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September 28, 1981

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With my warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Richard von Weizsacker^x
Governing Mayor of Berlin
Germany

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TO WEIZSACKER, RICHARD FROM PRES

DOCDATE 28 SEP 81

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SUBJECT: THANK YOU LTR FOR GIFT OF PHOTOGRAPHS

ACTION: PRES SGD LTR

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: TO: WEIZSACKER, RICHARD

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SUBJ: THANK YOU LTR FOR GIFT OF PHOTOGRAPHS

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Cathy Millison
FOR ALLEN J LENZ

STAFF DIRECTOR

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RENTSCHLER

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Governing Mission of Berlin

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oval office - Pres. saw

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to residence
to look at
more carefully.
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enjoyed
meeting
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etc.

Set of 96 photos.

Berlin -

Presented personally?

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September 14, 1981
6:00 pm

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE
Tuesday, September 15, 1981

1 am min)	<u>Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1 am min)	<u>Meeting with GOP Congressional Leaders</u> (Max Friedersdorf) Writing Pool and Photo Coverage	Cabinet Room
30 am min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
45 am min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
15 am min)	Brief Remarks to Participants in the <u>President's Executive Exchange Program</u> (Frank Hodsoll) Writing Pool and Photo Coverage	Roosevelt Room
30 am min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
n min)	Luncheon for Black College Day and Signing of <u>Executive Order on Black Colleges</u> (Elizabeth Dole/Peter McCoy) Open Press Coverage for Signing and Remarks	State Dining Room
0 pm min)	<u>Meeting with Secretary Weinberger</u> (Craig Fuller)	Oval Office
0 pm min)	<u>Speech Conference</u> (David Gergen)	Oval Office
0 pm min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
0 pm min)	<u>National Security Council Meeting</u> (Richard V. Allen)	Cabinet Room
0 pm min)	Brief Meeting with the Governing Mayor of Berlin, <u>Richard von Weizsacker</u> (Richard V. Allen) Writing Pool and Photo Coverage	Oval Office
0 pm min)	<u>Courtesy Call by Governor James Rhodes of Ohio</u> (Richard Williamson) White House Photographer	Oval Office
0 pm min)	Reception for Supporters of the Economic <u>Recovery Program from the Business Community</u> (Elizabeth Dole/Peter McCoy) Open Press Coverage	South Lawn
0 pm	<u>To the Residence</u>	

Der Regierende Bürgermeister von Berlin

For more than 30 years we Berliners in the free part of the city have been living behind the shield of our Protecting Powers, the United States of America and her two Allies, France and Great Britain. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their unswerving commitment.

The Alliance with the United States of America has its roots in Berlin. Our common belief in freedom and human dignity made enemies into friends soon after the War, during the time of the Blockade. This is the solid ground we stand on. Berliners know what it means for Americans to commit themselves to our city. Berliners are, and will continue to be grateful and reliable friends because they share the same ideals.

Ridwan S. ...
Governing Mayor of Berlin

DRAFT/Date Sept. 21, 81

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With my warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

RR

The Honorable Richard von Weizsacker
Governing Mayor of Berlin
Germany

(Do not use "West Berlin"
or
"Federal Republic of Germany"
in this case per Mrs. Denham.)

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September 15, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER / DENNIS C. BLAIR

SUBJECT: President's Meeting with Governing Mayor
Richard von Weizsaecker
(Tuesday, September 15 - 5:00 p.m.)

Attached is a State memo providing background information for the President's meeting this afternoon with Governing Mayor of Berlin Richard von Weizsaecker. This information is largely duplicative of the memo we moved yesterday, as per Dick Darman's instructions, and was based on collaboration with the working levels at EUR (who knew they would not be able to make the WH deadline).

We see no reason for you to lay this on the President, particularly given the lateness of the hour. However, a transmittal note (Tab I) is attached in case you feel it should go forward.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you determine whether you need to send the attached info to the President.

Yes _____ No ✓

Tab I Memo to the President
A - State Department Memo

*He has enough paper!
Johnson*

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Governing Mayor of Berlin
Richard von Weizsaecker
(Tuesday, September 15 - 5:00 p.m.)

Bill Clark has provided the attached background information for your meeting later today with Berlin Governing Mayor von Weizsaecker. This material reflects the background and objectives which we earlier forwarded to you.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON



September 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: William P. Clark, Acting *wpc*

SUBJECT: Visit of Richard von Weizsaecker, Governing Mayor of Berlin, 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 1981

I. THE SETTING

Von Weizsaecker, only elected in June, is Berlin's first non-socialist Governing Mayor since 1957. He heads a minority government whose continuation depends on retaining a few opposition votes. It is not certain, therefore, how well the von Weizsaecker government can withstand the kinds of political shocks which sank its SPD/FDP predecessor, nor whether it can effectively handle Berlin's serious problems which include rising unemployment, housing shortages, inadequate investment, the flight of its best talent and falling revenues. Berlin is also beset by the problems of a burgeoning Turkish guest worker minority and the alienation of significant numbers of young people. Some youth demonstrations have been violent and have turned into anti-American rallies. During Secretary Haig's visit to Berlin on Sunday, thousands of youths (most, however, from the FRG, not Berlin) demonstrated against US strategic and armament policies.

Von Weizsaecker is a staunch friend of the United States who deserves our support. He has a strong role, not only in Berlin, but as a senior member of the Christian Democratic Party (CDU). He believes this visit and, in particular, his meeting with you will enhance the prestige of his new government so that it can better deal with Berlin's pressing problems.

II. OBJECTIVES

Our overall objective is, through this White House visit, to provide a strong show of US friendship and support for the city of Berlin and its newly-elected Governing Mayor.

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Specifically:

1. To congratulate von Weizsaecker personally on his election as Governing Mayor.
2. To assure von Weizsaecker that US will continue to stand behind Berlin and work for the freedom and security of the city.
3. To note that Americans continue to admire Berlin as a bulwark of democracy and Western values.
4. To exchange views with von Weizsaecker on key issues in U.S.-FRG relations, given von Weizsaecker's role as a prominent CDU politician who will play an important part in FRG politics for the indefinite future.

III. ISSUES

1. TNF

Von Weizsaecker may not be too optimistic about the Chancellor's ability to keep the lid on the TNF decision.

2. ERW

Von Weizsaecker undoubtedly sees the merit of the enhanced radiation weapon (ERW), but is probably concerned over the impact of ERW on the TNF decision and probably wonders whether it will ever be possible to in fact deploy ERW in Germany.

3. Peace Movement in Germany

Von Weizsaecker is deeply concerned over the excesses of this peace movement and probably feels that the movement is on the upswing in the FRG. He will undoubtedly apologize on his behalf and that of the people of Berlin for the demonstrations against Secretary Haig's visit.

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September 14, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Governing Mayor of Berlin
Richard von Weiszäcker (Tuesday, September 15,
5:00 p.m.)

Your meeting with Governing Mayor von Weiszäcker (phonetic: fohn VITESzecker) will demonstrate your personal support for the people of Berlin and will be a strong show of friendship for their governing mayor. He is a long-time and staunch friend of the U.S. whose prestige will be enhanced by this meeting.

Governing Mayor von Weiszäcker was elected in May of this year, the first Christian Democrat to govern the city in recent memory. He heads a minority government attempting to grapple with the same tough problems which brought down his predecessor:

- High unemployment and a housing shortage;
- Inadequate investment and falling revenues;
- A large undigested minority of Turkish guest workers, and an alienated youth population.

Secretary Haig's visit to Berlin over the weekend sparked protests involving 30-50,000 demonstrators, with about 100 arrests. Against this background of youthful anti-Americanism, responsible officials and leaders both in Berlin and throughout Germany extended the warmest possible welcome to the Secretary and condemned the demonstrations. The mayor will undoubtedly apologize to you for the demonstrations and assure you they do not reflect the true state of German-U.S. relations.

Accompanying Mayor von Weiszäcker will be Minister Fredo Dannenbring, Embassy of the FRG in Washington; from State: Secretary Haig and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Central Europe Tom Niles.

Attached at Tab A are talking points for your meeting with Mayor von Weiszäcker -- at Tab B a biographic sketch of the Mayor.

cc: Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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TALKING POINTS

MEETING WITH GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN
RICHARD VON WEISZÄCKER

Tuesday, September 15, 1981, 5:00 p.m.

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- Assurances that the U.S., as it has in the past, fully supports the people of Berlin, and will work with the Berliners to protect the freedom and security of their city.
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- Congratulations on election
 - U.S. support for Berlin
 - U.S. admiration for people of Berlin
 - Evaluation of Haig's visit
 - Youth disenchantment
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

September 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CP*

FROM: DENNIS *DB* BLAIR

SUBJECT: President's Meeting with Richard von Weiszäcker
Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 p.m.

As you know, the meeting of von Weiszäcker with the President has finally been scheduled. Attached is a briefing memo with talking points for you to send to the President in preparation for the meeting. It emphasizes the symbolic importance of the meeting, and brings the President up to date on the Haig visit, which will be very much on von Weiszäcker's mind.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

- Tab I Memo to President
 A - Talking Points
 B - Bio

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DONNA,

"5343" memo dtd 14 Sep, came in Tues. night at 7:00 p.m.; that package was taken to Darman's office right away.

"5343" memo, dtd 15 Sep, came in yesterday afternoon (it probably should have had "addon" typed in corner), & this part of the package was not forwarded to the President (Janet's note, "He has enough paper!") I do not know who made the second entry "Pres, for information", but it was not I.

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Subject: Enclosed copy letter from Mrs. Elsa Pentrop, expresses interest in preserving peace in Europe.

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- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

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October 26, 1981

Dear Newt:

Thank you for your October 20 letter enclosing correspondence to the President from Mrs. Elsa Rentrop.

Please be assured that Mrs. Rentrop's letter has been forwarded to the appropriate staff members in order that a response may be sent on the President's behalf.

Again, thank you for your interest in writing.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Newt Gingrich
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: w/copy of incoming to Anne Higgins for further action

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
October 20, 1981

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(404) 253-8355

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

044747

Dear President Reagan,

I'd like for you to read a letter Mrs. Elsa Rentrop of West Germany has forwarded to me. She has sent a similar letter to Leonid Brezhnev.

For many years Mrs. Rentrop has entertained Americans in her home, especially academic persons interested in German affairs. Until his recent death, one of her sons was in the German Foreign Office. Her other son is currently a representative in the West German Bundestag. Her deep interest in preserving peace in Europe has prompted her to express her views to you and Mr. Brezhnev.

I've sent you her original letter and a translation.

Thank you very much. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Newt Gingrich
Member of Congress

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Elsa Rentrop

53 Bonn- Bad Godesberg, 28.9.81
Hohenzollernstr. 10

An den
Präsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten

Mr. Ronald Reagan

Weißes Haus
WASHINGTON

U.S.A.

Exzellenz!

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident!

Es ist Ihnen gewiß bekannt, wie sehr unser Volk dem Ihren verbunden ist und daß viele echte und treue Freundschaften zwischen den Menschen unserer Länder bestehen. Trotzdem ist für uns die Erfahrung zweier Weltkriege so bitter, der Lebenswille unseres Volkes so stark, daß wir auch aus Freundschaft keinen Krieg mehr auf unserm Boden wollen - auch nicht auf dem Boden anderer. Die Rüstungen haben in Ost und West ein solches Ausmaß angenommen, daß ein Zusammenprall der Kräfte nur zu einem Inferno führen könnte.

Hochgeschätzter Herr Präsident! Es liegt an Ihnen und Ihrem Verhandlungsgeschick, sowie am Entgegenkommen des Herrn Breschnew, ob die Welt von ihrer Atomangst und der Angst, überrollt zu werden, befreit wird. Sollte der Parteivorsitzende der U.D.S.S.R., Herr Breschnew, Ihnen, sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, das Angebot unterbreiten, seine SS 20 und den Überhang seiner Panzer abzubauen, so gehen Sie bitte - um unserer Kinder und Kindes-
kinder willen - auf diesen Vorschlag ein und verzichten Sie dann bitte auf Neuausrüstung und Neutronenbombe. Vielleicht betonen Sie nicht allzu sehr, daß die U.D.S.S.R. Ihnen entgegenkam, um deren Gesicht zu wahren. Die Welt wird wissen, wem ein dauerhafter, alle beglückender Friede mit regem Handel auf beiden Seiten zu verdanken ist. Die Weltgeschichte wird Sie beide, sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, Sie selbst und Herrn Breschnew, als die Erhalter des Weltfriedens preisen und auf Zeiten hinaus ehren.

Anbei mein Schreiben an den Parteivorsitzenden der U.D.S.S.R. Breschnew.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung und in
Freundschaft zu Ihrem liebenswerten

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM MRS. ELSA RENTROP

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

SEPTEMBER 28, 1981

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MR. RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

EXCELLENCY,

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: -

YOU ARE CERTAINLY AWARE HOW VERY MUCH OUR PEOPLE IS LINKED TO YOUR OWN AND THAT MANY GENUINE AND FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIPS EXIST BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRIES. NONETHELESS, THE EXPERIENCE OF TWO WORLD WARS WAS SO BITTER, AND THE WILL TO LIVE SO STRONG, THAT WE CANNOT REGARD THIS FRIENDSHIP AS A BASIS FOR ANY MORE WAR ON OUR SOIL - NOR ON THE SOIL OF OTHERS. IN EAST AND WEST, ARMAMENTS HAVE TAKEN ON SUCH A PROPORTION THAT A COLLISION OF THE POWERS COULD ONLY LEAD TO AN INFERNO.

HIGHLY ESTEEMED MR. PRESIDENT, YOU AND YOUR NEGOTIATING SKILL, AS WELL AS THE ACTS OF CONCESSION BY MR. BREZHNEV, WILL DETERMINE WHETHER THE WORLD IS SPARED THE FEAR OF ATOMIC WAR AND BEING OVERRUN. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, IF THE PARTY CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.S.R., MR. BREZHNEV, SHOULD OFFER YOU A DISMANTLING OF HIS SS-20 AND HIS SUPERIORITY OF TANK FORCES, PLEASE, FOR THE SECURITY OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, ENTER INTO THIS PROPOSAL AND RENOUNCE AN ESCALATION OF ARMAMENTS AND THE NEUTRON BOMB. PERHAPS YOU COULD AVOID EMPHASIZING THAT THE U.S.S.R. MADE THIS CONCESSION TO YOU IN ORDER THAT THE OTHER SIDE MAY SAVE FACE. THE WORLD WILL KNOW WHOM TO THANK FOR AN ENDURING PLEACE SO VIGOROUSLY NEGOTIATED ON BOTH SIDES, BRINGING GOOD FORTUNE TO ALL. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, WORLD HISTORY WILL PRAISE AND HONOR YOU YOURSELF AND MR. BREZHNEV AS GUARDIANS OF PEACE FOR TIMES TO COME.

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND MY LETTER TO THE PARTY CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S.S.R., MR. BREZHNEV.

WITH MY VERY GREAT ESTEEM,

AND WITH EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP FOR YOUR KIND PEOPLE,

YOURS SINCERELY,

ELSA RENTROP

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Request for an Appointment with the Vice President:
FRG Opposition Leader Helmut Kohl

The German Embassy has just informed us that Dr. Helmut Kohl, Chairman of the Christian Democratic Union, would like to meet with the Vice President during Kohl's forthcoming visit to Washington October 14-19. Kohl already has a confirmed appointment with the President for October 15 at 11:30 a.m. and one with Secretary Haig at 9:30 a.m. on October 16.

As leader of the opposition, Kohl is the most likely successor to the Chancellorship should the present Bonn coalition break up before the next scheduled elections in 1984. In any event, Kohl is the presumed Chancellor candidate of the opposition in those elections.

Because of Kohl's importance, we recommend that the Vice President receive him if time permits.

L. Paul Bremer III
L. Paul Bremer III
Executive Secretary

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September 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS S. BLAIR/JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Economist Editorial on German Political Situation

The Economist of September 18 contained an insightful editorial on German coalition politics and the anti-Americanism issue. There have been reports in the German press that you and other administration officials favor the CDU over the SPD. This editorial points to the wisdom of maintaining the public posture of scrupulous neutrality concerning elections and party negotiations of our allies.

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"The grenade and bullets fired at an American general in Heidelberg, the street demonstrations against Mr. Alexander Haig in Berlin, the mounting agitation throughout West Germany against American policy -- if not against America itself -- could lead to much worse things happening. The anti-American campaign will, as it is partly intended to do, nurture isolationism in America. More immediately serious, it could mean that American foreign policy will be blamed for the fall both of a 12-year-long West German coalition government and of Europe's most eminent statesman, Mr. Helmut Schmidt.

A change of government in Germany some time in the next few years is probably inevitable, and of itself desirable. One day Germany's healthy consensus will give way to riskier divisiveness on the kind that exists in other Western countries. One day a somewhat cantankerous Mr. Schmidt, too long in government to be any longer always the fine judge of events he once always was, will need to take a rest.

America's and Europe's concern must be that, when this change takes place, the causes of it are not traced to Washington. Germany's coming divisiveness could take an unpleasantly British form: that of a socialist government lurching into opposition rancorous against its own moderates and shedding the responsible foreign and defence policies that it so carefully developed when it was seeking and acquiring power in the 1960s and 1970s. For American policy to become the most divisive issue in a for-the-first-time-rancorous Germany -- a country divided already from part of itself, always potentially the hinge between Europe's communist East and liberal democratic West -- could be something a generation of Europeans and Americans would live to regret. . . . A Christian Democratic government in West Germany, supported tacitly or formally by the free democrats, would be firmly in favour of the installation of the missiles. Such a government would also be much to Mr. Reagan's taste in other ways. However, the Christian Democrats represent a bare plurality of West Germany. Such a government, with a social democratic opposition lurching harder and harder against it on the issue, would not find it easy to deploy the missiles unless it could foster broad national agreement in favour of doing so. Were it try to install missiles amid genuine popular uproar, German politics would for the first time since Hitler's WR become an open target for Russian and East German manipulation. At present opinion polls suggest that about half the West German electorate supports the deployment of the missiles and about a fifth opposes it. Even that measure of consensus would be destroyed if the Social Democrats, angry at American insensitivity, moved to an out-and-out anti-nuclear stance. That is what could happen if American neglect is seen to fell Mr. Schmidt in April. Mr. Haig, America's Secretary of State, understands this. Many of his cabinet colleagues in Washington do not. The timing of the recent American decision to proceed with the assembly of the neutron bomb has strengthened the anti-nuclear movement in Germany, and has again illustrated the risks of ignoring German

opinion. Successive American administrations, including the present one, have been understandably irritated by Mr. Schmidt's irascible and sometimes uninformed remarks. But it was Mr. Schmidt who first proposed the installation of the American missiles in Europe to ensure that Europe was not "decoupled" from America. With American help, Mr. Schmidt is much more likely to stand up to West Germany's anti-missile movement, and to bring Belgium and Holland with him, than is a Christian Democratic government itself united on the issue but without a secure working majority and up against a virulent socialist opposition. It would be useful if the missiles could be safely in place, or at least the decision to install them be firmly taken, before Mr. Schmidt goes. . . .The spring of 1982 would be a risky moment for West Germany to choose a new government -- especially if that choice is effectively made, or thought to have been made, by America."

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: K.A.S. Remarks

Attached is some additional wordsmithing to accompany the excellent in-put which Dennis Blair earlier provided. It seemed to me you need to point more specifically to some of the differing strategic perceptions on our respective sides of the ocean and then relate those to Reagan, both the Man and the Administration. This material also provides a response to the FRG-as-American-protectorate swipe (which State's archival types tell me came from Bahr, not Brandt - doesn't really matter, since you would not be alluding to anyone by name).

As for positioning the material, there are many places where it can be appropriately inserted. The bottom of page 7 in the earlier text might be good (following the para which ends with "goals and aspirations antithetical to its own"); or it could replace the coda on p. 8. Another possible "entry point" is between the second and third paras on p. 2 (you will in any case want to adapt the stuff to your own style and the material you have independently developed).

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ADDITIONAL INPUT FOR KONRAD-ADENAUER STIFTUNG REMARKS

A thoughtful analyst of transatlantic trends might well contrast American and European visions for the future in the following way. He would look at our common security needs for the rest of this decade and the next and then sum up purely American desiderata along these lines:

- Defense budgets increasing at a steady pace each year.
- A strong NATO arsenal of modernized theatre nuclear weapons.
- A substantial alliance military capability to protect and support Western security interests in areas beyond NATO's formal treaty limits.
- Adequately verifiable and effective arms control treaties in force covering various types of armaments, with emphasis on actual reductions.

On the other hand, that same analyst, looking at the future through European eyes, would see rather different desiderata:

- Defense budgets reconciled with social programs, and under the best of circumstances, steadily decreasing.
- Theatre nuclear weapons of all types phased down and preferably out.
- Arms control treaties in force which severely limit weapons at both the intercontinental and conventional level.
- The Middle East problem solved politically on the basis of some accommodation with the Palestinians.

These differing perceptions or expectations -- and I have oversimplified them for the purposes of frank discussion with my friends in this room -- both define and reflect the controversial issues which already face our Alliance this year, including the question of LRTNF deployments, the President's decision to proceed with the stockpiling of ERW on American territory, the continuing debate over increased defense spending, and our contingency planning for Southwest Asia and the Persian Gulf. If I can venture a guess concerning the fulcrum on which these differing transatlantic perceptions repose, it is the reality of ^{Soviet} behavior. I will not bore you with yet another rundown of the salient data. You have heard countless times before the production rate of SS-20 missiles targeted on all major population centers of Western Europe. You know about the Backfire bombers and the threat they hold for European freedom and prosperity. You are fully aware that the Soviets have maintained an unremitting level of increased defense expenditures in the neighborhood of four-to-five percent over the past ten years alone ^{which} ~~and~~ consumes some 12-14 percent of their GNP. By any standard these figures eclipse Western security efforts and state unsettling truths about the balance of power between East and West in the decade of the Eighties.

Need we despair about such disparities? Should we throw up our hands and conclude that since we have not matched the Soviets in sheer quantitative output, we have neither the material, let alone political means to counter the challenge such activity represents? Nonsense. We in the West have now -- as we have always had -- the single determinant asset in an arsenal that is

essentially ideological: confidence in our identities as free people deeply attached to the values of pluralism and diversity that make democracy what it is and what totalitarian regimes never can be.

My main message to you today is that the President of the United States not only embodies that confidence, but is determined to give it practical expression. He has taken certain specific steps in that direction. He has concluded, for example, that we in the West simply cannot have a credible security posture without a sound economy. This central reality has been a major factor in the diminishing respect for American leadership abroad over the past few years; our European allies, properly looking with alarm at our rising inflation rates and our failure to bring sound fiscal management to our economic policies, were increasingly reluctant to support American decision-making, particularly when the decision-making process itself was subject to such apparent zigs and zags.

A viable economy is at the heart of a functioning foreign policy and accounts for the direct interrelationship between the key pillars of this Administration's approach to free world strength:

-- First, the resurgence of American productive capacity and the material benefits which will flow from that development will enable this country to improve even further on the steps we have already launched toward restoring American military muscle. As

the President has noted, that muscle -- about which this audience knows a great deal -- is the indispensable safety margin for maintenance of world peace today. That muscle, in turn, will be in the service of our NATO partners, as will the ripple effects generated by improved American economic performance.

-- Second, we will use the revitalized credibility of our leadership to elicit greater Soviet restraint and genuine reciprocity in East-West relations. That is the whole essence of "linkage" in the East-West equation. As the President has made clear, the time is past when we will allow Soviet expansionism to proceed unimpeded.

-- Third, we recognize the growing interdependence of the world today and the fact that the Western democracies must confront the Soviet challenge in a spirit of unity and cohesion. For that reason, the President has pledged a more fully and equitable consultative partnership with our allies. In two trips to Ottawa since taking office, and in meetings with a score of allied leaders in Washington, he is already redeeming that pledge.

The application of these principles has, of course, many tangible expressions. We are determined, for example, to counter the massive Soviet military build-up directed against Western Europe and will therefore press forward with the NATO decision both to deploy modernized theatre nuclear forces and to conduct meaningful arms control negotiations with the Soviets on those systems. We are accelerating our development of a rapid deployment force, which will give us much greater strategic flexibility in protecting

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~~national~~ interests where our forces are not in place. We are moving ahead with a revamped naval ship program which will leave no doubt about ~~this nation's~~^{our} ability to sail the most effective sea force in the world. And as a matter of prudent military planning and preparedness, the President has taken the decision to assemble and stockpile enhanced radiation weaponry (ERW) in the United States; this decision will give pause to those who see in massive alignments of armor a possible chance for successful aggressive action against us or our friends.

There are some European voices which challenge the need for such an exercise in decisiveness and which even go so far as to suggest that America wants to deal with its major allies as colonial powers once dealt with protectorates. Perhaps the owners of those voices are sincere in their beliefs. Perhaps, too, they are mouthpieces -- witting or unwitting -- of Soviet disinformation activity which has long sought to disrupt our transatlantic partnership, and for good reason: the Soviets, no mean strategic thinkers, clearly recognize the prevailing strength and cohesion which a Western Europe closely linked with the United States brings to the ideological contest between our two systems.

The central consideration, however, is this: the United States is led by a man today who deeply believes in the Alliance concept and who is pledged to restore the full deterrent power of our combined contributions to the common defense. He does not underestimate the difficulty of that task, nor the painful sacrifices

which we on both sides of the Atlantic will be called upon to accept, nor the controversial nature of the basic issues involved. These, as we say in America, "go with the turf". But questions of life and death -- and that is what we are really talking about in the last analysis -- are never easy. The key question remains: do we opt for life, and the hard resolve which underlies that choice? Or do we opt for death? -- not, it may be, death in the literal sense, but in a slow, creeping relinquishment of the values, ideas, and determination which have always distinguished free men and women from the involuntary captives of totalitarian regimes.

It is a question we need to ponder with the most sober-minded attention we can muster in the weeks and months ahead.

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