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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANTHONY LAKRA

SUBJECT: Your Trip to Germany, July 10-12, 1994

Your trip to Germany includes meetings with leaders in Bonn, dinner with Chancellor Kohl in Oggersheim, a U.S.-EU Summit in Berlin and speeches there at the Brandenburg Gate and the barracks housing our departing Berlin Brigade. We will provide your public remarks separately. This briefing book contains:

SCHEDULE OF KEY EVENTS

SCOPE MEMORANDUM

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ARRIVAL CEREMONY IN BONN

CONTEXT OF EVENT

President Herzog will preside over this ceremonial welcome to Germany, the first official event the morning after your arrival.

YOUR OBJECTIVE

- To receive head-of-state honors and inspect the Honor Guard.

CORE POINTS

- Great privilege to visit Germany as President.
- Hospitality of German government and people emblematic of deep ties and affection between our two countries.

BACKGROUND

Villa Hammerschmidt (called the "White House" of the Rhineland) is the official presidential residence, where visitors of state are always received. President Kennedy attended ceremonies establishing the German Peace Corps here. The house initially belonged to the Koenig family, founders of a Zoological Museum. In 1899 the wealthy Herr Hammerschmidt bought the property which still bears his name.
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PRESS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

U.S.-German Relations

Q: Is Germany more an ally of convenience or a friend?

A: Germany a major partner of the U.S., working closely bilaterally and within UN, NATO, G-7 and CSCE on virtually all important global issues. Our working relationship of vital importance to us.

- Economy/Trade. One of the world’s top three economies, Germany helped achieve last year’s trade-expanding GATT accord and -- as its own economic recovery gathers speed -- is spurring EU-wide rebound from recession.

- Assistance. Germany has provided most assistance of any donor to Russia, NIS and CEE, supporting political and economic reforms and meeting humanitarian needs.

- Security. For years Europe’s largest troop contributor to NATO, Germany helped launch PFP at January NATO Summit and plans to host one of first PFP activities later this year. Also has assisted efforts of EU, NATO and UN to end war in Bosnia and meet humanitarian toll by providing relief, accepting refugees, monitoring sanctions and helping enforce No-Fly Zone.

Other common purposes where Germany’s role important: support for nuclear safety worldwide and for dismantlement of nuclear weapons in the NIS; financial contributions to the Middle East Peace Process and active participation in its multilateral working groups; and leadership on environmental and population policies.

Shared experiences/heritage: many Americans trace ancestry to Germany; Berlin airlift; growing numbers of Americans and Germans visit, study and perform in one another’s countries annually; U.S. firms prominent among foreign investors helping transform economy of eastern Germany.
German Politics

Q: Your rapport with Helmut Kohl is well known. What if the government changes in October?

A. Excellent bilateral relations will not change whatever party or parties are in power in Bonn.

Q: Would inclusion of the Greens in a future governing coalition trouble Washington?

A. Composition of German government for German people to decide.

Q: Ex-communists did fairly well in the European Parliament elections in eastern Germany, getting nearly 20% of the vote. What does their persistent appeal signify to you?

A. PDS (Party of Democratic Socialism) inherited strong grass roots organization, fielded candidates for many local offices and got out the vote.

Germany's International Role

Q: Should Germany do more to support international peacekeeping and "out-of-NATO-area" military missions?

A. Unified Germany's international status and influence bring new responsibilities.

- Americans appreciate sensitivity of these issues; applaud the political and legal consideration of them now underway here.

- Valuable German contributions already to international peacekeeping and humanitarian missions: Cambodia, former Yugoslavia, Somalia.

Q: If Germany is expected to play a larger global role and assume its costs, should it not have a permanent seat on the UN Security Council? And the veto power?

A. U.S. favors expansion of the Council to include permanent membership for Germany and Japan and a limited number of additional seats.

- Not yet taken a position on whether new permanent members should have veto, or how additional seats should be apportioned.
Q: If Germany is such an important and responsible international partner, why was Chancellor Kohl excluded from D-Day events?

A. Those commemorations honored forces who liberated Europe and brought peace.

- Our postwar friendship with a democratic Germany and its vital role in the expansion of a democratic, market-oriented Europe are among greatest legacies of the Allied victory in WWII.

U.S. Military Presence and Bases

Q: Should Germany pay more for the cost of maintaining U.S. forces there? And pay for improvements the U.S. made to bases being returned?

A. U.S. has proposed Germany forego $240 million in taxes, rents and fees that U.S. military has been asked to pay.

- Germany makes important contributions to common defense apart from defraying stationing costs of U.S. troops:
  - Paying 27% of NATO's common funded programs (the U.S. pays 28%);
  - Providing financial and logistical support for NATO forces in Germany;
  - Building housing in Russia and Ukraine for Russian forces leaving eastern Germany;
  - Providing major assistance Russia, NIS, CEE.

- Bilateral agreements call for Germany to reimburse U.S. for value of improvements made to returned German installations.

- U.S. has proposed framework for spreading out reimbursements over several years and applying them to construction and maintenance priorities.
Q: Do you support the Frank/Shays/Upton/Furse amendment to the DoD Authorization Bill? Won't this devastate our European security relationships by requiring significant troop withdrawals from Europe unless our Allies agree to pay 75 percent of our overseas basing costs?

A. - The Frank Amendment would, if enacted into law, require cuts in our military troop strength in Europe far below the level needed to promote our national security interests in this critical region.

- For this reason, will work carefully to delete or modify this provision in conference.

Q: The Cold War is over. Why do we need U.S. troops here?

A. - By the end of 1996, U.S. forces in Europe will have been cut to approximately 100,000 -- one-third the Cold War level. Three-fourths of them will be in Germany.

- Their mission: to allow U.S. to meet all our NATO and bilateral commitments and provide essential, visible confirmation of continuing U.S. engagement in Europe.

- History shows U.S. national interests best served by remaining engaged in Europe. Helping to ensure stability, peace and prosperity now far superior to returning later when opportunities for peaceful solutions to problems have disappeared.

- Deeply appreciate Germany's stalwart stance in hosting NATO and U.S. forces for the common defense.

NATO

Q: How well are Germany and the U.S. working together to implement Partnership for Peace?

A. - U.S. and Germany worked closely to launch PFP at January NATO Summit and energetically support implementation.

- Germany has offered to host one of first PFP activities later this year.
Q: Some German officials have advocated NATO’s expansion to the East sooner rather than later. What is the U.S. view?

A. - U.S. committed to NATO’s expansion. The question is not whether NATO will take in new members, but when and how.

- Through North Atlantic Cooperation Council (NACC) and PFP, NATO contributing already to building greater stability and addressing current security concerns in East.

**Bosnia**

Q: Has Germany played a constructive role in the former Yugoslavia?

A. - Yes. Germany has actively assisted efforts of EU, NATO and UN to bring an end to the war.

- Involved in international relief deliveries, sanctions monitoring and NATO AWACS operations in support of Bosnia No-Fly Zone.

- Hosting largest number of refugees of any West European country.

**Russia**

Q: What is Germany doing to help Russia?

A. - Germany, like U.S., supports a stable, democratic, and prospering Russia and has provided extensive humanitarian and technical assistance to Russia and NIS countries to that end.
Q: What is the U.S. view of Russian peacekeeping operations and other troop deployments in the "near abroad?"

A. - U.S. supports sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of NIS and Baltics. Russia has said it accepts these principles.
- Critical that we discourage Russia from insisting on a special role or prerogatives inconsistent with these principles.
- States, including Russia, may maintain military forces in other states only with consent of host state and if those forces adhere to international norms, such as those of UN and CSCE.
- In Georgia, for example, we are encouraging Russia to commit publicly to international peacekeeping norms for their force in Abkhazia.

Central and Eastern Europe

Q: What does the U.S. Government think of Germany's efforts to bring CEE countries closer to the European Union?

A. - Support efforts of Germany and its European partners to promote integration of Western and Eastern Europe.

Q: What is the U.S. position on the European Stability Pact launched by French Prime Minister Balladur?

A. - Support the idea; want to help develop and implement successfully.

Iran

Q: How serious are disagreements between the U.S. and Germany on Iran?

A. - We both strongly oppose Iran's support for terrorism, efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction, efforts to obstruct the Middle East peace process through violence and dismal human rights record.
- U.S. has some concern that Germany's dialogue with Iran combined with favorable financial treatment may encourage Iran to think it can improve relations with the West without changing its behavior.
U.S. Holocaust Survivor Hugo Princz

Q: Is the lawsuit by Mr. Princz an irritant? (A U.S. federal appeals court is considering a district court ruling that Princz's Holocaust compensation claim against Germany may proceed.)

A. - Mr. Princz has legitimate and compelling claim to appropriate compensation from Germany.
   - Disappointed at lack of progress to resolve his case, which has widespread public and Congressional support in U.S.

U.S. Property Claimants

Q: Do you expect satisfaction for American claimants who want their property in former East Germany restituted but are now forced to accept inadequate compensation?

A. - A number of U.S. citizens who seek such restitution risk being treated unfairly under 1992 property claims settlement agreement between U.S. and Germany.
   - Asking German government's cooperation to help resolve problem.

Berlin Document Center

Q: Can the U.S. confidently assume Germany will maintain the security of and public access to original material in the Berlin Document Center?

A. - Yes. Agreed in 1993 to transfer control once Germany provided microfilm copy of each document. Those copies in hand.
   - U.S. State and Justice Departments and National Archives can borrow originals for official purposes.
   - Broader public access to the records through National Archives now possible.
   - German government has assured that public access to originals will match standards we exercised.
Extremism and Violence

Q: What is your feeling about the rise of right extremism in Germany today?

A. Like vast majority of Germany, saddened and angered by acts of extremist and anti-foreigner violence, wherever they occur. Support measures taken by German authorities to bring those responsible to justice.

- Germany’s democratic society has shown repeatedly over 45 years that can resist political extremism.

Asylum and Refugees

Q: Should Germany have a system of legal immigration, much as the U.S. does?

A. Up to each country to decide its own immigration policies -- consistent with respect for human rights.

- Though its citizenship is difficult to obtain, Germany has generous record of taking refugees.
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