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MEMORANDUM

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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January 24, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC SECRETARIAT

FROM: Don Gregg *DG*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with FRG Foreign Minister
Hans-Dietrich Genscher

The Vice President will meet with Foreign Minister Genscher on Wednesday, January 26 at 2:15 p.m. for 30 minutes in his White House West Wing office. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by noon, Tuesday, January 25.

Thank you.

Cy to: Bud McFarlane

NSC #8300582

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEETING WITH HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER
FOREIGN MINISTER, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
DATE: Wednesday, January 26, 1983
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 9:40 a.m.

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

I. PURPOSE

To maintain dialogue with Genscher on INF and general economic problems.

II. BACKGROUND

In meeting with you at this time, Genscher--mindful of candidate Vogel's recent visit--hopes to gain positive public exposure to improve his party's (FDP) badly faltering electoral prospects. Two broad topics will be on Genscher's mind: INF and the German economy. On the former, Genscher will attempt a delicate balancing act--pressing for U.S. flexibility while seeking to maintain his bona fides as a dual-track supporter. On the economy, Genscher will want to be able to say he has discussed Germany's critical problems with you. In turn, you will want (1) to shore up Genscher's increasingly shaky INF position, and (2) to emphasize the importance of a continuing US-FRG dialogue on economic problems, as well as our commitment to growth and free trade.

Several important developments have occurred since Genscher moved away from Kohl by suggesting an interim solution on INF. First, the Soviets undercut Genscher by stridently rejecting an interim solution. Second, Franz Josef Strauss, Genscher's principal rival, attacked the zero option from the right. And, third, SPD leader Vogel became more polemical in demanding concessions from the U.S. You might make an opportunity of this mounting crescendo of extremism by noting the traditional FDP role as balance wheel and "party of reason." The implicit message to Genscher would be: Sticking with Kohl on INF makes political sense; is consistent with FDP's traditional image; and is vital for Western security.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S. The President
 William Clark
 Secretary George P. Shultz
 Assistant Secretary of State for European
 Affairs-designate, Richard R. Burt
 Arthur Burns, Ambassador to the FRG
 Robert C. McFarlane
 Donald R. Fortier, NSC Staff Member
 Harry Obst, interpreter
 Meese, Baker, Deaver will attend at their
 discretion

FRG

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Foreign Minister
Peter Hermes, Ambassador from the FRG
Hans-Theodor Wallau, Minister
Franz Pfeffer, Political Director of the
Foreign Office

IV. PRESS PLAN

Pool press opportunity

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

9:40 Genshcer and party arrive in Oval Office for
 meeting. Photo opportunity
10:00 Conclude meeting

Attachments

Tab A Talking Points (Card)
Tab B Memorandum from Secretary Shultz

Talking points:

- U.S. will do everything it can, consistent with Allied security, to achieve success in Geneva. And we will emphasize this publicly.
- In turn, once we have consulted with our allies on negotiations, we need--and expect--their help in making the case with us publicly.
- Understand Genscher's difficult political position. Hope though that in the increasingly agitated public debate, FDP will continue to stay firmly with the U.S. and be a voice of reason.
- Vice President Bush's trip to Europe underscores your personal commitment to strong U.S.-European and US-FRG relations.
- Welcome the opportunity for continuing dialogue on economic problems. Free international trading system now more important than ever. With FRG's low inflation rate, we hope you will join us in more expansionary economic policies.

VISIT OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER
HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER
January 26, 1983, 9:40 a.m.

- US WORKING FOR INF SUCCESS.
- NEED HELP IN PUBLICIZING THIS.
- VP'S TRIP SIGNIFIES U.S. COMMITMENT TO EUROPE.
- WELCOME ECONOMIC DIALOGUE.

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *Director*

REQUEST: Working visit and working luncheon with
FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl

PURPOSE: To discuss bilateral and international issues of concern to both our governments; to signal our support for the new German government.

BACKGROUND: Chancellor Kohl is well-known for his unambiguous and forthright support of U.S. policies. As the new leader of the German government, he will seek to improve US-German relations. An early meeting between the President and Kohl would portray a new phase in US-German relations and would generate favorable domestic and international public perceptions.

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White House
BY: *dm* 3/19/10

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Helmut Kohl received President Reagan in Germany in November 1978. In October 1981, the President met with Kohl at the White House.

DATE AND TIME: Sometime between mid-November and mid-December; 11:00 a.m. for working visit followed by a working luncheon at 12:00 noon. Nov 14-16 timeframe is preferred.

LOCATION: Oval Office and White House

DURATION: Two hours

PARTICIPANTS: U.S.-President, Vice President, Bill Clark, Ed Meese, Jim Baker, Mike Deaver, Secretary Shultz
FRG - Chancellor Kohl, FRG Ambassador Hermes, other senior members of delegation

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Working visit (one hour meeting followed by working luncheon)

REMARKS REQUIRED: Background papers, talking points to be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: Meeting to be announced; photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: State

OPPOSED BY: None NSC #8206810

PROJECT OFFICER: William P. Clark

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APPROVED FOR

Date: 11/15/82
Time: 11:30 Meeting
12:15 Lunch
Length: 1:30 Dept. of State
Date: 10/19/82 WKS

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Would you please
schedule all
attached. — Thanks

PER DONNA:
MKD approved
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DONNA L. BLUME

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL DEEVER

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*

SUBJECT: Chancellor Kohl Visit, November 15, 1982

*Let me see/sched for that day.
MR. Please file*

In order to enhance the public effect of Chancellor Kohl's visit, I suggest that we incorporate two events into the schedule:

-- A group of 15 young German workers are in the United States under an exchange program sponsored by German and American businesses. A short encounter between them, the President and the Chancellor as they left the working lunch would provide an excellent photo opportunity which would emphasize fundamental US-German ties.

-- During the President's visit to Bonn last summer, the President received two young eagles from the German Chancellor. These eagles are now ready to be placed in the national zoo. The President and Mrs. Reagan and Chancellor Kohl could take a few minutes to visit the exhibit and make a few remarks, again emphasizing US-German ties.

If you agree that these two ideas would enhance the Kohl visit, our staffs will continue to work together to arrange them.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve meeting with German workers.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

That you approve visit to national zoo eagle exhibit.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 25, 1982

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S LETTER ON RUDOLF HESS

REF: BONN 22372

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL FROM THE PRESIDENT:

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

WHILE HE WAS CHANCELLOR, MR. SCHMIDT WROTE TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH OF RUDOLF HESS AND TO REQUEST THAT MR. HESS BE RELEASED FROM PRISON ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. IN THE EVENT THAT MR. HESS DIES IN PRISON, MR. SCHMIDT ASKED THAT THE BODY BE TURNED OVER TO MR. HESS'S RELATIVES FOR BURIAL. I SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED ABOUT THE CONTINUING IMPRISONMENT OF MR. HESS DESPITE HIS ADVANCED AGE AND ILL HEALTH.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, IN CONCERT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAS MADE

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S/S:CM

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REPEATED APPROACHES TO THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE MR. HESS'S RELEASE, THUS FAR TO NO AVAIL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR MR. HESS'S RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS.

SHOULD MR. HESS DIE IN PRISON, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HIS BODY BEING GIVEN TO THE FAMILY.

SINCERELY,
RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT.

3. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE CHANCELLOR WISH TO DO SO. YY

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Helmut Schmidt
on Rudolf Hess

You are authorized to transmit to Chancellor Kohl over the President's name the text proposed by your memorandum of October 19. There will be no signed original.

Donna S. Moore for
Michael O. Wheeler
Staff Secretary

Tab A Draft presidential letter

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

October 22, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Helmut Schmidt on Rudolf Hess

Attached for your approval is a letter from the President to Chancellor Kohl concerning Rudolf Hess. Former Chancellor Schmidt had written to the President, Mitterrand and Thatcher asking for another effort to secure the release of Hess from the Soviet-run prison in East Germany. The President's reply, which has been fully coordinated through our mission in Berlin, informs Kohl that we are continuing our efforts, but have not had success. Once you approve the letter, Mike Wheeler's memo at Tab I will instruct State to transmit and deliver it.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the letter at Tab A from the President, and Mike Wheeler's memo at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove

Have we actually taken steps w. Soviets?

- Tab I Wheeler to Bremer
- Tab A Text of letter
- Tab B Schmidt letter to President
- Tab II State cover memos

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*Yes - we, The Friends and ~~the~~
 Brits have all made formal
 approaches to the Soviets -
 Dennis Blair*



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 19, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Helmut Schmidt on
Rudolf Hess

On October 1 the Department transmitted the text of a letter from Chancellor Schmidt to the President asking for the release of Rudolf Hess from Spandau Prison in Berlin.

As Schmidt wrote in his capacity as Chancellor, the attached suggested reply is addressed to Chancellor Kohl. The text of the reply has been coordinated with the British and French. We understand Prime Minister Thatcher and President Mitterrand also received letters from Schmidt and have sent similar responses.

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

Attachments:

1. Suggested Reply
2. Text of Letter from Schmidt

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 1, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Chancellor Schmidt on
Rudolf Hess

Attached is a letter from Helmut Schmidt to the President transmitted through the German Embassy. Schmidt asks for the release of Rudolf Hess from Spandau Prison in Berlin on humanitarian grounds.

In accordance with the usual procedure involving matters falling under Quadripartite responsibility, we have instructed our Embassy in Bonn to coordinate with the British and French and propose an appropriate response. We will transmit to the White House a suggested text as soon as the consultation in Bonn has taken place.

L. Paul Bremer, III
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Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Letter from Helmut Schmidt

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

Dear Ron,

the state of health of Rudolf Hess, who is now 88 years old and is - as the only inmate of the Allied Military Prison at Berlin-Spandau - serving a life sentence, clearly gives grounds for concern. I should, therefore, like to draw your attention once more to the fate of this man who has been imprisoned for over 41 years now and appeal to you, irrespective of the question of legal and moral guilt, to enable him for humanitarian reasons through an act of clemency to spend the last days of his life with his family.

Rudolf Hess has given his word of honor to his son that, on being released, he will not comment in any way on historical, contemporary or political questions.

I should also be grateful if you could grant the relatives of Rudolf Hess their wish that, in the event of his death in prison, his body be handed over to them for burial.

Yours sincerely,
(sgd.) Helmut Schmidt

His Excellency
Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

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THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honour to transmit to you
the following telegram from Federal Chancellor
Helmut Schmidt:

"Lieber Ron,

der Gesundheitszustand des 88 Jahre
alten Rudolf Hess, der noch als einziger
Häftling im alliierten Militärgefängnis
Berlin-Spandau eine lebenslange Freiheits-
strafe verbüßt, ist offensichtlich besorg-
niserregend. Ich möchte daher Ihre Aufmerk-
samkeit erneut auf das Schicksal dieses
Mannes lenken, der seit über 41 Jahren
inhaftiert ist, und an Sie appellieren,
ihm unabhängig von rechtlicher und morali-
scher Schuld aus Gründen der Menschlich-
keit durch einen Akt der Gnade zu er-
möglichen, seine letzten Tage im Kreise
seiner Familie zu verbringen.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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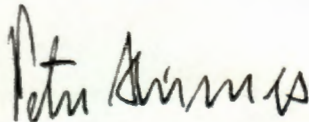
Rudolf Hess hat seinem Sohn gegenüber ehrenwörtlich erklärt, daß er sich nach seiner Freilassung nicht zu irgendwelchen historischen, zeitgeschichtlichen oder politischen Fragen äußern werde.

Ich wäre ferner dankbar, wenn Sie sich der Bitte der Familie von Rudolf Hess nicht verschließen würden, im Falle seines Ablebens in der Haft den Leichnam seinen Angehörigen zur Bestattung zu übergeben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
(gez.) Helmut Schmidt".

A courtesy translation is attached.

Respectfully yours,



Washington, D.C., September 24, 1982

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His Excellency
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SUBJECT: RUDOLF HESS: LETTER FROM CHANCELLOR TO
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2. THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WAS DELIVERED VIA THE FRG EMBASSY.
BONN GROUP REP SHOULD COORDINATE WITH BRITISH AND
FRENCH AND PROPOSE SUGGESTED RESPONSE.

3. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR RON,

THE STATE OF HEALTH OF RUDOLF HESS, WHO IS NOW 88 YEARS
OLD AND IS - AS THE ONLY INMATE OF THE ALLIED MILITARY
PRISON AT BERLIN-SPANDAU - SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE,
CLEARLY GIVES GROUNDS FOR CONCERN. I SHOULD,
THEREFORE, LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION ONCE MORE TO THE
FATE OF THIS MAN WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED FOR OVER 41
YEARS NOW AND APPEAL TO YOU, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE
QUESTION OF LEGAL AND MORAL GUILT, TO ENABLE HIM FOR
HUMANITARIAN REASONS THROUGH AN ACT OF CLEMENCY TO

SPEND THE LAST DAYS OF HIS LIFE WITH HIS FAMILY.

RUDOLF HESS HAS GIVEN HIS WORD OF HONOR TO HIS SON
THAT, ON BEING RELEASED, HE WILL NOT COMMENT IN ANY WAY
ON HISTORICAL, CONTEMPORARY OR POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

I SHOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD GRANT THE
RELATIVES OF RUDOLF HESS THEIR WISH THAT, IN THE EVENT
OF HIS DEATH IN PRISON, HIS BODY BE HANDED OVER TO THEM
FOR BURIAL.

YOURS SINCERELY,
HELMUT SCHMIDT

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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

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Dear Ron,

the state of health of Rudolf Hess, who is now 88 years old and is - as the only inmate of the Allied Military Prison at Berlin-Spandau - serving a life sentence, clearly gives grounds for concern. I should, therefore, like to draw your attention once more to the fate of this man who has been imprisoned for over 41 years now and appeal to you, irrespective of the question of legal and moral guilt, to enable him for humanitarian reasons through an act of clemency to spend the last days of his life with his family.

Rudolf Hess has given his word of honor to his son that, on being released, he will not comment in any way on historical, contemporary or political questions.

I should also be grateful if you could grant the relatives of Rudolf Hess their wish that, in the event of his death in prison, his body be handed over to them for burial.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Helmut Schmidt

His Excellency
Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

I have the honour to transmit to you
the following telegram from Federal Chancellor
Helmut Schmidt:

"Lieber Ron,

der Gesundheitszustand des 88 Jahre
alten Rudolf Hess, der noch als einziger
Häftling im alliierten Militärgefängnis
Berlin-Spandau eine lebenslange Freiheits-
strafe verbüßt, ist offensichtlich besorg-
niserregend. Ich möchte daher Ihre Aufmerk-
samkeit erneut auf das Schicksal dieses
Mannes lenken, der seit über 41 Jahren
inhaftiert ist, und an Sie appellieren,
ihm unabhängig von rechtlicher und morali-
scher Schuld aus Gründen der Menschlich-
keit durch einen Akt der Gnade zu er-
möglichen, seine letzten Tage im Kreise
seiner Familie zu verbringen.

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The President

The White House

Washington, D.C.

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Rudolf Hess hat seinem Sohn gegenüber ehrenwörtlich erklärt, daß er sich nach seiner Freilassung nicht zu irgendwelchen historischen, zeitgeschichtlichen oder politischen Fragen äußern werde.

Ich wäre ferner dankbar, wenn Sie sich der Bitte der Familie von Rudolf Hess nicht verschließen würden, im Falle seines Ablebens in der Haft den Leichnam seinen Angehörigen zur Bestattung zu übergeben.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
(gez.) Helmut Schmidt".

A courtesy translation is attached.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Schmies".

Washington, D.C., September 24, 1982

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REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE DRAFT REPLY

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: DONALD R. FORTIER *DF*
SUBJECT: Visit of Former Ambassador *Berndt* Von Staden

Former Ambassador Von Staden will be coming to Washington February 13-17 in his capacity as a coordinator for German-American relations. He would like a brief appointment with you during this period. You saw him last in July 1982.

He was also here with Kohl.

I respect Von Staden and find him essentially quite solid. At the same time, you have many competing demands on your time and we have gone out of our way lately to accommodate visit requests from the FRG. This decision should probably be made on the basis of your time and personal relationship with Von Staden. For that reason I am passing the request along without recommendation. I would be happy to see Von Staden for you should you desire.

ACTION

OK NO
✓ tentative Agree to meet with Von Staden

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DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL

President of the Federal Republic of Germany

It was my pleasure today to host a luncheon & extensive meetings with Chanc. Kohl & other representatives of his gov't. Our discussions touched on a number of bilateral issues, as well as those general problems confronting our two powerful democratic nations.

As befits one who has just won an impressive election victory, Chanc. Kohl was very positive about the opportunities ahead. I share his optimism & look forward to continuing our close relationship.

The Chanc. & I have many things in common (not the least of which) is a deep faith in the strength of Western values.

We were able to approach our discussions with a shared appreciation for these values & with an understanding of the many traditions & common interests that link our 2 countries. The special ties between the German & American p. will be expressed this year in the celebration of the Tricentennial of German immigration to North Am. I am especially pleased that Pres. Carstens will be marking this event with a state visit to our country in the fall.

During our discussions today, we focused on issues likely to emerge during the Williamsburg Summit. The Chanc. & I agree that we should seek a free & open exchange of views at Wmsburg, with our primary goal being the closest possible cooperation in tackling the problems facing the world economy.

Both of us welcome the signs of economic upturn in our countries & will work to assure that recovery is strong & lasting. We agree that it is vital that we vigorously seek a resolution of the trade problems between the U.S. & Europe, and that protectionism be avoided. And we are happy with the steps we have made towards a common understanding concerning East-West ec. relations.

Another subject of discussion today was the arms reduction negotiations btwn the U.S. & the Sov. Union.

I reiterated the United States' determination to achieve success in the START & INF talks in Geneva, & the Chanc. confirmed his strong endorsement of our negotiating strategy.

As leaders of our respective countries,
we call on the Sov. U. to respond
seriously to our proposals - proposals
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We remain united in our commitment
to continue on both tracks of the NATO
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Soviet intransigence makes this
unavoidable.

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(Rohrabacher/AB)
April 12, 1983
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOLLOWING MEETING
WITH CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL
FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 1983

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