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THE WHITE HOUSE

July 7, 1981

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With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Allen Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

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The Honorable
PeterXvon der Heydt
Member of Parliament
Bundeshaus
5300 Bonn 1
Federal Republic of Germany

Msg. requesting President Interview for ZDF TV

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Message From Peter von der Heydt Concerning

Interview with President

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Approve As Amended

Tab I

Letter to Peter von der Heydt

A - Message from Peter von der Heydt

cc: Phyllis Kaminsky

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WASHINGTON

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The Honorable
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Member of Parliament
Bundeshaus
5300 Bonn 1
Federal Republic of Germany

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June 29, 1981

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cc: Phyllis Kaminsky





PETER VON DER HEYDT Mitglied des Deutschen Bundestages

5300 Bonn 1

Bundeshaus

Fernruf 0228/165789

Die Wahl dieser Rufnummer vermittelt den gewünschten Hausanschluß. Kommt ein Anschluß nicht zustande, bitte Nr. 161 (Bundeshaus-Vermittlung) anrufen.

June 22, 1981

The Honorable
Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Allen,

Frank Ursomarso, Director of Communications for the White House, has a project proposal for a 45 minutes TV character portrait of President Reagan for Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen.

It should, it at all possible, include a 10 to 12 minutes interview with the President about US-European relations.

Joachim Fest has agreed to write and to tell the story. I have been asked to do the interview.

Since I understand that you are going to be asked for advice, I should like to ask you to support this project. This program will in my judgement positively influence the public debate about US - German relations in my country and thereby serve the purpose to strengthen the Alliance.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

(Peter von der Heydt)

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July 8, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR JUDY POND

FROM:

JANET COLSON

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Both the substance of this speaking engagement and the likely audience suggest a natural opportunity for ICA and its new director, Charles Wick. I favor your calling Mr. Wick (724-9042) and suggesting that he or his deputy consider doing the program in question. Alternatively, you might want to approach David Gergen.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 6, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR JANET COLSON

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER JR

SUBJECT:

BOW Speaking Engagement

This would appear to be a natural for ICA. Your memo to Judy Pond at Tab I reflects that view, and suggests an alternate possibility (Dave Gergin).

Before moving the memo forward, however, would you want to bounce it off Dick Allen? Though the sponsoring group is not all that well known, it might be a timely platform for Dick's use in October if he has something he wants to say to a European audience and needs a handy pretext.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Judy Pond at Tab I.

Approve As Amended

Tab I Memo to Judy Pond
A - Incoming Memo from Judy Pond

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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June 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO:

JANET COLSON

FRANK URSOMARSO

FROM:

JUDY POND, Speakers Bureau

SUBJECT:

SPEAKER REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event:

BDW - The German Association of the

Leading Communication Professionals

Public Forum

Date:

September or October

Location:

Bonn, Germany

Background:

See Attached

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COMENTS:

Your response is needed by: June 15

EVENT INFORMATION SPEAKER REQUEST

EVENT: BDW - THE GERMAN ASSOCIATION OF THE LEADING COMMUNICATION PROFESSIONALS PUBLIC FORUM
DATE: Sept. or Oct. TIME Reception 6pm ending 9pm
LOCATION: Bonn, Germany
AUDIENCE SIZE: 200
AUDIENCE PROFITE: Communications experts, delegates of the government, parliamentarians, and representatives of German associations and institutions.
LENGTH OF SPEECH: 40 TOPIC: Communications for unpopular political decisions.
OTHER SPEAKERS: None
MEDIA COVERAGE:
ENDORSEMENTS:
RECOMMENDATION:
COMMENTS: More communications are needed especially at a time, in which public financial sources are getting more and more limited. More communications are necessary to prepare and explain the decisions. This should be aimed not only at the Government, but also at third institution like your Reagan Coalition Conference.
CONTACT: Mr. Volker Stoltz c/o Kommunikation & Marketing Volker Stoltz GmbH & Co KG Venusbergweg 35, 5300 Bonn, Teleron 02221/21/026-8 Telex 08869359 YES NO COMMENTS

BDW Deutscher Kommunikationsverband

Ms
Judy Pond
White House
Old Executive Office Building
Room 160

Washington, D.C. 20500

U.S.A.

27 May, 1981 VS/yc

Dear Miss Pond,

I am writing to you have been given your name and address by Mr. Carl Shipley, whith whom I am acquainted. He recently discussed my request with your assistant.

The BDW - the German Association of The Leading Communication-Professionals (2 000 members) - intends to carry out a public forum in Bonn about

"Communications for unpopular political decisions"

That means: More communications are needed especially at a time, in which public financial sources are getting more and more limited. More communications are necessary to prepare and explain the decisions. This should be aimed not only at the Government, but also at third institutions like your Reagan Coalition Conference (RCC), too.

After the triumphant budget note, which President Reagan got, we would like to ask you, whether you can provide us with a speaker, who is involved in political communications for President Reagan and who can lecture about the above mentioned item competently. He would be the only speaker. We count with

a 40-minute's speech and - if possible - a fifteen minute's presentation of a case-study. We will provide simultaneous translations.

Of course, we are paying a fee and the travel costs.

The forum will be carried out in September of October this year. It is supposed to begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and will be finished at 9 p.m. We expect around 200 visitors, mainly communication experts, delegates of the government, parliamentarians, and representatives of German associations and institutions.

Will you be able to support me? The details can be discussed between the speaker and me during my visit in Washington in July.

Thank you very much in advance for all your efforts.

With kind regards, Yours sinderely,

(Volker Stoltz)

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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FOR: Mr. Richard V. Allen
National Security Council
The White House

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REMARKS:

We have sent this to our Consulate General in Munich for their action, with the suggestion they reply directly to Mr. Piplack, since he lives in their consular district, thanking him for his suggestion and noting that several US Presidents have met with Mr. Strauss; also pointing out that President Reagan has a very busy schedule during the first part of his administration.

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L. Paul Bremer/III
Executive Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE , 8122604

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JULY 24, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 18, 1981

TO: EDWIN MEESE

FROM:

MR. ARNO E. PIPLACK

SPITZINGWEG 21

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SUBJECT: WANTS PRIME MINSTER OF BAVARIA, MR. STRAU

INVITED TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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RETURN BASIC CORRESPONDENCE, CONTROL SHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO: AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 33, THE WHITE HOUSE

> BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT: LESLIE SORG DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

8122604

July 18, 1981

Mr. Ed Meese The White House Washington D.C. U.S.A.

032958

Dear Sir,

Please permit addressing this letter to you hoping that you can transmit it to the President when time permits.

Freedom loving people overhere had been encouraged and delighted when the beloved Mr. Reagan had won the election. It gave so much hope and the admiration of so many people is with him. Equally encouraging was to notice the brilliant members of his staff, just to name yourself, Sir, and Messrs. Bush and Weinberger. Finally America had become what it used to be, so it was thought by many people overhere, namely the stronghold of freedom.

Unfortunately there is a tendency of growing anti-Americanism again. Strange to understand, but that the way it is. It's sad but true that a majority of Germans had voted for continuation of Socialism last fall. But there are nearly 50% of others under the leadership of Mr. Strauß, Prime Minister of Bavaria, who do not wish to be separated from the USA.

Why, so I have asked myself manytimes, does Mr. Strauß not get an invitation to the White House and thus demonstrate to the Germans and the Europeans altogether that they belong to the West. Red propagande gives the impression that Herr Brandt together with Herr Breschnev want peace while the Americans talk war and do not really want to negotiate peace.

Inviting Mr. Strauß to the White House would mean that the No 1 freedom fighter in Germany, the most brilliant and farsighted statesman and whose judgement of Sovjet intentions is as clear-sighted as it can be, is getting due support. For while Herr Schmidt is acting world economics the switches overhere are set by Moscow travellers.

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We now have the second chapter of what began in the early seventies In those days the German people was made believe by the Socialists that thanks to Herr Brandt peace had become more secure and one just has to be willing to negotiate with the Sovjets. An attitude of expectation was created amongst the public, the Sovjets were made appear in the mildest light. Yet actually the outcome of those negotiations was the official acknowledgement by Germany of the country's separation and giving the Sovjets ten years time to push ahead their arms built up, merely defensive, of course, as the Brandt circle put it. Ten years of so-called détente were forcing the West into the defensive.

whenever the Sovjets are launching a new campaign against Europe, they call for Herr Brandt. His recent Moscow trip is labelled as being merely informative. All trips to Moscow by German Socialists are more or less only informative. But obviously they take place in connection with a new Sowjet propaganda offensive.

While the information gained by Herr Brandt seems to be only vague and contradictory the psychological effect cannot be overseen. In 1970 Brandt claimed to have made peace more secure. A majority of Germans believed it. In 1981 the new campaign is that the East wants peace and the Americans are pushing for war. Herr Brandt again as the last saviour, the last straw to grasp. The effect is increased falsely understood pacifism and anti-Americanism. Seemingly this is what th whole chatter is ment about negotiations, which Sovjets so badly desire and the Americans so rudely refuse.

Spread anti-Americanism and when negotiating entangle the US President into the filth of endless negotiations to finally present him to his countrymen and the rest of the world as unsuccessful and weak a president as his predecessors. This seems to me the real point of the peaceloving Sovjets and their German aids.

It is of no use that Herr Schmidt is travelling the world advising economics while Herr Brandt is repeating the 1970 Crimea Tète á tète with Herr Breschnev. The basic question is which way is Germany driving. The Sovjet Campaign is in full swing. And finds open ears amongst the people. To me this seems the real aim rather than

more missiles here and less missiles there. The campaign to separate Europe from America.

Since the days of the late Mr. Adenauer, Mr. Strauß had been the No 1 representative of German-American alliance and a reliable partner of the free West. Many people see Mr. Reagan and him the last bullwork of freedom.

It would serve the American cause and it would help them both, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Strauß, if it was demonstrated to the Germans and to all Europeans that Mr. Strauß is not left standing alone in his lifetime struggle for preserving peace and freedom. After all, the Europeans dont have to accept missiles. They merely have to make up their mind whether they wish to become a western Sovjet province or remain free nations. They have to remember that after 1945 it was the Americans who helped and gave while the Sovjets just took.

Have Mr. Strauß invited to the White House and show the people overhere that the non-Socialist Germans have full support.

Mr. Strauß is playing with open cards while others seem to have two deck of cards overhere.

Please accept my best wishes to you, Sir, and please forward my sincerest thoughts of gratitude to the President.

Sincerely,

Arno E. Piplack

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

INFORMATION

July 9, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD

ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Horst Ehmke Aftermath

When I saw him out of the West Wing lobby after his meeting with you last evening, Ehmke asked me what I thought was the central gist of your remarks to him. I told him that I thought you were very clear: you had expressed understanding of European concerns, particularly on arms control issues, but pointedly wondered if there was enough European understanding of our own. At the same time, I said, it seemed to me that you were posing a related question of increasing concern to us: given the public affairs dimension of the key security issues we jointly confronted, and given the forthright (and politically fearless) approach our own President was taking in this country, should not European leaders also be making a greater (i.e., gutsier) effort to lead and educate public opinion rather than letting public opinion lead them?

Ehmke said he had interpreted your remarks in the same way but wondered how we thought Europeans in general and Germans in particular could do more to inform their public opinions. I pointed to the part of your exchange where you and Bob Schweitzer detailed the amount of work going on in preparation for arms negotiations, about which Ehmke had conceded few people in Europe were aware. suggested that was only one area where European leaders had a responsibility to deal more aggressively with their constituents to explain the facts of life.

Ehmke said that might be a good topic to take up in the informal meetings you had appeared to endorse (the idea of getting U.S. and German - and possibly other European - officials together to discuss public affairs strategy on the central security issues of the day). I told him that my impression was you had not appeared to endorse the idea - you did strongly endorse it, period. Peter Basing, the German Embassy counselor, said he would get back to me late this week or early next to discuss concrete suggestions for follow-up. I said fine....

Bob Schweitzer CC:

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MR. ALLEN'S NOTE SAYS:

Jim,

Thanks for this. You are right - we should promptly in the fall schedule some working-level mtgs, either in Europe or here. No publicity.

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TO ALLEN

FROM RENTSCHLER

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Visits of Bahr and Brandt

In a June 30 memo you asked us to find out - discreetly - what we could concerning prospective visits by Egon Bahr and Willy Brandt to Washington either before or after the Cancun Summit. Here is the information developed to date:

of his Bundestag Subcommittee on Disarmament for talks with Congressional counterparts. This is virtually an annual and routine occurrence for Bahr, which he schedules during the early fall Bundestag recess. How walm Should be construited on furned off,

-- Brandt. He is expected in New York on October 3 to accept a Distinguished International Citizen award from B'nai B'rith. At this writing, according to our sources, he has no plans to visit Washington or any other U.S. city. Though we have no confirmation of this as yet, I would anticipate Brandt delivering some sort of "internationalist" (possibly North-South) palaver.

The two visits appear to be unrelated in either time or purpose. We will keep you posted.

Thanks .

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FOR:

Mr. Richard V. Allen National Security Council

The White House

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear General Clarke:

Permit me to thank you for your letter to the White House of August 26 in which you enclosed some information on the Berlin Wall, to include the poster "Have You Ever Wondered."

Incidentally, I was stationed in Europe at the time with the 4th Armored Division in U_{lm} and I recall the poster vividly.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Hoover Berlin Desk Officer

General Bruce C. Clarke
Carl Vinson Hall, 053,
6251 Old Dominion Drive,
McLean, Va. 22101.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 20, 1981

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

GENERAL BRUCE C. CLARKE CARL VINSON HALL, 053 6251 OLD DOMINION DRIVE MCLEAN VA 22101

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING THE BERLIN WALL

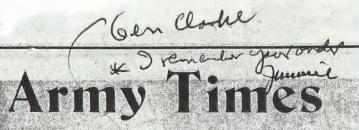
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The Wall

SOLDIERS IN WEST GERMANY and some of those they defend at times may forget why the United States maintains a force of a quarter of a million in Europe 36 years after the last shot was fired in World War II. But those who serve in the Berlin Brigade and those who visit the city can see a vivid reminder that their mission is vital. For there stands the Berlin Wall, an ugly cement scar that snakes through the city, dividing German from German, neighbor from neighbor, brother from brother.

Twenty years ago, in the early morning of Aug. 13, 1961, the East Germans abruptly closed the border between East Berlin and West Berlin. This savage act obstructed a route millions of East Germans had used to escape to freedom. A clear violation of the Potsdam Agreement, the border closing brought the United States and the Soviet Union to the brink of war.

Troops of the Berlin Command, arrayed in battle dress and carrying live ammunition, mounted armored personnel carriers and tanks and took positions along the border as East German border patrol troops wielded jackhammers, hefted concrete blocks and strung barbed wire to create the infamous wall. There were tense confrontations along the wall as decision makers in Washington charted a course. Finally, the word came down to the troops: in a show of determination, a battle group of the 8th Infantry Division would move along the autobahn through East Germany to reinforce the beleaguered Berlin garrison. There was no doubt they would fight if they had to.

The world waited as the convoy made its way through East German territory, and when it arrived in West Berlin, with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson in the lead element, hundreds of thousands of Berliners turned out to welcome the task force. Sounding their auto horns, cheering, even tossing flowers to the troops as they poured into the city, West Berliners celebrated the reinforcement operation with a show of public exuberance that recalled for some observers the liberation of Paris.

In time, the tension eased. The troops returned to their kasernes. Public attention turned elsewhere. And yet, today, after two decades, the American presence in Germany is no less critical than it was during that troubled time. In the intervening years, detente with the Soviet Union has blossomed and withered, and there is a chill in relations between the two giants once again.

Today, the focus of attention is on Poland, but the Soviet threat to Western Europe has not diminished. Only by force and the threat of force has Moscow been able to retain control of Eastern Europe.

The Berlin Wall and the fortified border between East Germany and West Germany are brutal evidence that the Soviet Union, despite occasional variations in the stridency of its rhetoric, has not abandoned force as an implement of national policy. These barriers were built, not for defense, but to prevent Eastern Europeans from exercising their right to free movement.

As long as these monuments to totalitarianism stand, soldiers of mations must patrol them, maintaining a vigilant presence intended to deter any attempt to broaden the scope of Soviet domination.



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED:

must the Communists build walls and fences to keep people from fleeing the land where they were born?

must they charge their fences with electricity which can kill people who try to escape?

armed guards along these walls and fences shoot and kill their own people who try to escape from their homes?

despite these walls and fences and guns have over 4,000,000 people left their homes, property and friends and risked their lives to escape, in the past 15 years?

the Communists surround themselves with walls and fences when history shows that this has often been the first step in the self-destruction of an empire?

"There is no ignoring the fact that the tide of self-determination has not yet reached the Communist empire where a population... lives under ... a system ... which builds a wall to keep truth a stranger and its own citizens prisoners." [President John F. Kennedy]

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for L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 2, 1981

Mr. Kurt M. Freiberg 618 South 113 Avenue Omaha, Nebraska 68154

Dear Mr. Freiberg:

Your letter to the President has recently been referred to this office for reply. In your letter you request assistance from the State Department in obtaining compensation from the Federal Republic of Germany for the loss of property by your parents in Czernowitz, Romania. In your letter you also refer to the opinion of Judge Denney in the Federal District Court of Nebraska and the opinion of the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the decision below which dismissed your claim.

The Department has recently had occasion to address itself to your claim for compensation and to your reference to the court decision in the United States. This was in reply to letters sent to the Department by Congressman Daub which forwarded material submitted by you raising the same matters. The Department's reply to Congressman Daub dated October 22 gives the Department's views and responds to your request for assistance and discusses the bearing of the U.S. court decision. We assume that Congressman Daub has transmitted or will be transmitting shortly a copy of the letter of October 22 to you.

The Department regrets that it cannot be more helpful in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ely Maurer

Assistant Legal Adviser

Enclosure:

Letter dated October 22, 1981.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 28, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: PLEASE FURNISH COPY OF RESPONSE

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 040530

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 1981

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MR. KURT M. FREIBERG 618 SOUTH 113TH AVENUE

OMAHA NE 68154

SUBJECT: REQUESTS STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN PURSUING CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNMENT OF WEST

GERMANY

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No Response to date (Agency)

Omaha, August 26, 1

Honorable Ronald Reagan

President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20500

The White House

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Please permit me to ask you again for HELP, since I have NO ANSWER to my letter to you from: JULY 8, 1981.

AND NO ANSWER from the State Department in Washington !

Since, Secretary of State the Hon. Mr. Alexander M. Haig Jr will confer with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and other West German Efficials officials in BONN-Sept. 13 - 14, 1981, - I would appreciate it very much, you Mr. President to ask the Secretary of State, to REQUEST-from the West Germans to pay me, US \$3.610.210.00, - three Million six-hundred and ten thousand, two hundred and ten Dollars, as specific-DAMAGES FOR PROPERTY, losses pleaded AND INTEREST from: "1953"-AS PROVIDED by the WEST GERMAN RESTITUTION LAW, and International TREATIES and other International AGREEMENTS signed by: Mr. Dean Acheson for the United States, - Anthony Eden for Great Britain, - Robert Schuman for the French Republic, - AND: Konrad ADENAUER-for West-Germany on May 26, 1952 in BONN, Germany.

The Federal District Court Judge: Robert V. Denney (CF No. 80-0-591 from Jan. 8, 1981) CONFIRMED in his OPINION about the above VIOLATIONS, as did also the: U.S. Eight Circuit Court of Appeals (File No. 81-1142) AFFIRMED, gave the same OPINION on JUNE 16, 1981 in St. Louis, Mo.,

ENCLOSED please find a copy of my former EXPERTAttorney in Berlin, Dr. Fritz HUMMEL, a specialist in CompensationRestitution money to the Jews, for OVER 50-YEARS, Dr. Hummel is
today over: "81" years old.

NOTICE: the line mark: "A" states; **-" ALL LEGAL REMEDIES IN GERMANY
ARE UNFORTUNATELY-EXHAUSTED, - and in the line marked "B" - states:
"WE REGRET THAT WE CAN NOT HELP YOU ANY LONGER ! **. This he said in
the enclosed letter, dated Berlin, JULY 2, 1981 !!!

Alsom enclosed find a letter from the Hon. Hal DAUB,
Member of The U.S. Congress, from: August 19, 1981.

I hope to hear from you this time soon Mr. Fresident, Respectfully,

ENCL.

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Kurt M. Freiberg 618 South 113 AVE. Omaha. - Nebraska., 68154

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COPYS SEND TO:

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The State Department
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Washington, D.C. 20520

The Hon. Hal Daub Member of Congress 1008 Longworth House Office Bldg. (and to the Omaha, - Office) WASHINGTON, D.C. - 20515

Mr. Charles R. Wiley Federal Bureau of Investigation 215 North 17 Street The Federal Building Omaha, - Nebraska., 68102

Mr. Lee R. Hamburg 1410 Canterbury Lane GLENVIEW, - Illinois., 60025

Respectfully submited by:

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ENCL.;

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Herrn

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Ihre Nachricht vom

Ihr Zeichen

Wiedergutmachung

Kurt M. Freiberg

618 South 113 Avenue

Omaha, Nebraska 68 154

Sehr geehrter Herr Freiberg!

Auf den Anruf vom 1. Juli 1981 übersenden wir Ihnen anbei den Beschluß des Bundesverwaltungsgerichts Berlin vom 14. August 1980, der inhaltlich Ihnen schon mitgeteilt worden ist. Sie wollten die Entscheidung Ihren dortigen Behörden vorlegen. Wir wünschen Ihnen Glück für den weiteren Verlauf. Die rechtlichen Mittelin Deutschland sind leider erschöpft.

Wie die Justizkasse Berlin mitteilt, sind an Gerichtskosten für die erste Instanz noch 284, -- DM zu zahlen. Sie haben die Kosten zweiter Instanz bezahlt (Scheck vom 23. Sept. 1980). Demgemäß dürfen wir Sie bitten, auch die Kosten erster Instanz an die Justizkase Berlin ind looo Berlin 20, Altstädter Ring 7, mit 284,-- DM zu bezahlen und dasbei das Aktenzeichen VG 9 A 116/76 anzugeben.

Wie wir sehen, ist Ihre Anfrage wegen des Bundesverfassungsgerichts nicht beantwortet. Das geschah deshalb nicht, weil eine Anrufung dieses Gerichts aus verschiedenen auch prozessualen Gründen völlig aussichtslos War. Das Andesverfassungsgericht kann gegen rechtskräftige Urteile der Deutschen Gerichte angerufen werden, wenn diese Urteile die deutsche Verfassung verletzen. Diese besteht in dem Gang des Verfahrens vor dem Verwaltungsgericht und dem Bundesverwaltungsgericht kein Anhaltspunkt. Inbesondere ist Ihnen auch das rechtliche Gehör ausreichend gewährt worden. Der Beschluß des Bundesverwaltungsgerichts vom 14. August 1980 hat sich eitgehender mit dem Sachverhalt befaßt, als dies sonst zu geschehen pflegt. Der Versuch eines Antrages an das Bundesverfassungsgericht mußte daher von vornherein erfolglos sein.

Wir bedauern, Ihnen nicht weiter helfen zu können. Nach unseren Besprechungen sehen wir davon ab, Gebühren zu berechnen. Wir wären Ihnen d jedoch dankbar, wenn Sie uns einen mäßigen Betrag zur Deckung unserer Unkosten in dieser Sache übersenden würden.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

Die Rechtsanwälte Dr. Hummel, W. Hummel-Hille Rechtsanwalt

HAL DAUB

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JAMES PUTNAM DISTRICT OFFICE MANAGER

August 19,1981

Mr. Kurt M. Freiberg 618 South 113th Avenue Omaha, Nebraska 68154

Dear Kurt:

After personally reviewing your correspondence, I've decided that the State Department should have the opportunity to look into this matter. I've been in contact with the assistant Secretary of State and will await his reply.

It is my understanding that the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has dismissed your suit due to lack of jurisdiction over the subject matter. The case deals with a question best suited to Executive disposition. Therefore, your only recourse at this time is through the President and the State Department.

As soon as I hear from the State Department, I'll let you know.

Hal Daub

Member of Congress