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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1988

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FROM:

C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. /

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE

SUBJECT:

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cc: Rhett B. Dawson

(Judge edit)
February 17, 1988
3:00 p.m.

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C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. Mel &.

SUBJECT:

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West Germany/Departure Statement

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Attachment

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ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

FROM:

Robert B. Zoellick (B) Counselor to the Secretary and Executive Secretary

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Presidential Remarks: Kohl Departure

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 17, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR TONY DOLAN

FROM:

PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS

SUBJECT:

Presidential Draft Departure and U.S.-German Youth Exchange Statements for FRG Kohl OWV

Attached at Tab A is a suggested departure statement prepared, by the State Department, with NSC staff changes, for the President to use on Friday, February 19 following the official working visit with FRG Chancellor, Helmut Kohl.

Attached at Tab B is a short draft Presidential statement to be used during the exchange of documents with Chancellor Kohl concerning the establishment of a U.S.-German Youth Exchange Council.

Attachments

Tab A Departure Statement
Tab B Exchange Statement

cc: Rhett Dawson

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PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE U.S.-GERMAN YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 19, 1988

Mr. Chancellor, your suggestion during your last visit for a U.S.-German Youth Exchange Council has resulted in the recent establishment of a body of prominent Americans and Germans who have accepted the challenge to expand youth exchanges between our two countries. I fully support the work of this Youth Exchange Council and share your strong personal commitment to advancing mutual understanding, particularly between the younger generations in our two countries. I am, therefore, especially pleased to be able today to exchange with you, in the presence of Director Wick and Professor Weidenfeld, the two Coordinators of U.S.-German Cooperation, copies of the documents establishing the U.S.-German Youth Exchange Council.

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

February 17, 1988

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MEMORANDUM FOR PAUL STEVENS

FROM:

NELSON C. LEDSKY Wh

SUBJECT:

Presidential Draft Statements for the Kohl Visit

Attached at Tab I is a memorandum from you to Tony Dolan enclosing the draft Presidential statement (Tab A) to be used on February 19 by the President at the conclusion of the official working visit of Chancellor Kohl. The draft has been substantially edited by the NSC staff based on an initial draft from the State Department.

Attached at Tab B is a three sentence statement cleared by the State Department and the NSC Staff which the President can use to explain the exchange of documents with Chancellor Kohl on the establishment of the U.S.-German Youth Exchange Council. This document exchange will follow delivery by the President and Chancellor Kohl of their departure statements.

An advance copy of both drafts have been sent to John Dannerbeck of the Speechwriting Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memorandum at Tab I to Tony Dolan.

Approve _____

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Tab I Memo to Dolan

Tab A Departure Statement Exchange Statement Tab B

cc: Peter Rodman Roman Popadiuk

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Tony Dolan

February 18, 1988

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Executive Secretary

Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

cc: Rhett Dawson

(Judge edit)
February 17, 1988
3:00 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN L. POWELL THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: President's Statement Following His Meeting with FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl February 19, 1988

Please find attached a draft Presidential Statement to be given by the President following his meeting with FRG Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

> Melvyn Levitsky Executive Secretary

Attachment Draft Departure Statement





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It has been a very great pleasure to meet with Chancellor Kohl again for a friendly and highly useful discussion. Our meeting has served to renew and strengthen the ties between our countries.

This year is particularly significant in the history of U.S.-German relations as it marks the fortieth anniversary of a series of events that have shaped our two countries' destinies. In one year, 1948, the United States participated in decisions which sparked the economic recovery of West Germany and Europe, began the constitutional process of creating a West German state, saved West Berlin, and laid the foundation for collective security and economic integration in Western Europe. It was in this crucible of events that the modern relationship between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States was forged, a relationship which has endured and prospered.

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that bring us together. Along with the work which we accomplish together, I benefit from hearing the Chancellor's insights into world problems.

Among the many subjects we discussed today, we reviewed our defense efforts and arms control strategy within the NATO Alliance. I thanked the Chancellor for his strong support for the INF Treaty — indeed for his strong support throughout the INF negotiations. The Alliance's patience and determination on this issue laid the foundation for a major political victory for NATO — a success far beyond what many thought possible. We and our Allies set high goals and, through our steadfast solidarity, we met them.

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issues that concern us -- from arms control to human rights, from regional issues to bilateral matters.

In addition to arms control and the overall East-West relationship, the Chancellor and I discussed economic and trade issues. We agreed on the need to cooperate closely on a number of these. I welcomed recent and planned West German efforts to stimulate growth in the German economy. In particular, I expressed U.S. support for the Chancellor's efforts to liberalize the structure of the West German economy. The Chancellor welcomed U.S. efforts to reduce our federal deficit. We both agreed on the need to avoid trade protectionism which could stifle economic growth in both our countries.

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