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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 2, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: FRG & GDR Spy Exchange

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State's memo (Tab A) provides recommended press guidance covering the developing spy release deal between the two Germanies. The guidance is sound, and I have already ensured that Mort Allin has a copy. If nothing else, the imminence of this deal, in which Guenter Guillaume occupies stage center, further demonstrates why it would be folly for the President or the Vice President to meet with Willy Brandt in these parlous times!

Dick Pipes concurs.

Tab A State Department Memo

cc: Bill Stearman

Be advised the Germans (whit ones I do not know) are putting it out that Brandt will see the P. you ought to nail this down - if cannot happen!

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 30, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
 THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Spy Exchange Between the FRG and the GDR:
 US Public Affairs Position

There were numerous reports in the press over the weekend that the FRG would release East German spy Guenter Guillaume in exchange for some West Germans now held in East German jails. Guillaume was the agent who brought down the former Chancellor, Willy Brandt, in Bonn's biggest political spy scandal.

Preparations for a spy exchange involving Guillaume are in fact being made, and we are instructing Embassy Bonn to seek details from the Germans. However, FRG Public Affairs spokesmen are declining all comment on this case, and the German Embassy in Washington has told us that it hopes spokesmen for the US government will do likewise.

The Department of State will use the attached press guidance in answering any questions from the public media regarding the reported spy exchange involving Guenter Guillaume.


 L. Paul Bremer III
 Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Public Affairs Guidance

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

Q: Would you care to comment on the report that the East German spy Guenter Guillaume, who brought down former Chancellor Willy Brandt in a political spy scandal, will be released by the FRG in exchange for some West Germans now in East German jails?

Is this prisoner exchange really in the Western interest?

A: This matter is within the jurisdiction of a sovereign ally of the United States. I have no comment on it.

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SUBJECT: US PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSITION ON SPY EXCHANGE BETWEEN FRG & GDR

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February 8, 1982

Dear Mr. Springer:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for forwarding a copy of your speech given in Boston.

It was kind of you to share with the President your observations on Germany.

The President appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Axel Springer
Kochstrasse 50
1000 Berlin
Germany

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MEMORANDUM FOR ED THOMAS

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FROM: BUD NANCE *Bud*

SUBJECT: State Follow-Up To Crane Proposal on
German Reunification

As a follow-up to the November 20 response which Mr. Meese sent Phil Crane concerning the latter's proposal for a U.S. initiative on German reunification (see copy at Tab B), we asked State to provide more detailed analysis on the Crane suggestion. The memo at Tab A summarizes State's position and expresses the view that 1) a Soviet proposal of the kind Crane foresaw is unlikely at the present time; and 2) it would not be in our interest for the U.S. to launch a major reunification initiative now. State confirms, in other words, our own disinclination to proceed with the Crane idea.

Accordingly, I see no need for Mr. Meese to be involved any further with this matter at the present time; this is particularly true since the Polish crisis would be likely in any case to change the terms of the situation which initially prompted Congressman Crane's suggestion.

Tab A State Memo
Tab B November 20 Response to Mr. Crane

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December 15, 1981

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White House Guidelines, Sept. 11, 2008
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MEMORANDUM FOR BUD NANCE

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Congressman Crane's Idea on German Reunification

Your memo to Ed Thomas (Tab I) is intended to close out the file on a proposal from Congressman Crane that would have the U.S. launch a major German reunification initiative. The State analysis of this proposal in the accompanying memo (Tab A) bears out our own doubts about the idea and confirms our judgment that Mr. Meese himself need not be bothered any further with the issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Ed Thomas at Tab I.

Approve As Amended

- Tab I Memo to Ed Thomas
- A - State Memo
- B - November 20 Response to Crane

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES W. NANCE
THE WHITE HOUSE

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WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

Subject: German Reunification

SUMMARY: With reference to the Lenz/Bremer memorandum of November 30, 1981, the Department has considered Congressman Crane's suggestion of a U.S. initiative calling for German reunification and has concluded that the idea has merit if undertaken in the form of a restatement by the President of the long-standing commitment of the United States to the eventual peaceful reunification of Germany.

The Congressman has suggested such an initiative as a means of preempting a possible Soviet move calling for reunification of Germany during the Brezhnev visit. Since his letter was written, Brezhnev visited Bonn and put forward no such proposal. In fact, we are aware of only one example in post-war history of such a Soviet proposal. This occurred in 1952 in the form of a letter to then Chancellor Adenauer. The Soviet proposal was vague and was clearly designed to prevent the integration of West Germany into the Western security system. It came at a time when FRG participation in the European Defense Community (EDC) was at a particularly delicate stage. Adenauer gave the Soviet proposal short shrift, and "revisionist" FRG observers today claim that in so doing, Adenauer missed an historic opportunity.

Our analysis is that it is extremely unlikely that the Soviets would now make such a proposal for two reasons: (1) the Soviets appear to have genuine fears of a reunified Germany, as reflected in over three decades of propaganda about German militarism and revanchism, and (2) the Soviets appear to have no current interest in introducing a major destabilizing factor in central Europe--and it is clear that a proposal for German reunification would be such a factor in the German Democratic Republic, Poland, Czechoslovakia and perhaps in the Soviet Union itself. One circumstance in which we believe the Soviets might be induced to make such a proposal today would be to frighten sufficiently an unresponsive Polish Government so as to make that government more concerned about a Soviet security guarantee against a reunited Germany. At this point, however, we do not see this as a likely possibility.

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The Department further believes that it would not be in U.S. interest for the United States now to launch a major initiative calling for reunification. Such an initiative would not be welcomed by other key allies, including the United Kingdom, France and the Benelux countries. It would also be highly unsettling in the Federal Republic, adding to and complicating the difficult situation which the government of the Federal Republic now faces. Such an initiative would also be viewed as aggressive and threatening in, at a minimum, East Berlin, Warsaw, and Moscow.

The Department believes, however, that a Presidential statement reaffirming the United States commitment to the eventual peaceful reunification of Germany would be useful. Such a statement should be along the lines of that made by former President Carter in Berlin in 1978; e.g.:

"The constant commitment of the Western Allies, ever since the NATO organization was formed, ever since the Second World War was over, is for the reunification of Germany, based upon the self-determination of the German people yourselves. And this is a commitment that I believe ought to be maintained and an ultimate hope that should be carefully preserved.

We are not trying to impose our will upon the German people. But when the German people approach the time of making a decision for yourselves that Germany should be reunited and Berlin again be the capital of unified Germany, we would certainly welcome that time and we look forward to it with our prayers and our constant hope."

With regard to Congressman Crane's suggestion of an expression of support for reunification from the Congress, such an expression exists in Section 4, S. Con. Res. 36, 83d Congress of August 3, 1953. This could be restated perhaps in conjunction with, and in support of, a statement by the President.

Katharine Shibley for
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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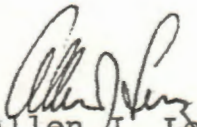
November 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State.

SUBJECT: German Reunification

Attached for the Department's information and appropriate follow-up action is an exchange of correspondence between Representative Philip M. Crane and Counselor to the President Edwin Meese III.

In line with Counselor Meese's reply to the Congressman's proposal concerning German reunification, the NSC would specifically welcome receiving the Department's assessment of this idea, with emphasis on its implications for Alliance security and East-West relations.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

Attachment:

Exchange of Correspondence

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November 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN J. LENZ

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Tasker to State on German Reunification

Your memo to Bremer (Tab I) tasks State with providing a substantive follow-up to the exchange of correspondence between Ed Meese and Congressman Phil Crane on the subject of German reunification (Tab A).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Bremer at Tab I.

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Tab I Memo to Bremer
A - Background Information & Exchange of
Correspondence Between Meese and Phil Crane

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Dear Phil:

Warm thanks for your 15 September note and the thoughtful letter to the President which accompanied it.

The initiative you propose -- calling for German reunification as a means of preempting another Brezhnev propaganda offensive -- is indeed an interesting idea and deserves thorough consideration. With that in mind, I have asked Al Haig and Dick Allen to review it and determine what further steps, if any, might be in order.

There is no doubt that we must be increasingly alert to Soviet propaganda efforts and counter them as effectively as possible. As you probably know, Charlie Wick's International Communication Agency is already addressing this problem through "Project Truth," and the State Department, in collaboration with our embassies, is also mounting a public affairs program geared especially to European audiences. Any initiative involving the Federal Republic -- particularly one as far-reaching as German reunification -- would, of course, need to be carefully prepared and coordinated not only with the present German leadership but also the major political parties.

Your views are always welcome here, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sharing them with us.

Sincerely,

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EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

X
The Honorable Philip M. Crane
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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cc: Ed Meese chron. file
Dick Allen
Secretary Al Haig, State Department

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 12, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ED MEESE

FROM:

DICK ALLEN *Dick*

SUBJECT:

Phil Crane and German Reunification

Phil Crane's German reunification proposal is an interesting idea, but one whose time has not yet come. Public discussion of such an eventuality would generate lively controversy, not only among our allies but inside our own government. Unmanaged, it could have a particularly devastating effect on German public opinion at the present time (at a minimum such an idea would require the most careful kind of discussion and consultation with the FRG leadership and the opposition).

While we develop a more detailed analysis of the implications and consequences of the idea Phil recommends (particularly on the security effects in Central Europe flowing from removal of the 250,000-man Bundeswehr forces from NATO defenses), I suggest you send him a polite note along the lines of the attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Phil Crane at Tab A.

Approve As Amended

Tab A

Letter to Phil Crane

Tab B

Incoming Letter from Phil Crane

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WASHINGTON

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October 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *J.M.*

SUBJECT: Reunification of Germany, etc. (Phil Crane)

This whole idea is off-the-wall. Probably the last thing we need at this delicate, up-tight juncture in the U.S.-FRG relationship is some half-baked proposal for German reunification, with all its profound implications vis-à-vis the East-West context, Alliance cohesion, the military balance, etc. etc.

Your finessing memo to Ed Meese (Tab I) provides a polite response to Crane (Tab A) coupled with assurances that the idea will receive the consideration it deserves (State is horrified by the thing, so at least some good came out of it...).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Ed Meese at Tab I.

Approve *J.M.* As Amended _____

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- Tab I Memo to Ed Meese
- A - Response to Crane
- B - Incoming Letter from Crane

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

21 October 1981

To: Richard Allen
From: Ed Meese
Subj: Letter from Congressman Philip M. Crane

Attached is a letter from Congressman Phil Crane with a suggestion concerning the proposed reunification of Germany.

Please analyze this suggestion and return your analysis to me so that together we can discuss it briefly with the President.

Thank you.

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16 SEP 1981

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

PHILIP M. CRANE
ILLINOIS

9/15/81

Dear Ed-

Would you be so kind
as to bring this to the
attention of the President?
Your views on this problem
would be appreciated, too.

Best regards,

Phil

PHILIP M. CRANE

MEMBER OF CONGRESS
12TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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September 16, 1981

The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have returned recently from a series of meetings with private citizens and government officials in West Germany in which the growing influence of pacifist, terrorist, and pro-Soviet groups was assessed.

Although you are better informed than I about the deteriorating situation in West Germany, I am increasingly alarmed at both the depth and breadth of pro-Soviet and anti-American sentiment which has recently manifested itself in a number of ugly incidents.

Rather than comment on these issues, I would like to address one possible near-term development and suggest a prospective general strategy for your consideration.

During my trip it was reported that President Brezhnev, in his November visit to West Germany, would launch a new propaganda initiative to capitalize on the growing anti-American mood and stimulate dissolution of Allied resolve with a call for the reunification of Germany.

Although devoid of practical potential, such a move may exacerbate the already disquieting trends toward so called "Creative Solutions" including independent negotiations and agreements with the Communists detrimental to the interests of the United States.

Among both conservatives and some officials in West Germany there is concern that such a Brezhnev proposal will not only command more legitimacy than may otherwise be the case, but that it could serve as a wedge between America and one of its most strategically significant allies. Based

on my observations, the prospect of a "neutralist" or anti-American West Germany within the very near future is not as incredible as one may at first imagine.

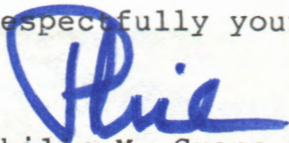
I would like to suggest a course of action which might possibly preclude or at least blunt such an initiative if in fact it should materialize. That proposal is simply one of preemption.

By taking the initiative in calling for German reunification under certain well-specified preconditions -- ie., freedom of speech, press and association, as well as free elections and withdrawal of forces from both Germanies prior to the conclusion of a peace treaty, you could direct the argument both in the United States and abroad along lines which would make it difficult for the Soviets to put us in a reactionary or defensive position to their version of such a proposal. By highlighting and making indispensable these stipulations, the Soviets would be forced to publically assent to the legitimacy of conditions they would in fact never be disposed to accept -- a truly free and independent Germany with guaranteed borders.

Although you are better able than I to weigh the pros and cons of such a strategy, I wanted to convey to you the sense of anxiety which the evolving West German situation has aroused, as well as a possible preemptive move against a potential Soviet ploy.

In the event you do not feel this would be an appropriate course of action for your administration to initiate, I would be most appreciative if you would apprise me of your feelings with respect to such a proposal arising from the Congress.

Respectfully yours,



Philip M. Crane, M.C.

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- R - Report
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- Y - Study

December 23, 1981

Dear Hal:

Thank you for contacting me on December 1 regarding your correspondence with Richard Fairbanks at the State Department. I appreciate your interest in keeping me informed of the steps which you have taken on behalf of Ms. Laurie Newman.

At this point, I can only suggest that your constituent pursue the avenues which Mr. Fairbanks recommended in his November 24 letter. You may be assured that we will let you know should additional information become available.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Hal Daub
House of Representatives
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December 1, 1981

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Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

Enclosed is correspondence from Ms. Laurie Newman, a constituent of mine, which I am forwarding to your office at her request.

I have taken the liberty of contacting the Department of State on her behalf, and have forwarded her a reply from Mr. Richard Fairbanks, Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs.

Thank you in advance for any additional information or encouragement you may be able to offer Ms. Newman. Feel free to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Hal Daub
Member of Congress

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July 16, 1981

Dear President Reagan,

My name is Laurie Newman. I am nineteen years old, and have been born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. Since the day I was old enough to understand, I have watched my parents fight a never ending battle. Now I feel that I must intervene. That is why I am writing to you. I am hoping that you can bring peace to this battle. The battle is this: Both my parents were in Nazi concentration camps during World War II, and have never received any restitution from the German Government for the suffering inflicted to them. The German Government denies them restitution because my parents missed the first deadline given for restitution. They missed this deadline because the lawyer handling their case at the time, passed away before notifying them of the deadline. So, for years my parents have tried to explain this to the German Government, but unfortunately the German Government will not understand. I have had enough of watching this injustice done to my parents.

Years ago injustice was done to my parents when they were placed in concentration camps and lost their family and fellow Jews because of Anti-Semitism. Now it is thirty-five years later, and injustice is still being done to them. This is so infuriating to me! Nobody knows what it is like to wake up to the screams of your father, because of a nightmare he has had about the horrors of concentration camp. Or nobody knows what it is like to watch your mother be treated for so many years for nerve problems due to concentration camp. And now these problems have caused her to undergo open heart surgery just six months ago! Now, I realize that

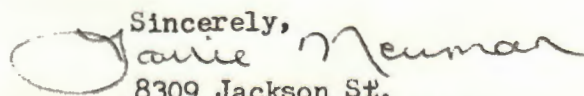
everyone goes through something or another with their parents and family, but to go through things (especially like those) because of an injustice done to them for no fault of their own is ridiculous! Who knows, maybe my parents wouldn't have health problems if it weren't for concentration camps.

I understand that the German Government cannot undo what has been done, but they can rectify it, by granting my parents the pension they deserve. It is so hard for me to watch my sixty year old father work so hard to put me through college. I know that most men his age are retiring or at least not working at the rate he is. By granting my parents a pension, my father could slow down a bit. I want to see my parents relax and take it a bit more easy. I want them around for so many more years (G-D willing please).

President Reagan, please help my parents. They deserve that restitution. It is not only a matter of money, but more importantly a matter of justice. All that my parents lost, both materialistically and family-wise can never be replaced. I know that a restitution will never even scratch the surface to all that they lost, but it will scratch the surface to justice. The German Government doesn't realize what self image they are projecting by being hard and unbending to my parents. To me and the people around me, the German Government still seems to be the people of the Nazi era. It is almost the twenty-first century, bigotry and prejudice should be null on the face of this earth!

President Reagan, I thank-you for your time in reading this letter. I hope that you can help my parents. If you need any information concerning the camps my parents were in and for how long, or anything else I will gladly send it to you. I am eagerly awaiting a letter from you!

Sincerely,

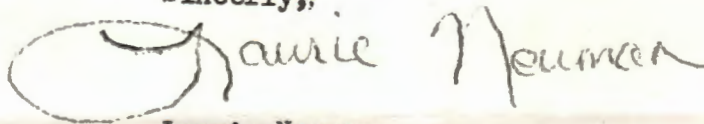

8309 Jackson St.
Omaha, Nebraska 68114
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July 22, 1981

Dear Congressman Daub:

My name is Laurie Newman. I am nineteen years old, and have lived in Omaha all my life. I am writing to you, because I need a favor from you. I have written a letter to President Reagan about an injustice done to my parents, thirty-five years ago when they were placed in Nazi concentration camps. They have never received a pension from the German Government, for the hardship inflicted on them. This is an injustice! What I would like from you, is to give the letter I wrote to President Reagan, to him personally. It's very important to me. I appreciate your time and effort in reading this letter and for understanding. Thank-You once more.

Sincerely,

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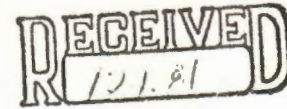
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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November 24, 1981

Dear Mr. Daub:

Thank you for your letter of October 28, regarding the inquiry you received from Ms. Laurie Newman concerning compensation for her parents from the German government.

The Federal Republic of Germany has compensated thousands of Nazi persecutees under programs extended by German domestic laws which were drafted on the basis of discussions with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims and other organizations. However, the period for filing initial claims under these programs expired December 31, 1969.

Although the time for filing claims has expired, the German government recently allocated money for compensation of Nazi persecutees filing claims after the deadline if they are able to demonstrate that there were mitigating circumstances which prevented them from presenting their claims before December 31, 1969. From reading Ms. Newman's letters, it appears that there may be justification for filing a late claim under this provision. I suggest that she directly contact Mr. Dirk Von Haeften of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, located at 4645 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007 (tel: 202-298-4361).

You also may wish to recommend that Ms. Newman contact the following two organizations which may be able to give further information and assistance:

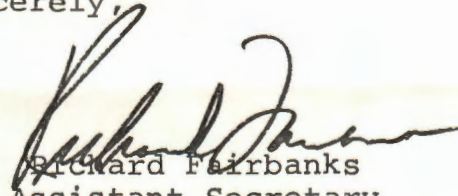
Conference on Jewish Material Claims
15 East 26th Street
New York, New York 10010

The United Restitution Organization
570 - 7th Avenue
New York, New York 10018
Telephone: (212) 869-8610

The Honorable
Hal Daub,
House of Representatives.

The United Restitution Organization is an affiliate of the American Federation of Jews in Central Europe, which monitors closely any changes in the provisions of the compensation laws and has assisted many persons in this country in pressing their claims.

Sincerely,

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Richard Fairbanks
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

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