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MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM:

WALTER RAYMOND, JR.

SUBJECT:

German-American Institutes

We sent a memorandum in August to USIA urging them to maintain the German-American Institutes. Their response in early September indicated that these Institutes were going to continue, but largely because they were bailed out by the Federal Republic. Peter Sommer and I believe it necessary to reiterate that these Institutes should continue to receive support.

RECOMMENDATION

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Peter Sommer concurs.

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Chief of the Executive Secretariat DATE 1/13/10

MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY R. TAYLOR

U.S. Information Agency

SUBJECT:

German-American Institutes (U)

Thank you for your September 2 response concerning the German-American Institutes. We are particularly pleased that the German-American Institutes (GAI) will remain open. The willingness of the German organizations and officials to help underwrite the GAI is a graphic example of the importance to which the Federal Republic views these organizations.

As the NSC has emphasized before, it is essential to continue to help build and sustain a deep person-to-person relationship between the U.S. and the Federal Republic. We would urge that you continue to treat this as a priority subject. The NSC agrees with the Department of State's position that the GAI in Saarbruecken should be treated as a special case and its operations continue. Although we have heard unofficially that the future of the GAI in Saarbruecken has been assured, we would like confirmation of this fact. (C)

> Rodney B. McDaniel Executive Secretary

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Sept. 2, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rodney B. McDaniel

Executive Secretary

National Security Council

FROM:

Larry (R. Taylor

Chief, Executive Secretariat

SUBJECT:

German-American Institutes

The Agency certainly appreciates your concern for the German-American Institutes (GAIs) and your interest in the question of continuing USIA financial support for those institutions. As you may know, USIA had been providing more than \$400,000 of support annually to the five GAIs in Freiburg, Heidelberg, Nuremberg, Saarbruecken, and Tubingen and the Kennedy Haus in Kiel through FY 1986. However, given current and prospective budget stringencies under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, we simply were not able to continue such a level of financial support for those Institutes in FY 1987 and subsequent fiscal years.

Under the aforementioned legislation our Agency in FY 1986 had to reduce its Salaries and Expenses funding by \$24.6 million, and Europe-wide our Office of European Affairs had to contribute \$2.2 million to that reduction, of which USIS Germany's fair share was nearly \$250,000. Further reductions were required throughout the Agency to meet increased costs resulting from the decline in the value of the dollar. With every prospect of further budget stringencies in FY 1987 and FY 1988, our CPAO in Bonn examined USIA funding of the GAIs with great care, along with other programs and activities of USIS Germany. He concluded reluctantly, with Ambassador Burt's agreement and with our Agency's approval, that we could not afford to continue our financial support for the above-mentioned institutes beyond FY 1986.

Given a number of high-level inquiries from Americans and Germans, all requesting continued financial support of the GAIs, we promised that we would take another look at possible ways in which USG financial support could be continued, albeit at lower levels than previously. Our CPAO in Bonn, with the Ambassador's agreement and with our Agency's approval, has consulted and negotiated extensively with the appropriate German organizations and officials on alternative means of financing the GAIs. The result has been that USIS Germany plans to provide a total of \$50,000 annually in professional library and speaker support to the GAIs and the Kennedy Haus in Kiel and we will also provide films and VCRs to the extent we can. At this point, with the

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help of increased German funding in some cases, it appears that the GAIs in Heidelberg, Tubingen, Freiberg and Nurenberg and the Kennedy Haus in Kiel will remain viable. The future of the GAI in Saarbruecken is uncertain.

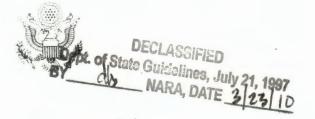
Regarding TV RIAS, the FRG has only earmarked funding for its portion of the TV RIAS project. Actual FRG funding is contingent upon a firm financial commitment to establish TV RIAS on the part of the USG. USIA does not yet have that commitment for TV RIAS from Congress. While the House has approved funding for the project, the Senate Appropriations Committee has deleted funds for the account from which TV RIAS was to be funded, and the full Senate has not yet acted on the measure.

We enclose for your information a copy of Deputy Assistant Secretary William Bodde's memorandum on the German-American Institutes, dated August 28, which he has also forwarded to you separately. As we have noted above, USIS Germany will continue to provide professional library services and speakers to the Saarbruecken GAI (and will continue to assist the Institute in maintenance of its audience data system), but we cannot do more for Saarbruecken financially than we can for the other GAIs and the Kennedy Haus in Kiel. The Agency must make the financial reduction of some \$350,000 in program support to the GAIs to meet its budget stringencies.

Tremendous budgetary pressure on USIA funding worldwide mandates that our USIA program in the FRG, as elsewhere in the world, will have to be cut substantially, although the Agency has mandated greater cuts in our domestic programs and activities than in our overseas field operations. The Post's analysis, confirmed by our Office of European Affairs and supported by the Agency, is that under such stringent budgetary conditions other USIA programs utilize the taxpayers' dollars more effectively than the GAIs.

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United States Department of State 6340



Washington, D.C. 20520

CONFLOENTIAL MEMORANDUM

August 28, 1986

TO:

Mr. John Kordek

Director, Office of European Affairs

USIA

FROM:

William Bodde

EUR - Deputy Assistant Secretary

Department of State

SUBJECT: German-American Institutes

The Department of State has serious reservations about the decision limiting U.S. financial support of the German-American Institutes (GAIs). While we will not oppose USIA's memorandum to the NSC, we cannot support the USIA decision as we believe we have a long-term U.S. interest in maintaining the GAIs. It is our view that the decision is penny-wise and pound foolish, particularly the GAI in Saarbruecken.

The Saarland has a dynamic and articulate left-wing SPD leader, Minister-President Oskar Lafontaine, who is a national force within his party and is considered likely to reach its very top echelons within ten years or so. Lafontaine has made no secret of his antipathy for the U.S., its society and its policies. Germans in the Saar, including moderate members of Lafontaine's own party, have stressed to us that the presence of the Saarbruecken GAI is important to the U.S. and its German friends in both symbolic and real terms. If the GAI in Saarbruecken closes down, the result will be an end to the only permanent American presence in the Saar, since it is highly unlikely that the Lafontaine government will increase its share of the funding if we reduce or eliminate our own. We will, in effect, be playing into the hands of our opponents.

We urge, at a minimum, that the GAI in Saarbruecken be treated as a special case, and that funding for it be maintained at the FY 1986 level.

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cc: Rodney B. McDaniel
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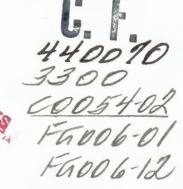
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Washington, D.C. 20520

October 21, 1986



MEMORANDUM FOR VADM JOHN M. POINDEXTER THE WHITE HOUSE



SUBJECT: Foreign Minister Genscher's Request for a Meeting with Chief of Staff Regan

FRG Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who is accompanying Chancellor Helmut Kohl on the latter's October 20-23 official visit to Washington, has requested an appointment with White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan. Genscher's preferred time for the meeting would be any time between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22.

Since Mr. Regan will be present for the Kohl-Genscher meeting with the President, an additional Genscher-Regan meeting would not appear to us to be required.

Micholas Platt
Executive Secretary





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- I know you agree on the importance of steady noninflationary economic growth in both the U.S. and Germany, which is essential for the health of the world economy.
- U.S. led economic expansion of last few years with very strong growth, stimulating growth outside U.S., including both Europe and the debtor nations.
- 3. But this has also led to a higher and unsustainable U.S. trade deficit, which is feeding protectionism in the U.S.
- 4. If I am to continue successfully to resist protectionism here -- and if the global debt problem is to be resolved -- it is critical that Germany have steady, strong growth in the years ahead.
- 5. I understand that your economy has picked up in recent months, but we are concerned that in 1987 growth may falter. Hope you will take needed measures to sustain growth during the period ahead.
- 6. As you know, we are on the verge of an historical tax reform in the U.S., and I know you are considering major tax reform in Germany. I hope that you will be able to enact it as soon as possible, as this will stimulate investment and growth and also contribute considerably to reducing unemployment.

Department of the Treasury Jon / Jourson Office of the Assistant Secretary for International Affairs Ton: Attacked to supplement the basic points provided on the phone this morning are: 1) Points to use in rebuttal to inevitable German position that they are doing just great, thank you. These points may be a bit long As your use, but you can get the 2) Backgown on the berman economic Charles Dallara Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Economic Policy

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phone 566-5183

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL JAMES F. LEMON

Executive Secretary Department of Defense

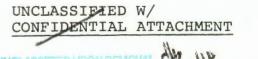
SUBJECT:

Visit of German Defense Minister Woerner

We appreciate the Secretary's recommendation that the President meet briefly with German Defense Minister Woerner. The President likes to meet periodically with visiting Defense Ministers. However, the President's schedule in mid-November will not permit a meeting with Woerner.

Rodney B. McDaniel Executive Secretary

NSC#8601502



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October 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR RODNEY B. MCDANIEL

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT:

Visit of German Defense Minister Woerner

Secretary Weinberger has recommended that the President meet briefly with German Defense Minister Woerner in mid-November. While we like the President to meet periodically with visiting Defense Ministers, this request comes at a particularly busy period regarding foreign visitors. Furthermore, the President just saw Woerner in conjunction with Chancellor Kohl's visit -he was part of the German official party.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Tab I memo informing Defense a meeting will not be possible:

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