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Statement by Chancellor Helmut Kohl during the Bundestag debate

on 25 April 1985 Ali

Mr. President,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Günther van Well
Ambassador
of the Federal Republic of Germany

1900 Foxhall Road
Washington, D. C.

Anyone who is at present confronted with Germany's recent history is well adivsed to approach with circumspection and a sense of concern the matters that we have to discuss in connection with the forthcoming state visit of the President of the United States of America. This is what I feel very strongly because my intention was and continues to be that of achieving on the occasion of this visit a contribution to peace and reconciliation among nations. That was also the purpose of the many talks which have been held to prepare the visit.

Early in the spring of 1984, President Mitterrand of France informed me of the plans for the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of D-Day in Normandy. I wish to state this here because a great deal of false information has been propagated on this subject. In that conversation I immediately pointed out that as German chancellor and head of government

I was not interested in being invited to and attending the celebrations. This met with considerable understanding. We also discussed on that occasion the possibility of documenting in a gesture of reconciliation over the graves - 40 years after D-Day, at the time 39 years after the end of World War II and about 70 years after the end of World War I - what had been possible after the war as a result of many fortunate circumstances and vigorous efforts on the part of many important democratic statesmen in France and Germany: to become allies, to bury past animosity, to bring the younger generations close together - in short, one of the greatest achievements of modern times. The suggestion was then made of doing so last autumn at Douaumont in Verdun. You all remember those scenes - 90 year old veterans of World War I, participants in World War II and several tens of thousands of German and French school children who in their youthful innocence did not realize what it all meant, namely that a seal was placed by a few people for entire nations on the fact that we have overcome our animosity and become friends and that fraternal wars in Europe have been relegated to the past.

Last November, I then discussed in detail with President
Reagan that event and the talks leading up to it. I know
that he is a friend of our people. I have experienced this
time and again in the past few years. On the basis of the

model of Franco-German co-operation I just described, we discussed the possibility of attempting - on the occasion of his visit on the eve of the 40th anniversary of Germany's capitulation - to achieve peace and reconciliation across the graves. We agreed that it was desirable for the President to address young Germans 40 years later on the future, on the world of tomorrow, and to commemorate at a suitable site the victims of the national-socialist regime in view of the dreadful occurences in Germany at that time. I proposed this from the very outset. I also suggested, if possible, to commemorate at a military cemetery the dead of all nations - not only the dead of World War II. Ronald Reagan immediately took up the idea of this very noble gesture and understood it to be a gesture of friendship. We started the preparations for his visit in this spirit. I find it most regrettable that this great man, who is a friend of the Germans, has encountered considerable domestic difficulties because of this envisaged noble gesture. Let me state this as a German and as the German chancellor: I am grateful to him for the attitude that he has once again demonstrated.

During the detailed preparations for his visit, various sites for the gesture were then discussed in numerous talks. I suggested that he should meet with young Germans in Hambach, the site of German democracy, the site of European solidarity, the site which so strongly recalls German-American traditions

back to the 18th and 19th centuries. We also discussed at length the possibility of a meeting with young soldiers, soldiers of the US-Army and of the Bundeswehr - not for the purpose of holding large parades, but of having private conversations with soldiers insofar as the circumstances permit, with young Americans vicariously for all the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers who have constantly maintained peace and freedom for our country over the last 30 years, and with young German soldiers - 19, 20, 21 year. old conscripts. In our discussion I repeatedly presented a powerful argument: that I consider it important that the President of the United States, our most important ally, should meet with young German soldiers, with the grandchildren of those who died during the war, whom we also wish to commemorate at the cemetery, with this young generation who must see the point of their serv-ice to the cause of defending freedom and peace. The idea thus arose of going to Bitburg, a little town in Germany which, more than others, lives in a symbiosis with the American garrison. Well over 100.000 US soldiers have rendered their military service there over the decades. The town and the garrison are of such a size that close ties have arisen between them. They do not speak of partnership, they experience it at first hand in their everyday lives. Well over 5.000 marriages have come about there between Germans and Americans, many thousands of children have been born of German-American marriages. If there is anywhere in Germany where one can make clear that Germans

and Americans can live together as a matter of course, then Bitburg best illustrates this. I suggested that town because I believe that it is right for tribute to be paid in a special manner - vicariously for the entire Federal Republic of Germany - to those people who are exposed to strains owing to the presence of military installations.

In view of the time available for the visit, it was only natural to consider the military cemetery on the immediate outskirts of Bitburg. It is a soldiers' cemetery set up in 1959, with the graves of over 2.000 soldiers - some of them from World War I, but the majority from World War II. They are soldiers who fell in combat during the last few days of the war and who were after 1959 transferred there from cemeteries in nearby towns and villages. Former members of the Waffen-SS were also buried at the cemetery in Bitburg, as in almost all of the cemeteries that are looked after by the Association for the Maintenance of War Graves. Anyone who discusses the subject of SS soldiers buried in military cemeteries, of SS combat troops buried there, must now, 40 years later, also live up to the obligation of adopting a differentiated approach towards historical occurrences. Many of those very young soldiers did not have any chance, like everyone at that time, to evade conscription by the Waffen-SS.

During the past few days I have asked for the names and dates inscribed on the tombstones there to be presented to me. Of the 49 SS soldiers named there, 32 were younger than 25 when they died. We are today speaking of soldiers who died at the age of 17, 18 or 19. Their short lives are much shorter than the space of time that has elapsed since their deaths. They lived but a short life in a barbaric war. Even those who lived through the war find it difficult to understand what happened, and this is even more difficult for the present generation, and it cannot be understood by those who have not lived here but have grown up on a different continent. I do not venture to judge those who experienced all the horror and barbarity of the Third Reich at Auschwitz, Treblinka and Bergen-Belsen, who are unable to forget those occurrences, what they suffered and what their next of kin suffered, and who are unable to forgive. I believe that we are not entitled to judge or condemn such an attitude. It is a magnificent achievement if someone who experienced all that - as we witnessed at Bergen-Belsen last Sunday - is able to express liberating words of forgiveness. But we have neither a moral nor a legal claim to such an attitude. In view of the undifferentiated judgments, the in some cases unacceptable collective accusations and some instances of unacceptable distortion of historical facts during the past few days, I consider it important to quote an impartial witness to those times, whose life and activities as a German patriot are beyond question in this House, namely Kurt Schumacher. In the autumn of 1951 he expressed certain

ideas which are almost of a visionary nature in view of today's debate here.

Quote:

"Over 900 000 members of the former Waffen-SS returned from World War II. This Waffen-SS is not equivalent to either the general SS or the organizations specializing in the liquidation of people; it was set up for purposes of the war. Many of the young people were undoubtedly imbued with the specifically Hitlerian ideology, but their political objectives did not include crimes as perpetrated by the twelve-year dictatorship. Hundreds of thousands were, without any effort on their part, conscripted into or transferred to the Waffen-SS as part of the Wehrmacht.

Most of those 900 000 people have become downright social outcasts. They are held jointly liable for the crimes of the Security Service (SD) and the liquidation campaigns, although, as members of the Waffen-SS, they hardly had any more to do with that than other sections of the Wehrmacht. Every totalitarian system seeks, by creating involvement in every way possible, to generate a sense of total complicity. In the case of the Waffen-SS, the world was successfully convinced of their total complicity. We believe it is necessary for humanitarian and civic reasons to dispel this belief and to clear the way for the vast majority of former members of the Waffen-SS so that they can live their lives as individuals and citizens."

I believe that one cannot more cogently underscore the dilemma and the duty to differentiate than Kurt Schumacher did then as a result of his own personal experience. That quotation of Schumacher was an appeal to the living, to that generation of former SS members who had survived the war. Today we are discussing on both sides of the Atlantic the fate of SS soldiers who died 40 years ago. Last Sunday I clearly stated at Bergen-Belsen that we Germans must keep alive an awareness of the full extent of the burden and responsibility imposed by history. Anyone who was unable to evade the ubiquituous violence of the national-socialist regime became involved in its injustice in one way or another as members of the Hitler Youth Organisation, as soldiers, frequently as civil-servants, and many in other fashions. Let me state this to our friends abroad and to our many young compatriots: The extent of such involvement was in many cases determined solely by one's age, by one's personal circumstances or by arbitrary decisions by the rulers.

Does it truly fall to us to judge people who were involved in that injustice and lost their lives, whilst we respect the others who were perhaps no less involved but survived and have since then rightly made use of the opportunities that life has afforded them, who have served the cause of freedom and our Republic by participating in the political parties?

The idea underlying our discussions and the visit was and continues to be that President Reagan, our friend, and I will jointly commemorate the victims of the war and pay reverence to the soldiers' graves. I am grateful to the American President for this noble gesture. I am grateful that he will visit, together with me and others, Bergen-Belsen, one of the sites of Germany's shame, but I am also thankful to him for visiting the cemetery. I believe that I am expressing what millions of people feel who lost relatives during the war. If one looks around this chamber, one will discover many members on all benches who lost their fathers, brothers or - in the case of older members - even their sons and who feel that this noble gesture is directed towards them. The gesture also has another meaning: that of being a sign for young people serving in the Bundeswehr, indicating that we have learned the lesson of history.

In their Pastoral Letter on the occasion of 8 May 1985, the Catholic Bishops state the following: We must pray the Lord's Prayer for and with those people against whom the German nation wronged. The link between bitter animosity and war remains a link of fate pointing towards the path of reconciliation.

At the cemetery in Bitburg we intend to commemorate those who died in the war, those who had to die in the war started by Hitler in Europe and overseas, those Germans who were forced into the war by Hitler and perished in it. Reconciliation

will be achieved between erstwhile adversaries if we are capable of mourning people irrespective of the nationality of those who were murdered, who fell or died. This we demonstrated at Douaumont in Verdun, and we intend to do so at Bitburg. Commemoration of the victims always keeps alive an awareness of the guilt of the perpetrators. War graves are always a reminder to those who assisted and committed the crimes of the war and the tyranny.

Werner Nachmann, chairman of the Central Jewish Council in Germany, stated at Bergen-Belsen, a place where Jews sustained untold suffering in the name of Germany, that he returned to his former home country, like many others, in order to dispel mistrust and to build bridges. He also said that most people considered his action impossible and many regarded it as inappropriate. Who, if not we Germans, appreciates the feelings of those who survived the Nazi atrocities and cannot forget or forgive. We must acceet that attitude, respect it and live with it. We ask our friends, especially our American friends, to consider the reconciliation across the graves as a desire that is rooted in our hearts and minds because our meeting at the graves - those of the victims of the tyranny located in a concentration camp and those on a military cemetery - will be above all a common pledge that our nations must never again be exposed to such barbarity, that war and violence are not a means of pursuing political goals, and that we are committed to the principle that peace must emanate from German soil.

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Mr. Michael Djordjevich 74 Arguello Circle San Rafael, California 94901

Dear Mr. Djordjevich:

I have been asked to respond to your letters of April 24 to President and Mrs. Reagan. As you requested, the letter to Chancellor Kohl which you enclosed has been forwarded to the German embassy here in Washington which will pass it on to the Chancellor's office in Bonn.

Sincerely yours,

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MICHAEL DJORDJEVICH

74 Arguello Circle San Rafael, California 94901

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April 24, 1985

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Since the time this act was committed, 44 years have elapsed. Although there can be no question about the legitimacy of our claim, all prior efforts of my uncle, M. Stefanovich and, subsequently, myself to obtain restitution have been futile.

While the replies from the German government have consistently dealt with and stressed certain legal entanglements arising from the 1953 London Treaty and a divided Germany, the human and moral side of the issue has never been considered. In 1979 an appeal was made to the President of the Bundestag by six members of the USA Congress to redress the wrong on humanitarian and moral grounds. Again, this appeal was rejected with questionable legal arguments.

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Mochael Djiedjewal

Bescheiningung

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Der Kommandant

Hauptmann

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Mrs. Nancy Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

Once, in 1966, you wrote to me and asked me for help. Now, without any presumption and reluctantly, I am compelled to seek your assistance on behalf of my family.

Enclosed are copies of my letters to the President and Chancellor Kohl. Odds are overwhelmingly against the correspondence being even noticed, as more pressing and important issues will be considered by the President and His Excellency. Yet, in a way, the Chancellor's recent speech and the very goal of the President's visit of peace, reconciliation and good will tie in with the petition I am making and redress I am seeking.

I hope you will find merits in the appeal and assist me in the matter.

With respects and thanking you, I remain

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Dear Mr. Kemp:

Thank you for your recent mailgram concerning the importance of Western unity in pressing for major improvements in the Soviet human rights record.

At the Bonn Summit, both President Reagan and Secretary Shultz reviewed with their Western European and Japanese colleagues developments in East-West relations, including the important role human rights play in our overall relationship.

Our NATO Allies have joined with us at the Preparatory Conference to the Ottawa CSCE Human Rights Experts Meeting (HREM) in insisting that three out of the six weeks of the HREM be devoted to a review of the state of respect for human rights. The unified Western stand on that issue was essential to achieving the goal mentioned in your mailgram, namely that the Ottawa meeting conduct a forthright review of implementation of CSCE human rights commitments.

That review, which began in Ottawa on May 8, has included statements by our Allies on Soviet and East European failures to implement their Helsinki and Madrid human rights commitments. At the plenary session of May 16, to cite but one example, the Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany criticized repression of Helsinki monitors and new Soviet laws on parasitism and administrative extension of prison sentences. Additionally, we have been joined by many of the neutral and non-aligned countries in stressing the need for significant progress in human rights implementation.

Ambassador Schifter and our delegation at the Ottawa HREM continue to work vigorously with our Allies and others to ensure that we lay out the human rights record in a forthright manner. Because CSCE provisions are not legally enforcable, we consider it important to continue drawing attention to failure by the Soviets and others to live up to their Helsinki pledges.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable
Jack Kemp,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

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MAY 14, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATTN: WILL BALL

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TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE JACK KEMP

U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON DC 20515

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SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE Dear Jack:

On the President's behalf, I would like to thank you for your recent mailgram regarding President Reagan's meetings with Chancellor Kohl and other western leaders in Bonn.

We appreciated receiving your recommendations with respect to issues to be covered in discussions during the Economic Summit.

Please know that your comments were directed to the President's foreign policy advisers, and you should be receiving a more detailed response regarding the Summit meeting after the President returns to the United States.

With best wishes,

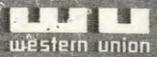
Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jack Kemp House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/copy of inc to Will Ball, Cong Affrs, State - for DIRECT response

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

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SUBJECT:

Meeting with Walter Kiep -- Friday,

July 26

You have agreed to meet with Walter Kiep tomorrow. Kiep, a close confidant of Chancellor Kohl, a member of the CDU Executive Board and President of the Atlantic-Brucke, is in town for the IDU. You last met with him here in March, prior to the German-American Conference in Dallas.

Kiep is the Treasurer of the CDU and served as a Minister of Finance in one of the Lander. A former parliamentarian, he recently lost a close mayoral race in Hamburg. He is very interested in defense questions, particularly our SDI program. He has expertise on inner-German relations and Berlin affairs, and an interest in Central American issues.

Suggested talking points are at Tab A.

Attachment

Tab A - Talking Points

cc: Jack Matlock Peter Sommer

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July 25, 1985

NOTE TO BUD

FROM:

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TALKING POINTS

- -- Welcome to the White House. Happy to see a good friend of the Chancellor and of the U.S. here in Washington. The President's rapid recovery has amazed us all.
- -- I would be interested in your assessment of Chancellor
 Kohl's political strength. (He has come under considerable
 criticism lately, from within and outside of the CDU.)
- -- The President felt strongly about his commitment to the Chancellor to go to Bitburg, despite misgivings here. He is a great admirer of the Chancellor.
- -- Know of your interest in SDI. (Bud, you may want to give him a brief overview of our research program, focusing on European concerns -- decoupling of the U.S. from Europe; smacks of a superpower condominium; may mean a new arms race in defensive technologies; whether Europe be protected from attack by tactical ballistic missiles).
- -- Again, it is great to see a good friend of the U.S. here in Washington.

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FOR HORST TELTSCHIK FROM ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

DEAR HORST,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MESSAGE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CHANCELLOR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE END OF OCTOBER. SINCE THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WAS SOMEWHAT REDUCED DURING THE SUMMER, HIS FALL SCHEDULE IS ALREADY PARTICULARLY TIGHT. I AM LOOKING AT THE WAYS OF TRYING TO FREE UP SOME TIME AND WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR THE THOUGHTFUL SUGGESTION.

WARM REGARDS.

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RECOMMENDATION

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Disapprove

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Jack Matlock CC: Steve Steiner

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FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

TO THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY BONN, GERMANY

VIA ANNEX CHARLIE

FOR HORST TELTSCHIK FROM ROBERT C. McFARLANE

Dear Horst,

Thank you very much for the message concerning the possibility of the Chancellor meeting with the President at the end of October. Since the President's schedule was somewhat reduced during the summer, his fall schedule is already particularly tight. I am looking at ways of trying to free up some time and will be back in touch with you in the near future.

Thank you for the thoughtful suggestion.

Warm regards,

Bud



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ANNEX CHARLIE MESSAGE MSGNR 1331 BONN, AUGUST 15TH, 1985

DEAR BUD.

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PERIOD BETWEEN 29 OCTOBER AND 2 NOVEMBER 1985. SUCH A MEETING WOULD ENABLE THE CHANCELLOR TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ARMS CONTROL WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENTS MEETING WITH MR. GORBACHOV IN NOVEMBER. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT UPON OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS ON THE DOMESTIC SITUATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW YOUR IDEAS ON THIS MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMME

SUBJECT:

Kohl's Desire to Meet With the President

Teltschik has sent you a privacy channel message emphasizing Kohl's desire to meet with the President before the President meets with Gorbachev. Teltschik indicates the same request was made via our Embassy, but I haven't seen it yet. Rick Burt, however, called me about a possible Kohl meeting before Teltschik's message arrived.

Both Jack and I are concerned that if we open the door to Kohl others (e.g., Thatcher, Craxi, and Mitterrand) may also want a meeting. We see from Mrs. Thatcher's incoming letter that you are considering going to London. One alternative would be for you to include Bonn, but this would probably also dictate a stop in Paris, Rome, and Brussels (NATO). Such a consultative trip would be an excellent idea, but we doubt that your schedule would allow a week in Europe (which is about what a consultative trip would require) during the run up to Geneva.

While the President's schedule apparently would accommodate a meeting in the period Teltschik suggests (October 29 - November 2), given the President's busy fall schedule and the amount of time he is already devoting to preparations for the Gorbachev meeting, we recommend the President offer to meet with Kohl when the President is in New York for the fall UN session. Earlier indications were that Kohl was coming to the UN anniversary celebrations; he now apparently is not planning to come. On balance, we think it best to encourage Kohl to come to New York and use this to avoid a much lengthier session in Washington. I told Rick Burt that this is the direction in which we were leaning. While not overly delighted, Rick seemed to think this would meet Kohl's requirement.

Jack Matlock and Steve Steiner concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I reply to Teltschik suggesting, as an alternative, that the President meet with Kohl in New York.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMEROS

SUBJECT:

Kohl's Request to Meet with the President

With Teltschik in the area, I wanted to give you an update on where we stand on Kohl's request to meet with the President. In short, we still have not sorted out how to reply.

Notwithstanding State's recommendation that the President meet with the current EC President (Santer of Luxembourg) we are leaning toward trying to overcome the scheduling dilemma posed by Kohl's request by suggesting that the President meet with Kohl (vice Santer) at the UNGA. A 30-minute UNGA meeting may not satisfy Kohl, but it could help head-off a flood of requests to meet with the President in Washington before Geneva. On the other hand, any meeting with Kohl, whether in New York or Washington, could open the door to other requests.

On Tuesday, September 3, the German Embassy formally proposed to State a visit by Kohl at the end of October. EUR plans to endorse the request and forward it to us. I have emphasized to EUR that any recommendation concerning Kohl should also provide the Department's recommendation on an overall consultation plan related to Geneva. Kohl's request is clearly linked to the Geneva meeting and must be addressed in that context.

cc: Jack Matlock Judyt Mandel

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