITION.

OUR EXHIBITORS ARE EMISSARIES OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY WHO SEEK TO JOIN YOU IN DEVELOPING NEW OPPORTUNI-
TIES FOR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TRADE.

HERE THEY DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATE PRODUCTS THAT ARE TYPICAL
OF THE QUALITY GOODS AND SERVICES THAT AMERICAN INDUSTRY
CAN SUPPLY, IN THE HOPE THAT YOUR INTERESTS AND THEIRS CAN
BE MUTUALLY SERVED.

THIS EXHIBITION DEMONSTRATES OUR BELIEF THAT EXPANDED TRADE
PROMOTES INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP, WORLD ECONOMIC PROGRESS
AND GREATER PROSPERITY FOR ALL. MAY YOU HAVE A PLEASANT
AND REWARDING VISIT.

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SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT.

THIS TEXT IS THE STANDARD WHITE HOUSE APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE FOR USE AT TRADE FAIRS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COM-
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TO CLARK

FROM BAILEY

DOCDATE 23 FEB 82

KEYWORDS: INTL TRADE

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SUBJECT: PRES STATEMENT FOR LEIPZIG SPRING FAIR

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BRIG. GENERAL ALBION W.
TITLE:

KNIGHT, JR.

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ORGANIZATION:

STREET: 7005 RADNOR ROAD

CITY: BETHESDA

STATE: MD ZIP: 20817

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: OBJECTS TO THE SERIOUS PUNISHMENT GIVEN TO
AUSTIN S. STOCKMAN WHO TRIED TO HELP AN EAST
GERMAN FAMILY ESCAPE TO FREEDOM

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11 JUL 1983

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Brigadier General Albion W. Knight, Jr.
USA Retired
7005 Radnor Road
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Dear General Knight:

Thank you for your letter of June 25, 1983, to President Reagan concerning the general court-martial of Private E-1 Austin S. Stockman.

As much as he would like to, the President cannot reply personally to every communication he receives. Therefore, he has asked the departments and agencies of the Federal Government to reply on his behalf in those instances where they have special knowledge or special authority under the law. For this reason, your communication was forwarded to officials of the Department of Defense.

Information received by this office discloses that Private Stockman's case is currently undergoing appellate review before the U.S. Army Court of Military Review. The court heard argument in Private Stockman's case on June 17, 1983. The decision is presently pending.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Private Stockman's appointed military defense counsel, Captain Peter R. Huntsman, for appropriate consideration, as he is in the best position to decide what issues to raise during the appeal. A key issue of Captain Huntsman's case, vigorously argued before the court, was the alleged inappropriate severity of the sentence.

As Private Stockman's case is undergoing appellate review, it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the findings and sentence, or on the merits or factual circumstances that actually exist in his case. These are matters which will be subject to consideration during the course of appellate review. However, you may be certain that all aspects of his case will be given full and careful consideration at each level of review and that his legal rights will be carefully protected.

Thank you for your interest on behalf of Private Stockman.

Sincerely,

Signed

Kenneth A. Haly
Colonel, JAGC
Chief, Criminal Law Division

Copy furnished:

JALS-DA (CPT Huntsman)

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7005 Radnor Rd.
Bethesda, Md 20817
25 June 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just sent the Secretary of the Army regarding the serious punishment given to Austin S. Stockman who tried to help an East German family escape to freedom.

I am ashamed of the Army and of the United States Government for this act of gross injustice. It is a sign that we really do not understand the seriousness of the threat to losing our freedom. It is also a sign of the density of our bureauracy in failing to take advantage of an act of bravery from Americans who do understand the value of freedom.

As I told Secretary Marsh, Mr. Stockman should have been rewarded instead of punished. Instead, the United States Government has ruined a man's life when his major mistake was getting caught. The Army's act of injustice goes 180 degrees counter to what principle would have dictated be done.

Sincerely,

Albion W. Knight Jr.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret)

7005 Radnor Rd.
Bethesda, Md 20817
25 June 1983

The Honorable John O. Marsh Jr.
Secretary of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Marsh:

The attached article about the court martialing of Austin S. Stockman for trying to help an East German family escape to freedom is very disturbing to me both as an American citizen and as a retired Army general officer.

We sometimes forget the serious nature of the struggle to the death (our death) that Soviet-led communism is imposing on the West. We sometimes take for granted the value of the freedoms that we have. We are in danger of losing those freedoms if we do not act with courage. Unless there is additional information not covered in the article, Mr. Stockman showed the kind of courage that deserves praise from the United States Government rather than the severe punishment of six months at hard labor, loss of pay and a bad conduct discharge. The action of the Army shows a shocking lack of understanding of the psychological meaning of the act of Mr. Stockman. He was willing to stick his neck out and act for the cause of freedom. His real problem was that he was caught. Was Mr. Stockman punished because he caused an embarrassment to the Army? Rather than being a cause of embarrassment, the event could have been used positively in a public relations sense showing that people living under communism still cherish freedom. In my view the Army and the United States Government utterly failed in handling the Stockman situation.

Instead of being punished, Mr. Stockman should have been re-assigned, promoted and given the Soldiers Medal. I am ashamed of and disgusted with the leadership of my service.

Sincerely,


Albion W. Knight Jr.
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Ret)

cc: President Reagan

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: Steve Roberson / Assoc. Editor

DC Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

SUBJECT: Requesting permission for the magazine - Time - life to take picture of military person in pyjama

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Responsible Defense Department and U.S. Army officials and I have reviewed your letter of September 28, concerning LIFE magazine's interest in publishing a picture story on the U.S. Military Liaison Mission at Potsdam, Germany.

As you know, the U.S. mission in Potsdam is the liaison for the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Europe, to the Commander-in-Chief, Soviet Group of Forces in Germany. As a relic of the postwar occupation of Germany by the World War II allies, the liaison missions have no direct relationship with German authorities in either the Federal Republic or the German Democratic Republic. The U.S. mission is not a "bellwether of Soviet-American relations, instantly detecting any change in diplomatic climate." On the contrary, one of its principal features is that it is relatively insulated from such fluctuations. Our personnel in Potsdam deal only with Soviet forces in East Germany and have no contact with GDR military or civilian officials. As you mentioned, the assignment provides valuable experience and further training for Russian language and area specialists in the U.S. armed forces.

Since the personnel and work of the U.S. military liaison mission are well known to Soviet military authorities, there is, as you note, nothing secret about them. We believe, however, that to remain effective, the mission should maintain its low profile. Publicizing the mission in a national magazine could prompt the Soviets to place restrictions on the group's normal operations. For these reasons, I'm unable to help you. Please accept my sincere regrets.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Steve Robinson
Associate Editor
Time & Life Building
Rockefeller Center
New York, New York 10020

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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 24, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*

SUBJECT:

LIFE Request for Permission to Undertake Picture
Story at Potsdam Military Liaison Mission

The Department of Defense, in consultation with Army intelligence and legal officials, feels that such publicity would be undesirable and could endanger the effective operation of the mission. Attached at Tab A, for your signature, is a proposed reply to that effect.

Attachments

TAB A Proposed reply to LIFE
TAB B Incoming letter from LIFE

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have reviewed with responsible Defense Department and U.S. Army officials your letter of September 28, concerning LIFE magazine's interest in publishing a picture story on the U.S. Military Liaison Mission at Potsdam, Germany.

As you know, the U.S. mission in Potsdam is the liaison for the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Europe, to the Commander-in-Chief, Soviet Group of Forces in Germany. As a relic of the postwar occupation of Germany and shared responsibilities among the World War II allies, the liaison missions have no direct relationship with German authorities in either the Federal Republic or the German Democratic Republic. The U.S. mission is not a "bellwether of Soviet-American relations, instantly detecting any change in diplomatic climate. On the contrary, one of its principal features is that it is relatively insulated from such fluctuations. Our personnel in Potsdam deal only with Soviet forces in East Germany and have no contact with GDR military or civilian officials. As you mentioned, the assignment provides valuable experience and further training for Russian language and area specialists in the U.S. armed forces.

Since the personnel and work of the U.S. military liaison mission are well known to Soviet military authorities, there is--as you note--nothing secret about them. However, we believe that the continued effectiveness of the mission depends to a considerable extent upon sustaining the low profile it has normally maintained. Publicizing the mission in a national magazine could prompt the Soviets to place restrictions on the group's normal operations. For these reasons, I regret I cannot support your request for assistance to do a photo story on the U.S. liaison mission.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

October 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: ROBERT B. SIMS ^{RBS} _{me}SUBJECT: LIFE Request for Permission to Undertake Picture
Story at Potsdam Military Liaison Mission

LIFE has written Mike Deaver requesting permission to undertake a picture story at the Military Liaison Mission in Potsdam. DOD, coordinating with Army intelligence and legal officials, has produced the proposed reply (Tab A) which is transmitted to Mike Deaver by your memo at Tab I.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to Mike Deaver at Tab I.

Approve K Disapprove

Attachments

TAB I Memo to Mike Deaver
 TAB A Proposed reply to LIFE
 TAB B Incoming letter from LIFE

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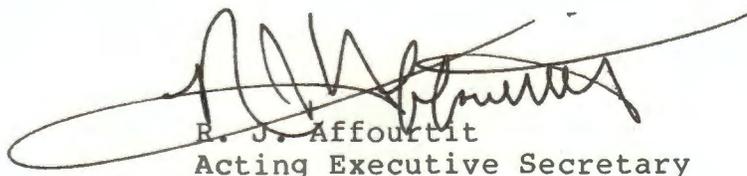
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT M. KIMMITT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Correspondence for Signature of
Honorable Michael K. Deaver

Pursuant to your referral, ID: 8307023, the attached draft letter responds to LIFE magazine's request to do a story on the U.S. Military Liaison Mission in East Germany. Please note the remarks of Deputy Assistant Secretary Ronald S. Lauder next under.


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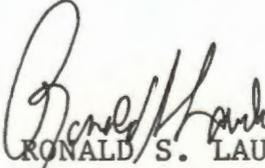
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Pursuant to your request, attached is a DRAFT REPLY to OSD White House

Case Number **W05659**

The request by LIFE magazine to do a story on the U.S. military liaison mission in East Germany has been discussed with Army intelligence and legal officials and with OSD Public Affairs, who agree that such publicity would be undesirable and could endanger the effective operation of the mission.


RONALD S. LAUDER
Deputy Assistant Secretary
of Defense
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Attachment



S/S 8330340
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

October 4, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt
Director of NSC Secretariat
The White House

SUBJECT: Letter from Steve Robinson
ID # 8307023

The attached correspondence was forwarded to the Department of State for draft reply for White House signature.

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe that action on this matter more appropriately rests with the Department of Defense.


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As stated.

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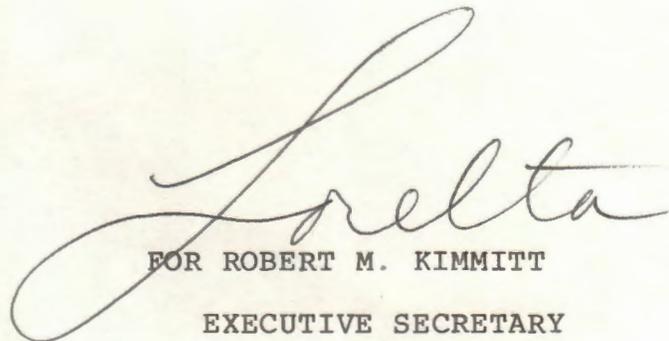
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Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

For the past several weeks LIFE has sought to obtain permission from the Army and the Department of Defense to undertake a picture story on the Military Liaison Mission in Potsdam. Unfortunately, the various public relations officers with whom we have discussed the story have been unable to process our request either because of jurisdictional problems or because higher ranking officers have shied away from press attention to this crucial military installation. Moreover, a number of Public Affairs Officers have suggested to us that permission for this project can only come from the White House.

We feel that the Military Liaison Mission is a significant story that will assume even greater importance in the coming months, and we are hoping that you will lend your support to a LIFE essay on this unusual military outpost.

The mission was established in 1947 by agreement between Generals Hubner and Melinin as a liaison between the occupation armies in Germany. It has been, and continues to be one of the U.S.'s main links not only with the Red Army but with the German Democratic Republic, as well. Throughout the turbulent history of the area the mission has played a key role in maintaining peaceful relations between the powers. It was crucial in preventing hostilities during the Berlin Wall crisis, for instance, and has been a bellwether of Soviet-American relations, instantly detecting any change in the diplomatic climate. The mission has been credited with maintaining the relative harmony that has existed along the German border where two opposing armies have stood counterpoised without a serious shooting incident for over three decades.

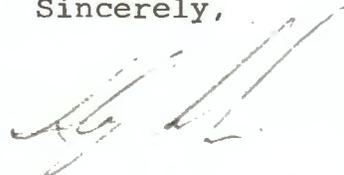
The mission is hardly secret; both the British and the Soviets operate similar installations. The existence and function of these missions are provided for by agreement among the powers. For military officers the U.S. mission is an important posting for career advancement; but, more significantly, it has received publicity in the past when relations between the U.S. and the Soviets have become strained.

Our aim is to send a reporter and photographer to the mission coincidental with the expected deployment of the Pershing II missiles in Europe. We believe this will give LIFE and the American people the opportunity to observe the important and difficult task that the mission performs. It will also provide an important glimpse of the Soviet reaction to the deployment.

While the mission is not secret we recognize that its operations are highly sensitive. In addition we are aware that the safety of its officers is the most important consideration. We are willing to discuss any provisions that would maintain the security of the mission and the safety of its staff while still allowing us the flexibility to prepare a picture essay on its activities. We are confident that we can agree on guidelines that will protect the mission yet still afford the American people a glimpse into an important area of American foreign policy.

We hope you will support our efforts to cover this story, and look forward to hearing your suggestions as to how best to proceed from here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steve Robinson", written in a cursive style.

Steve Robinson
Associate Editor

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