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REQUIRED ACTION: PREPARE BRIEFING PAPERS

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Julie K. Madison


FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

February 7, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL MARTIN
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
NSCFROM: Don Gregg 
SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with Berlin
Governing Mayor Eberhard Diepgen

The Vice President will meet with Berlin Governing Mayor Eberhard Diepgen on Monday, February 24, at 10:30 a.m. in his West Wing office. We would very much appreciate your forwarding background papers and talking points for the Vice President's use by cob Thursday, February 20. An appropriate NSC staff member is welcome to attend.

Thank you.

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F.O. 12356: DECL:OADR

TAGS: PGOV, PREL, BZ

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO HELMUT KOHL LETTER ON
RUDOLF HESS(S/S 8623644)

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Authority NSC/State Waiver

BY du NARA DATE 11/17/2022

REF: BONN 24464

1. AT PARA 2 IS A PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO THE JULY 21, 1986, LETTER FROM HELMUT KOHL APPEALING FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD PRESENT THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE CHANCELLOR. THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO SIGNED ORIGINAL TO FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF RESPONSE:

DEAR HELMUT:

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I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RECENT LETTER IN WHICH YOU APPEALED FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS FROM SPANDAU PRISON IN BERLIN.

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, AS DO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, THAT MR. HESS SHOULD BE RELEASED FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS. I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION. WE HAVE MADE REPEATED REPRESENTATIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION TO AGREE TO MR. HESS'S RELEASE. EACH TIME THE SOVIET REPLY HAS BEEN NEGATIVE.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES, OR EVEN THE THREE WESTERN POWERS ACTING TOGETHER, TO FREE MR. HESS WITHOUT SOVIET CONCURRENCE. THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

GOVERNING HIS CONFINEMENT WERE SIGNED BY ALL FOUR GOVERNMENTS AND UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THEM.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SO FAR NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING SOVIET CONSENT TO THE RELEASE OF MR. HESS, WE WILL PERSIST IN OUR EFFORTS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO

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ENSURE THAT MR. HESS IS AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE AND
HAS PROPR MEDICAL ATTENTION.

SINCERELY,
RONALD REAGAN WHITEHEAD

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Department of State

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THAN 40 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OF A 92-YEAR-OLD SICK MAN IS FUNDAMENTALLY INHUMANE.

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I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU FROM MY HEART TO SUPPORT MY REQUEST AND TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS SOON. END TEXT.

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2. FRG PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN FACTUAL.

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3. ~~NOT~~ COMMENT: THIS APPEARS TO BE ONE OF CHANCELLOR KOHL'S STANDARD PERIODIC REQUESTS FOR HESS' RELEASE. ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST THE THREE WESTERN ALLIES HAVE SUPPORTED RELEASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, THE SOVIETS HAVE STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO GO ALONG.

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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: KOHL LETTER ON RUDOLF HESS

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BY dlb NARA DATE 11/17/2022

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1. ~~NOT~~ FRG GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 1 RELEASED TO THE PRESS THE TEXT OF A JULY 21 LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, FRENCH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, UK PRIME MINISTER THATCHER, AND SOVIET GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV APPEALING FOR THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS FROM SPANDAU PRISON ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT, INFORMALLY TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.

~~NOT~~ BEGIN TEXT:

A FEW DAYS AGO, THE OVER-92-YEAR-OLD RUDOLF HESS WAS MOVED TO THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL BERLIN-SPANDAU FOR REASONS OF HEALTH. ON THESE GROUNDS, I TURN TO YOU WITH THE URGENT REQUEST TO RELEASE THE PRISONER INTO THE CIRCLE OF HIS FAMILY ON THE BASIS OF MERCY.

RUDOLF HESS IS TODAY AN OLD AND SICK MAN. ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES OF HUMAN LONGEVITY, HIS LIFE WILL NOT LAST MUCH LONGER. THEREFORE, AND IN VIEW OF THE LENGTH OF IMPRISONMENT, WHICH NO LONGER HAS ANY SENSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOAL OF PUNISHMENT, A PARDON (BEGNADIGUNG) SHOULD, ON A HUMANITARIAN BASIS, NO LONGER BE REFUSED HIM.

THE PAROLE OF AN OLD MAN AFTER 4-1/2 DECADES IMPRISONMENT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE MISDEEDS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM, FOR WHICH RUDOLF HESS BEARS POLITICAL CO-RESPONSIBILITY, ARE FORGOTTEN. A PARDON ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS DOES NOT MEAN FORGIVENESS.

AS YOU KNOW, THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL ACQUITTED RUDOLF HESS IN 1946 OF THE CHARGE OF COMMITTING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES. FOR THE CRIMES OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST TYRANNY, GERMANY BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY. IN THIS REGARD, THE RELEASE OF RUDOLF HESS CAN CHANGE NOTHING.

I AM OF THE VIEW THAT THE PARDON OF RUDOLF HESS WOULD BE AN ACT OF HUMANITY. A CONTINUATION OF THE MORE

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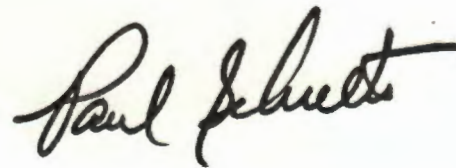
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SUBJ: LTR FM PM KOHL RE RELEASE OF HESS

REQUIRED ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS

DUE DATE 06 AUG 86

COMMENTS:



Paul Schmitt for Rodney McDaniel

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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BY dh DATE 11/17/2022

Translation

Federal Republic of Germany
The Federal Chancellor

Bonn, 21 July 1986

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

Mr President, dear Ron,

A few days ago, 92-year-old Rudolf Hess was transferred to the British military hospital in Berlin-Spandau. This is an occasion for me to make an urgent appeal to you to grant him a pardon so that he may be allowed to join his family.

Rudolf Hess is an old and sick man and as far as one can judge does not have much longer to live. For this reason, and in consideration of the time he has spent in prison, which now can serve no meaningful punitive purpose, he should, on humanitarian grounds, no longer be denied clemency.

Clemency for a very old man after four and a half decades in prison would not imply that the atrocities of National Socialism, part of the political responsibility for which is borne by Rudolf Hess, will be forgotten. Nor would a pardon on humanitarian grounds be synonymous with forgiving.

In 1946, as you know, the International Military Tribunal acquitted Rudolf Hess of the charge of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Germany bears historic responsibility for the crimes of Nazi tyranny. The release of Rudolf Hess would not alter this fact.

In my view clemency for Rudolf Hess is a dictate of humanity. To continue the now over 40-year imprisonment of a 92-year-old sick man would be utterly inhumane.

I therefore most sincerely appeal to you, Mr President, to support my request and secure the early release of Rudolf Hess.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) Helmut Kohl

**BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND
DER BUNDESKANZLER**

Bonn, den **21.** Juli 1986

DEUTSCHLAND
AUSGABE NSU/Stats Waiver
BY dm 21/17/2012

Seiner Exzellenz
dem Präsidenten der Vereinigten
Staaten von Amerika
Herrn Ronald W. Reagan

W a s h i n g t o n

Sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, lieber Ron,

der über 92-jährige Rudolf Hess wurde vor wenigen Tagen aus Gesundheitsgründen in das britische Militärkrankenhaus Berlin-Spandau verlegt. Aus diesem Grunde wende ich mich mit der dringenden Bitte an Sie, den Gefangenen gnadenweise in den Kreis seiner Familie zu entlassen.

Rudolf Hess ist heute ein alter und kranker Mann. Nach menschlichem Ermessen wird sein Leben nicht mehr lange währen. Deshalb, und angesichts der keinem sinnvollen Strafzweck mehr entsprechenden Haftdauer, sollte ihm aus humanitären Gründen eine Begnadigung nicht länger verweigert werden.

Die Begnadigung eines Greises nach viereinhalb Jahrzehnten Haft bedeutet nicht, daß die Untaten des Nationalsozialismus, für die Rudolf Hess politische Mitverantwortung trägt, in Vergessenheit geraten. Eine Begnadigung aus Gründen der Menschlichkeit ist auch nicht gleichbedeutend mit Vergebung.

Wie Sie wissen, hat das internationale Militärtribunal Rudolf Hess im Jahre 1946 von der Anklage, Verbrechen gegen die Menschlichkeit und Kriegsverbrechen begangen zu haben, freigesprochen. Für die Verbrechen der NS-Gewaltherrschaft trägt Deutschland die Verantwortung vor der Geschichte. Daran vermag auch die Freilassung von Rudolf Hess nichts zu ändern.

Ich bin der Auffassung, daß die Begnadigung von Rudolf Hess ein Gebot der Menschlichkeit ist. Eine Fortdauer der über vierzig Jahre währenden Haft eines 92-jährigen kranken Mannes ist zutiefst inhuman.

Ich darf Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Präsident, sehr herzlich ersuchen, meine Bitte zu unterstützen und eine baldige Freilassung von Rudolf Hess zu ermöglichen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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S/S 8623644

DATE August 25, 1986

FOR: VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN FROM: HELMUT KOHL
DATE: JULY 21, 1986 SUBJECT: RUDOLPH HESS

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for *Nicholas Platt*
NICHOLAS PLATT
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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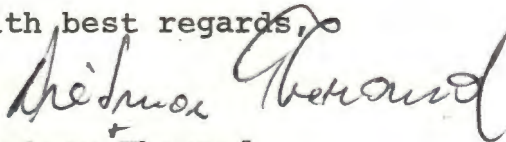
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Dear Mr. Buchholz:

Please find enclosed a list of the visitors scheduled
for entrance to the White House, West Wing, on September 30,
1986, 4:30 p.m.

May I thank you once again for your kind cooperation.

With best regards,



Dietmar Thorand
Counselor, Financial Affairs

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: WILLIAM L. STEARMAN ~~WLL~~

SUBJECT: Meeting with Deutsche Bank Board Chairman

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RECOMMENDATION:

That you meet with Dr. Christians on either September 29 or September 30.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Steve Danzansky concurs.

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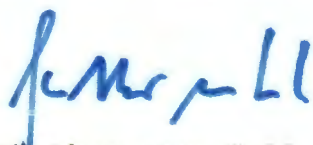
Their Excellencies
The President of the United States
and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President, Dear Mrs. Reagan:

My wife and I felt very honored to be invited to the Concert of Vladimir Horowitz and the Reception yesterday in the White House. It was a unique experience which we will not forget. To be present in such a beautiful setting and to listen to the masterful art of one of the greatest pianists and to be so warmly welcomed by the President and Mrs. Reagan was something very special and a highlight of our term of office in the United States.

Respectfully yours,



Günther van Well

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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 14, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FRANZ JOSEF

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE U.S. INFORMATION
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Dear Mr. Minister-President:

President Reagan has asked me to reply to your letter of September 29 regarding the U.S. Information Agency's financial support to German-American Institutes in Bavaria.

It was gratifying to learn of your positive evaluation of the work of the German-American Institutes and the America Houses. We at USIA have always shared your view that the German-American Institutes are valuable aspects of our public diplomacy efforts in the Federal Republic. These Institutes have long played an important role in promoting contacts between Germans and Americans, particularly among young people in the university cities where they are located.

Our U.S. Information Service in Bonn has provided considerable financial support annually to five German-American Institutes -- in Nuremberg, Freiburg, Heidelberg, Saarbruecken, and Tübingen -- and to the Kennedy Haus in Kiel. (Our financial support to the German-American Institute in Regensburg terminated in 1970.) Because of the severe budget constraints imposed on us by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, however, and given the prospects for even greater stringencies in the future, we concluded that we no longer could continue to support those Institutes at the previous level of financial assistance. This decision was made with great reluctance and only after a careful weighing of the stringent financial priorities for all of USIS Germany's public diplomacy programs and activities.

Given the importance of the German-American Institutes, however, we have been seeking alternative ways in which some USIA financial support could be continued, albeit at lower levels. I am pleased to inform you that we have determined that we can continue supplying enough funding to all six of the aforementioned Institutes to assure that American speakers and library materials will be provided to them on a consistent basis. This support, combined with increased German funding, will allow them all to remain strong and viable. In the specific case of the German-American Institute in Nuremberg, I am very grateful to the Bavarian State Government for its generous assistance in this effort.

His Excellency
Franz Josef Strauss
Minister-President of Bavaria
Prinzregentenstrasse 7
8000 Munich 22
Federal Republic of Germany

Finally, I am happy to assure you that the America House in Munich will continue to receive our strongest financial support and attention and will remain a symbol of U.S. commitment to an active presence and interest in the Federal Republic.

Please also be assured that the President and the U.S. Government as a whole wish to do everything possible to enable the friendship between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany to continue flourishing.

The President wishes me to extend you his greetings, which I send along with my own.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

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OCTOBER 22, 1986

TO: UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE FRANZ JOSEF
PRIME MINISTER
BAVARIAN PROVINCE - MUNICH
8000 MUNCHEN 22
PRINZREGENTENSTRABE 7
MUNICH WEST GERMANY

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE U.S. INFORMATION
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SALLY KELLEY
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



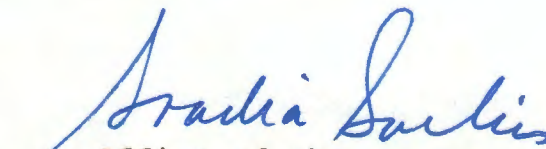
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ms. Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
The White House

SUBJECT: Letter dated September 29, 1986 from
Franz Josef regarding USIA
German-American Information Center
ID #429402

The attached correspondence was forwarded to the Department of State for direct reply, furnish info copy.

We have reviewed the correspondence and believe that action on this matter more appropriately rests with the United States Information Agency.


Office of the
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Attachment:

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Der Bayerische Ministerpräsident

8000 München 22
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September 29, 1986

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Dear Mr. President, dear friend!

Today I would like to bring a matter to your personal attention that touches the common interests of our two countries.

It has recently been brought to my attention that the U.S. Information Agency will withdraw its financial support from the German-American Information Centers in the Bavarian cities of Nuremberg and Regensburg.

I am personally concerned about this development. In both cases U.S. financial withdrawal would endanger the existence of these institutes, which are maintained on a partnership basis.

His Excellency
the President of the
United States of America
Mr. Ronald Reagan
The White House

Washington, D.C. 20500
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I am well aware that the Gramm-Rudman-Act forces the U.S. Government to take economy measures on a broad level. At a time when on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean signs of creeping estrangement cannot be overlooked, with "parochial politics" arising again here and there it would be, in my view, a step in the wrong direction for the United States of America to withdraw from the joint responsibility for these institutes, thus jeopardizing such a vital instrument of information and mutual understanding within American-German relations.

The friendship between the German and American peoples is rooted in the mutual recognition of moral and political principles as well as in important common interests. Friendship between peoples presupposes an understanding of the possibilities and limits of the other side. For this reason we need face-to-face get-togethers and more extensive exchanges of opinion, we need more personal contacts between Americans and Germans and between young people in particular, not less.

In this connection the German-American Information Centers and the America House in Munich have the function of a cultural and informational catalyst, which cannot be valued highly enough. The Bavarian State Government has acknowledged these important activities

by making a substantial financial contribution to the common work. This policy shall also remain effective in the future.

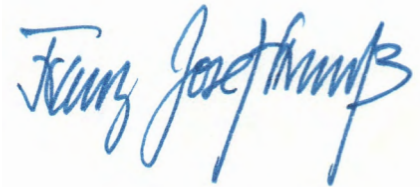
The German-American friendship must not become an empty formula, but must remain a living reality. I consider the German-American Institutes and the America House Munich as a pledge and visible sign of this reality in Bavaria. This is why the overwhelming majority of the citizens in the Free State of Bavaria welcomes the presence of American troops on Bavarian soil. They would find it difficult to understand that the United States of America would not have the political will to maintain its cultural institutions that have worked so successfully for more than 40 years to bring our countries together. Moreover, the withdrawal of American funds would also play into the hands of those political forces which for a long time have been agitating against the US military presence in the Federal Republic of Germany. It is precisely in Bavaria, on the dividing-line between East and West, that the United States of America must not be indifferent to its image in the public.

In view of the outstanding cultural and political importance of these Institutes we must endeavor to continue the America House in Munich and the two German-American Information Centers in Nuremberg and Regensburg.

It is my concern, Mr. President, to make sure that no harm is done to the good reputation which the United States of America enjoys in Bavaria, and that the German-American friendship is not weakened. Therefore I would like to ask you to give your personal attention to the proposed suspension of U.S. financial support to the German-American Institutes in Nuremberg and Regensburg. You know that I would never wish to meddle in the domestic budget affairs of your country. I only want to prevent any possible ill feelings in the relations between our two countries.

With every good wish, I am,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Franz Josef Strauss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "F".

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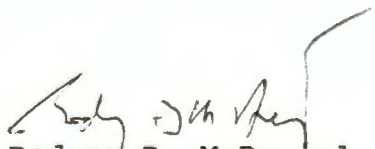
April 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RONALD POST
Acting Chief of the Executive Secretariat
U.S. Information Agency

SUBJECT: German-American Exchanges

As part of our overall examination of links between the U.S. and the Federal Republic of Germany, USIA took the lead in stimulating and strengthening the vast array of contacts involving 23 U.S. Government departments and agencies. These activities were generated in connection with the Tricentennial Commission and coordinated by the Interagency Steering Committee for U.S.-German Contacts under the direction of Director Wick and Berndt von Staaden. The NSC would be very interested in being advised by USIA of the programmatic and funding efforts underway or planned by the 23 concerned USG departments and agencies. To see this in full perspective, we would like to have the 23 organizations inventoried from the standpoint of programmatic and financial commitment with a matrix developed to show this commitment for Fiscal Years 85, 86, and 87.

We would appreciate your response to this request by May 14.


Rodney B. McDaniel
Executive Secretary

NSC # 8603122

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April 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM: WALTER RAYMOND, JR. *WR*

SUBJECT: German-American Exchanges

You will see at Tab II two previous pieces of correspondence on this subject. It is extremely important that we maintain our activity in this area as the FedRep is one of our most crucial allies. At the same time I have heard through my grapevine that USIA is stumbling around in a very ineffectual way on this issue. In consultation with key staffers in USIA I have concluded that an analysis, such as the one which I suggest we seek, will play an important role in goading USIA into a more meaningful response. I also think the results of the survey will be an important management tool for us.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the tasker at Tab I.

Approve *WR 4-17*

Disapprove _____

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Peter Sommer concurs.

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Tab I Memo to USIA
Tab II Previous Correspondence

**United States
Information
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Washington, D.C. 20547

→ Staff to Walt Raymond

Office of the Director



To Walt
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Dear Mr. Fortier:

I was very pleased to see your memo of December 30 on the establishment of a German-American Friendship Commission. The strengthening of our relationship with the Federal Republic is one of my primary goals. As U.S. Coordinator of the German-American effort under the Contacts Initiative, I am closely involved in this effort.

The idea of a bilateral Friendship Commission has come up before, and I am glad that you have revived it. Let me say that in principle I find it very much worth exploring as we seek to solidify our ties with the FRG. I think, however, that we need to define carefully what the functions, structure, and funding will look like before giving this proposal a wholehearted embrace. Your request that USIA coordinate with State, OMB, and other concerned Departments is most appropriate, and we are prepared to begin acting on this at once.

I am asking Joseph Klaitz, Chief of our U.S.-German Contacts Staff at USIA, to coordinate the exploratory consultations on the Friendship Commission. I will be sending along our views and suggestions as they develop.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick
Director

Mr. Donald R. Fortier
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House

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WASHINGTON

December 30, 1985

Raymond

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CHARLES Z. WICK
Director
United States Information Agency

SUBJECT: Establishment of a German-American Friendship
Commission

The vital ties that link the U.S. and its cardinal ally, the Federal Republic of Germany, have been greatly strengthened as a result of the very effective work undertaken by the Tricentennial Commission and the Interagency Steering Committee for U.S.-German Contacts. This bi-national effort was greatly assisted by your able guidance over the past three years.

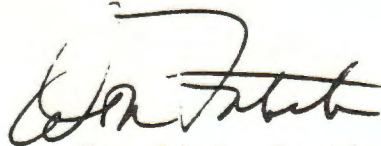
The NSC Staff has had detailed talks with Berndt von Staden, your German counterpart for the bilateral initiative, and with Walter Leisler Kiep, CDU Treasurer and President of the Atlantic-Brucke. Both have underscored their strong desire that the program continue, noting the Bundestag's recent 100 million Deutschmark commitment to the German Marshall Fund as evidence of the Federal Republic's seriousness of purpose.

It is essential that these important efforts continue. I believe we should consider creating a "German-American Bi-National Friendship Commission." Such a commission would be an enduring legacy of the tricentennial celebration and would provide the basis for a long-term fundamental commitment to strong German-American relations. A permanent bi-national commission, established and funded by Congress and the Federal Republic, could encourage and/or coordinate existing programs, such as the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange. It could also selectively develop and give financial support to programs of scholarly, cultural, and artistic activities between the Federal Republic and the U.S. The Commission should receive private sector funding from the two countries.

The Commission might appear as a separate title or as a line item in the annual Foreign Relations Act. There are several models for such a Commission, such as the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission (for purpose and program), and the International Joint Commission (U.S.-Canada, for legal structure). I suspect, however, that the German-American entity will have qualities which are unique to it. I do not suggest that long-standing programs, such as your Fulbright program, be melded into this effort. Emphasis would be on coordination, program design, and the development of selected new and special activities.

With your valuable experience as coordinator of the German-American effort during the past three years and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, I would like you, in conjunction with State, OMB, and other concerned Departments, to explore the best way of establishing a permanent bi-national commission for U.S.-German friendship. It would be useful to contact von Staden and Kiep too. Given the national budgetary situation at this time, this effort will have to be generated with little, if any, new funds. The effort is designed to provide focus to existing activity, to maintain our current multi-faceted program, and to energize private sector support to the efforts both in the U.S. and the Federal Republic. This vital step could exert significant and lasting influence on the relationship and, properly presented, could generate broad support throughout the American political structure.

When you have had the opportunity to study the suggestion, I would appreciate being advised of your thoughts and proposals.



Donald R. Fortier
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

cc: The Secretary of State
The Director, Office of Management and Budget

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The President has invited Chancellor Helmut Kohl of the Federal Republic of Germany to make an official visit to the United States. Chancellor Kohl has accepted the invitation and will meet with the President at the White House on October 21, 1986.

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