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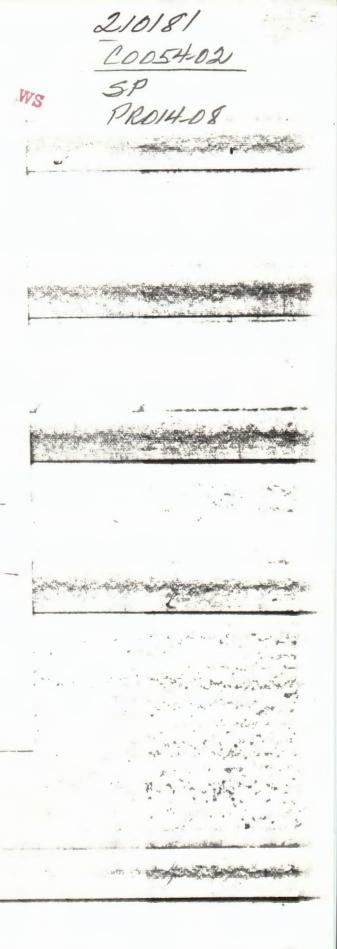
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CHANCELLOR KOUL OF GERMANY DEPARTURE STATEMENT

MR. CHANCELLOR, MR. STATE SECRETARY, LADIFS AND GENTLEMEN: I HAVE BEEN HONORED TO HAVE CHANCELLOR KOHL AS A GUEST TODAY. GERMAN-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP REMAINS A POSITIVE, DYNAMIC, AND VITAL FORCE IN THE FREE WORLD'S STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, SECURITY, AND PROSPERITY. THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHANCELLOR KOHL AND MYSELF EXEMPLIFIES THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. TODAY I WAS MOST PLEASED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM ISSUES OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.

OUR TALKS FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR WESTERN LEADERSHIP IN DEALING WITH THE CHANGING WORLD OF THE 1980'S. WE BOTH AGREE THAT 1983 WAS A CRUCIAL YEAR FOR THE NATO ALLIANCE.



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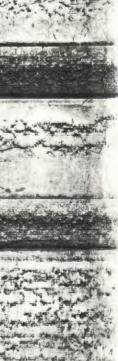
THE LEADERS OF THE WESTERN DEMOCRACIES STOOD FIRM IN THE FACE OF AN INTENSE SOVIET CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION AIMED AT BLOCKING NATO DEPLOYMENT OF NEW INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES. TO ITS COMMON CREDIT, THE ALLIANCE DEMONSTRATED ITS DETERMINATION TO RESTORE THE MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE AND MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE, AND EMERGED STRONGER FROM THE CHALLENGE. THANKS TO THE COURAGE AND VISION OF LEADERS LIKE CHANCELLOR KOHL, WE CAN POINT TO THE PAST YEAR WITH PRIDE AND LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE.

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BOTH CHANCELLOR KOHL AND MYSELF WOULD PREFER TO ACHIEVE A NUCLEAR BALANCE THROUGH ARMS REDUCTION. TODAY, I RECONFIRMED MY WILLINGNESS -- EAGERNESS -- TO CONTINUE THE EFFORT TO REACH ARMS REDUCTION AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. BOTH CHANCELLOR KOHL AND I AGREE THAT, WITH NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE KREMLIN, AN OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR REAL PROGRESS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

HOWEVER, IN THE FACE OF SOVIET INTRANSIGENCE AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE — A TABLE WHICH WE REMAIN READY TO RETURN TO ANYTIME — THE ALLIANCE WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR DETERRENT.

IN THE DECLARATION OF BRUSSELS LAST DECEMBER, THE NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS AFFIRMED OUR OFFER TO ESTABLISH CONSTRUCTIVE CONTACTS AND DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIETS. I REAFFIRMED TO CHANCELLOR KOHL TODAY MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBLE AVENUE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS WITH THE EAST. I AM READY TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP IF SUCH A MEETING IS WELL PREPARED AND HOLDS PROMISE OF FRUITFUL RESULTS.



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CHANCELLOR KOHL AND I ALSO DISCUSSED THE STRENGTHENING OF WESTERN ECONOMIES AND THE PEACEFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. WE ARE ESPECIALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE INCREASING TEAM EFFORT OUR COUNTRIES ARE DEMONSTRATING IN THE EXPLORATION OF SPACE. THE NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE SHUTTLE WAS THE FIRST TO INCLUDE A NON-AMERICAN ASTRONAUT ---A GERMAN. I WAS DELIGHTED THAT THE COMMUNICATIONS HOOKUP ALLOWED CHANCELLOR KOHL AND MYSELF TO TALK WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE ASTRONAUTS IN SPACE. IT WAS AN EXCITING ACHIEVEMENT AND A REFLECTION OF THE GOOD WILL UPON WHICH FUTURE PROGRESS CAN BE BUILT.

THIS MORNING I PRESENTED CHANCELLOR KOHL WITH A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THAT MISSION WHICH BEARS PHOTOGRAPHS AND U.S. AND GERMAN FLAGS THAT HAVE FLOWN IN SPACE. AS THE INSCRIPTION SAYS, "... WE LOOK TOWARD FUTURE GERMAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION TO STRENGTHEN PEACE, BUILD PROSPERITY AND EXPAND FREEDOM IN DEVELOPING SPACE, OUR NEXT FRONTIER."

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I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH OUR SUCCESS IN EXPANDING THE HUMAN SIDE OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP. THE TRICENTENNIAL OF GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO AMERICA HEIGHTENED OUR AWARENESS OF THE DEEP PERSONAL AND FAMILY TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. THE GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, ESTABLISHED DURING THE TRICENTENNIAL, SYMBOLIZES THIS RELATIONSHIP. AND THE NEWLY LAUNCHED CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM WILL ENSURE THAT THESE IMPORTANT CONTACTS CONTINUE UNABATED.

- 6 MR. CHANCELLOR, AFTER ONLY 17 MONTHS IN OFFICE, YOU ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF LEADERSHIP IN THE WESTERN WORLD. THERE IS RARELY AN ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE ON WHICH YOUR VIEWS ARE NOT SOUGHT AND WHERE YOUR INFLUENCE IS NOT FELT. CHANCELLOR KOHL, I COUNT ON YOUR FRIENDSHIP -- AS AMERICANS COUNT ON THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE -- AS WE RISE TOGETHER TO MEET CHALLENGES OF THE COMING DECADE. THANK YOU FOR VISITING ME IN WASHINGTON TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT GET-TOGETHER. # # #

(Rohrabacher/BE) March 2, 1984 9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR CHANCELLOR KOHL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1984

Mr. Chancellor, Mr. State Secretary, ladies and gentlemen: I have been honored to have Chancellor Kohl as a guest today. German-American partnership remains a positive, dynamic, and vital force in the free world's struggle for peace, security, and prosperity. The personal relationship between Chancellor Kohl and myself exemplifies the close ties between our two countries. Today I was most pleased to discuss with him issues of bilateral and international significance.

Our talks focused on the need for Western leadership in dealing with the changing world of the 1980's. We both agree that 1983 was a crucial year for the NATO Alliance. The leaders of the Western democracies stood firm in the face of an intense Soviet campaign of intimidation aimed at blocking NATO deployment of new intermediate-range missiles. To its common credit, the Alliance demonstrated its determination to restore the military balance in Europe and maintain a credible nuclear deterrence, and emerged stronger from the challenge. Thanks to the courage and vision of leaders like Chancellor Kohl, we can point to the past year with pride and look to the future with confidence.

Both Chancellor Kohl and myself would prefer to achieve a nuclear balance through arms reduction. Today, I reconfirmed my willingness -- eagerness -- to continue the effort to reach arms reduction agreements with the Soviet Union. Both Chancellor Kohl and I agree that, with new leadership in the Kremlin, an

opportunity exists for real progress in relations between East and West.

However, in the face of Soviet intransigence at the negotiating table -- a table which we remain ready to return to anytime -- the Alliance will continue to strengthen its conventional and nuclear deterrent.

In the Declaration of Brussels last December, the NATO Foreign Ministers affirmed our offer to establish constructive contacts and dialogue with the Soviets. I reaffirmed to Chancellor Kohl today my personal commitment to explore every possible avenue for improvement of relations with the East. [I am ready to meet personally with the Soviet leadership if such a meeting is well prepared and holds promise of fruitful results.]

Chancellor Kohl and I also discussed the strengthening of Western economies and the peaceful cooperation between our peoples. We are especially optimistic about the increasing team effort our countries are demonstrating in the exploration of space. The November mission of the Shuttle was the first to include a non-American astronaut -- a German. I was delighted that the communications hookup allowed Chancellor Kohl and myself to talk with each other and with the astronauts in space. It was an exciting achievement and a reflection of the good will upon which future progress can be built.

This morning I presented Chancellor Kohl with a plaque commemorating that mission which bears photographs and U.S. and German flags that have flown in space. As the inscription says, "... we look toward future German-American cooperation to

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strengthen peace, build prosperity and expand freedom in developing space, our next frontier."

I am particularly pleased with our success in expanding the human side of the German-American relationship. The tricentennial of German immigration to America heightened our awareness of the deep personal and family ties between our two peoples. The German-American Friendship Garden, established during the Tricentennial, symbolizes this relationship. And the newly launched Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program will ensure that these important contacts continue unabated.

Mr. Chancellor, after only 17 months in office, you are in the forefront of leadership in the Western world. There is rarely an issue of international significance on which your views are not sought and where your influence is not felt. Chancellor Kohl, I count on your friendship -- as Americans count on the friendship of the German people -- as we rise together to meet challenges of the coming decade. Thank you for visiting me in Washington today. I look forward to our next get-together.

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I. PURPOSE

To underline our continuing commitment to Berlin.

II. BACKGROUND

Eberhard Diepgen, who is the first postwar mayor born in Berlin, was elected in February by the Berlin House of Representatives to succeed Richard von Weizsaecker, who will become Federal President. The 42 year old Diepgen, a Christian Democrat (Kohl's party), does not have the stature of von Weizsaecker or Hans Apel (a former defense and finance minister), his Social Democratic Party opponent in Berlin's March 1985 city elections

This will be Diepgen's first visit to the U.S. as Governing Mayor. He has a full schedule which includes talks with Secretary Shultz and Charlie Wick, a lunch hosted by Larry Eagleburger, and meetings at Defense and on the Hill. Diepgen is eager to establish a visible relationship with top U.S. leaders and to call attention to the close relationship between Berlin and the U.S. light of recent Soviet restrictions on flight altitudes in the Berlin air corridors, it will be important to assure him of Allied determination to maintain free access to Berlin. You will also wish to note that you have asked Bill Clark to head our delegation to the May 12 ceremonies commemorating the 35th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. Bill will be out of town on April 9. Suggested talking points are at Tab A. Diepgen's bio is at Tab B.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

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Germans Eberhard Diepgen, Governing Mayor Peter Hermes, FRG Ambassador

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity in Oval Office.

Prepared by: Peter R. Sommer

Attachment

Tab	A	Talking	Ро	ints
Tab	B	Diepgen'	S	Bio





TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH

BERLIN MAYOR DIEPGEN

- -- DELIGHTED YOU ARE VISITING OUR COUNTRY. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR LONG FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN.
- -- WE REMAIN FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF BERLIN AND TO FREE AND UNIMPEDED ACCESS TO THE CITY.
- -- I KNOW YOU WILL BE COMMEMORATING THE IMPORTANT 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT NEXT MONTH. I HAVE ASKED MY CLOSE COLLEAGUE, BILL CLARK, TO HEAD OUR DELEGA-TION TO THE CEREMONIES. HE IS OUT OF TOWN AND REGRETS THAT HE COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY.

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April 5, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

PETER R. SOMMER PLE FROM:

Photo Opportunity for Eberhard Diepgen, Mayor of West Berlin -- April 9, 1984, 11:55 a.m. SUBJECT:

Attached for your signature is the memo to the President providing background and talking points for the subject photo opportunity. The purpose of the photo opportunity is to underline our continuing commitment to Berlin.

6~ Jack Matlock Concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo to the President. Approve_ Disapprove

Attachments Tab I Briefing memo for President Tab ATalking PointsTab BDiepgen's Bio Tab II Clearance List

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Eberhard Diepgen, Governing Mayor

Peter Hermes, FRG Ambassador

MEETING LOCATION

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506 1597 **211325**

February 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Photo Opportunity for New Mayor of West Berlin

Pursuant to the Department's request, we have arranged a photo opportunity with the President for the new Mayor of West Berlin, Hans Diepgen. The photo opportunity will take place on April 9 at 11:55 a.m. Please furnish us, by April 5, Diepgen's bio and any particular points that the Department recommends the President make during the five-minute photo opportunity session. We also need names of recommended participants. Thank you.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

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February 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT PETER R. SOMMER

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Photo Opportunity for New Mayor of West Berlin

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HIS FROFILENCY DR. HARL CARSTENS FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY BONN

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER CONCERNING THE HARRY S. TRUMAN CENTERNIAL. THE COMMEMORATION WAS AN EMPORTANT OCCASION FOR US, SINCE HARRY TRUMAN OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN ANERICAN WISTORY.

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DURING THE TUNULTUOUS YEARS AFTER THE SECOND WIRLS WE THE. TRUMAN CLEARLY SAN THAT THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE FORMED ONE COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE OUR MUTUAL SECURITY. HIS VISION IS JUST AS HEANINGFUL TODAY.

SINCÉRELY YOURS,

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PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SDG.) KARL CARSTENS PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

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May 8, 1984

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Bonn, 17 April 1984

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Please accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Der Präsident der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

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