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November 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

JM

SUBJECT: Burns to the President: Part II

State has provided a clean version of Ambassador Burns' latest cabled message to the President (Tab A), plumping for precisely the kind of initiative to which, presumably, the November 18 exercise will respond. Your memo to the President (Tab I) provides an appropriate transmittal.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve *JM* As Amended _____

cc: Dennis Blair
Bill Stearman
Dick Pipes

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A Burn's Message to the President



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 16, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Ambassador Burns

Ambassador Burns has asked that the attached message
be delivered to the President.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Paul Bremer, III".

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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TO PRES

FROM BURNS, ARTHUR

DOCDATE 31 AUG 81

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KEYWORDS: GERMANY F R

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SUBJECT: LTR FM BURNS RE GERMANY & SUMMIT ISSUES

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN

DUE: 28 OCT 81 STATUS C

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 20, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *JM*

SUBJECT: Response to Burns, *Arthur*

As per your instructions late last week, attached (Tab I) is a one-liner re-do acknowledging receipt of Arthur Burns' long screed to the President many weeks ago (I have already informed State that the draft material they prepared for you is OBE).

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the note to Burns at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Tab I Letter to Arthur Burns
A - Incoming

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OBE.
I called Burns,
told him @ got
his letter.

*This seems to imply that the President did not get his letter. He did, didn't he?
RVA - The @ got his letter.
ji*

Relations between the FRG and the US

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 28, 1981

Dear Arthur:

Just a brief note to confirm for the record what you already know through informal channels: the President has seen your letter of August 31 and appreciates your insights into our evolving relationship with the Federal Republic.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable
Arthur F. Burns
American Ambassador
Bonn

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BY dr NARA DATE 10/26/2022

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 31, 1981

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Dear Mr. President

When I met with you and Secretary Haig on July 17, I confined my remarks to questions that were likely to come up in Ottawa. But I also indicated at the time that I would write you at some length about the accumulating tensions, as I now see them, between our country and the Federal Republic of Germany. That is the purpose of this letter.

High interest rates in the United States are only a part, indeed a rather minor part, of German dissatisfaction with us. Chancellor Schmidt, as you well know, feels strongly about our interest rates. His views, however, do not dominate German public opinion. The banking community, led by Dr. Poehl of the Bundesbank, strongly defends the policy of monetary restraint being pursued in the United States. The upper echelons of the business community are also favorably disposed towards our monetary policy. Even within Schmidt's own government, there are high officials who believe that the advice he gave us last year to fight inflation with a strong monetary policy is sounder than his present prescription.

The recent tensions between our country and the Federal Republic are due far more to political and psychological forces than to economic factors. They are basically traceable, I believe, to the growing anxiety of the German public, particularly among young people, about the world in which they live. The sources of this anxiety are legion. Many Germans feel that their country is quite helpless, in fact just a pawn, in the struggle for supremacy between two superpowers--Soviet Russia and the United States. Fears of a catastrophic nuclear war fought on German soil have become widespread. Environmental concerns, especially with regard to reliance on nuclear power, have been increasing. There is now more fear of unemployment and of a harsher economic environment. There is

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also a feeling of alienation, stemming from life in a society dominated by large impersonal organizations, among working people as well as intellectuals. Furthermore, many young people, and not only they, have come to believe that it is morally wrong to live in affluence when millions in the Third World are starving. Speaking more generally, many Germans nowadays feel that a coherent purpose in life has been eluding them and that their country has lost its identity.

Since the United States is identified with so many of the things that trouble the German people--notably, our superpower status, our high technology, and our emphasis on military buildup--deep concern has arisen in the Federal Republic about America's international role, particularly our ability to manage East-West relations wisely. That is why German leaders attach such great importance to the maintenance of a Western dialogue with the Soviet Union and to an early resumption of TNF negotiations.

The attitude of the German people toward the world in which they live has inevitably found active political expression. There is increasing rebelliousness in the Social Democratic Party, especially on defense-related issues. The wisdom of deploying middle-range missiles on German territory is questioned not only by the radical wing of Schmidt's party, but also by numerous members of the Free Democratic Party and even by some Christian Democrats. Public debates on defense issues have become intense in the Federal Republic and will undoubtedly become more so in the months ahead.

The Soviet Union has found it useful to exploit European fears of armaments, especially those prevalent in West Germany. It has done this with great skill and energy. Soviet propaganda pictures the United States as a restless, bellicose power willing to risk the nuclear destruction of Europe; at the same time Russia is represented as working tirelessly in behalf of international peace and order. The massive peace offensive mounted by the Soviets obviously seeks to drive a wedge between us and our European allies--an exercise in which

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they have been to some degree successful. However, media speculation about "anti-Americanism" in West Germany strikes me as overdrawn and wide of the mark. The basic national interests of the United States and the Federal Republic have for many years been practically identical and they remain so. In Germany we have a staunch ally whose anxiety and needs require, however, a constructive response on our part.

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The paramount objective of our European policy should be to wrest the initiative on the issue of peace and armaments limitation away from the Soviets. This could be best achieved by presenting in due course a dramatic offer on arms control, and I fervently hope that we may be resourceful enough to do this responsibly before long. Until that time, the effectiveness of Russian peace propaganda could at least be reduced if Administration spokesmen cultivated the habit, first, of speaking with one voice, and second, of avoiding belligerent rhetoric in addressing East-West issues. Public statements about American intentions to gain military superiority over the Soviet Union cause political tremors in West Germany and elsewhere in Europe. A calm business-like tone on the part of Administration spokesmen is what is needed; it could go far towards mobilizing European popular support for our policies. And let us always keep in mind that our German ally wants to be treated as a full-fledged partner. To the extent that we accord West Germany such treatment, we will increase the probability of its remaining a dependable ally.

I naturally regret, as I am sure you do, Chancellor Schmidt's decision to cut back on projected military spending. To make matters worse, this violation of a commitment has been accompanied by demagogic rhetoric to the effect that it was caused by American interest rates. I shall not overlook these facts in dealing with the Chancellor and his associates. At the same time, I would like to repeat something I said during our meeting on July 17--namely, that Germany's spending on defense during the past ten years has been

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entirely commendable, and that its most important priority now--at least in my judgment--is to put its somewhat shaky economic house in order. We should not press the Federal Republic to increase its defense spending at a time when it needs to cut its over-all budget. Neither should we offer public advice on cutting social expenditures. This is a German problem, fraught with political sensitivity, that the Germans will have to sort out themselves.

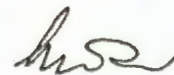
I have one final word of advice. In view of the rebelliousness in some elements of Schmidt's party, there has been considerable speculation both in West Germany and elsewhere, including the United States, whether he can long remain in power. Some of my friends, both within and outside our government, have expressed the opinion that a Christian Democratic government would have an easier time implementing the TNF decision or taking other defense-related measures favored by us. I have no settled view on this delicate issue. I might note, however, that if the Social Democratic Party went into opposition, it would probably become more radical; the German political scene would then tend to polarize, and the moderate stance of the trade unions could no longer be taken for granted. For these as well as more general reasons of prudence, I strongly urge that there be no hint out of Washington that we might favor one political party or the other in West Germany.

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Let me say in closing, Mr. President, that I regard your decision to go ahead with the production of the neutron bomb as basically sound. To be sure, many German citizens are troubled, and it will not be easy to allay their feeling that the German government deserved to be consulted before the decision was finally made. But I assure you that I will do everything I can to convince German sceptics that your decision on the bomb will serve the long-range interests of both Western Europe and the United States.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur F. Burns
Ambassador

cc: Secretary Haig
Richard Allen

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

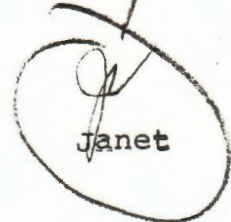
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What now?

Jim Rentschler

As we both know, the President
did indeed get Burns' letter.

Guess we just need to recraft
RVA's letter to reassure Burns
that the letter was delivered.

Thanks.


Janet

P Never got it (in
fact, I doubt that he even
got briefed) and he mentions the
letter on Dick's cover memo

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October 6, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *Jim*

SUBJECT: Response to Arthur Burns' Letter of August 31

State finally dredged up a suggested Presidential response to the lengthy exposition of views which Arthur Burns authored and sent here on August 31.

On reading through State's paper - and on reflection about the extent to which it may or may not be desirable to get the President involved in prolonged exchanges with our Ambassadors - I conclude that if there is to be any response at all to Arthur's letter, you are the appropriate one to do it.

Accordingly, I have significantly edited State's draft and recast it as a response to you on behalf of the President. Bill Stearman concurs with both the form and the substance.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter to Arthur Burns at Tab I.

Approve _____ As Amended _____

Tab I Response to Arthur Burns
A - Incoming Letter from Arthur Burns

Please see me on this
Jim

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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BY: ds DATE: 10/28/2022

Dear Arthur:

As I earlier indicated, the President very much appreciated your letter of August 31 on the more troublesome elements in the US-FRG relationship. Since its arrival, and Al Haig's return from his trip to Bonn and Berlin, we have had occasion to discuss the contents of your letter at some length. The following views express our current thinking on the sensitive issues you raise.

A coherent, stable and strong North Atlantic Alliance provides the basis for our foreign and security policy. The Federal Republic is a key to that stability and strength, and the President therefore, personally attaches the highest importance to a sound relationship between our two countries. Your advice and counsel will be greatly valued in the months and years ahead as we deal with the many complex considerations which impinge on that central reality.

In this regard, a close and trusting personal relationship with the Chancellor is essential, and it was for that reason that the President made a particular effort to assure the success of his official visit to the United States last spring. I believe that the US-German relationship is strong and will continue to be so. However, there are problems, as you point out in your letter, and officials in Bonn and Washington will have to manage them carefully to avoid damage to the relationship. United States governments of both parties have worked with German governments of both parties since the foundation of the Federal Republic. This must continue regardless of who is in power.

I share your assessment of the need to counter Soviet propaganda in Western Europe through a positive Western political offensive. Our efforts began with Al's speech in Berlin and will continue. I myself have met with a number of German delegations of varying political coloration visiting here; indeed, I had three separate meetings with Egon Bahr alone, in all of which I stressed themes similar to the ones you addressed in your letter. I believe that, as a result of that political offensive, we will be able to gain broad popular support in Western Europe for our policies.

We welcome your thoughts and look forward to further exchanges on our relationship with the Federal Republic.

With best wishes to you and Helen.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable
Arthur F. Burns
American Ambassador
Bonn

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*Draft Reply for
Pres signature*

DUE DATE: 16 SEP 81

COMMENTS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY ALSO RECD CY

Donald Moore

FOR ALLEN J LENZ

STAFF DIRECTOR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1981

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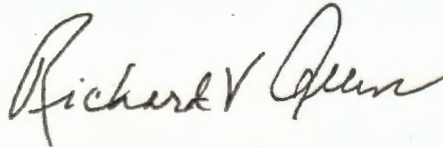
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Letter from Arthur Burns

At his meeting with you and the President on July 17th, Ambassador Burns said he would write to the President at length to discuss matters unrelated to the Ottawa Summit, the subject of that meeting.

He has now written the President and asked that the attached envelope, which I presume contains a copy of his letter to the President, be sent directly to you.



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Attachment

Sealed Envelope, "Personal & Confidential"

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 31, 1981

Dear Dick

I am enclosing two sealed envelopes, each marked "personal and confidential." One is addressed to the President; the other is addressed to Secretary Haig. Please give my letter to the President directly to him, and I would also appreciate your forwarding in a secure way my letter to Secretary Haig.

The letter to Secretary Haig is a copy of my letter to the President. I am also enclosing a copy of that letter for your eyes.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur F. Burns
Ambassador

The Honorable
Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Enclosure

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NSC for staff response



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

September 28, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommended Response from the President to
Ambassador Burns

Ambassador Burns wrote to the President on August 31 providing his thoughts on the problems besetting the U.S.-FRG relationship. A recommended response from the President is attached.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment

1. Draft response to Ambassador Burns
2. Referral Documents from the NSC

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DRAFT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BURNS

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~~In closing,~~ ^{we} welcome your thoughts and look forward to further exchanges on our relationship with the Federal Republic. ~~Please tell the Chancellor how much I am looking forward to seeing him in Cancun.~~

With best wishes to you and Helen.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable
Arthur F. Burns,
American Ambassador,
Bonn, Germany.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/10

Jim Rentschler:

Alas, someone didn't give you
all the pieces of the puzzle.

Burns letter has already gone
forward to the President --
see RVA memo of Sept 2, attached.

What we need to do now is draft
a response for the President.

Also, RVA already sent Haig a copy
of the Burns letter.

You can't win them all!!



Janet Colson

10 Sept

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

Jim, do you need State to prepare a
draft reply on this? Yes No

Thanks
J.

Thank you!
Jim

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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September 2, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT Letter from Arthur Burns

At his meeting with you and Secretary Haig on July 17th, Ambassador Burns said that he would be writing you at length to discuss matters unrelated to the Ottawa Summit, the subject of that meeting.

His letter has arrived, and he has asked that I forward it to you (Tab A). He also asked that I forward a copy to the Secretary of State, which I have done.

We will draft a suggested response.

cc: Ed Meese

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER *JP*

SUBJECT: Burns Letters to the President and Haig

Arthur Burns, as per his covering note (Tab III), is asking you to be a mail-drop in triplicate, moving a "personal and confidential" letter from him to the President, with copies of the same message to Al Haig and you.

Your memo to the President complies with the first part of his request (and provides a brief summary); your transmittal note to Haig (Tab II), incorporating some suggested follow-up, takes care of the second. Kinda cumbersome way to sort out the traffic, but I guess he has his reasons.....

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I and the note to Al Haig at Tab II.

Approve _____ As Amended _____

cc: Bob Schweitzer
Bill Stearman
Dick Pipes

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab II Letter to Secretary Haig
Tab III Incoming Letter from Burns

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Letter From Arthur Burns

Arthur Burns' "personal and confidential" letter to you from Bonn (Tab A) provides his initial views on the accumulating tensions he sees between the U.S. and Germany:

- High interest rates here are only a minor part of German dissatisfactions; (German banking and business communities, in fact, support our monetary restraint);
- The problems are political and psychological rather than economic (environmental concerns, feelings of alienation, sensitivity about the Third World, etc.);
- The Soviet Union has skillfully exploited these German concerns, a fact which requires a U.S. initiative - in the form of a "dramatic offer on arms control" - to counter present unfavorable trends;
- Pending such an initiative, and to make Soviet propaganda less effective, Administration spokesmen should "speak with one voice" and avoid "belligerent rhetoric" (Arthur cautions against giving any hints that we might favor one party or the other in Germany);
- He considers the ERW decision sound and intends to deal firmly with Schmidt and his associates on the question of their own rhetoric so far as linking defense-spending cuts with U.S. interest rates is concerned.

Arthur's points should and will be carefully pondered. He has provided a copy of his letter to Al Haig, who will have a chance to consider and discuss its contents more thoroughly when he sees him in Bonn this weekend. We can then determine what response might be in order.

cc: Ed Meese

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Dear Al:

Arthur Burns has asked me to pass along to you a copy of his August 31 "personal and confidential" letter to the President, just received in the White House.

Arthur's points are certainly worth pondering, and we shall want to discuss what sort of reply, if any, we should send on the President's behalf. In the meantime, you will probably find this analysis useful when you see Arthur in Germany later this week and during your meetings with Genscher and Schmidt.

It will also be helpful to have Arthur's views on the public affairs effort we are now launching to shape European opinion in a more constructive way--an effort in which your Berlin speech will play a prominent role.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

The Honorable Alexander Haig, Jr.
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 31, 1981

Dear Dick

I am enclosing two sealed envelopes, each marked "personal and confidential." One is addressed to the President; the other is addressed to Secretary Haig. Please give my letter to the President directly to him, and I would also appreciate your forwarding in a secure way my letter to Secretary Haig.

The letter to Secretary Haig is a copy of my letter to the President. I am also enclosing a copy of that letter for your eyes.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur F. Burns
Ambassador

The Honorable
Richard V. Allen
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for National Security
The White House
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TO PRES

FROM BURNS, ARTHUR

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SUBJECT: LTR FM BURNS REF FRG

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*

SUBJECT: Visit of Berlin SPD Opposition Leader
Hans-Jochen Vogel

State has proposed that you meet briefly with Hans-Jochen Vogel during his visit to Washington. I see no compelling reason for you to meet with Vogel. He is not in an important government position at the moment, nor has he been visibly involved in the issues of major concern to us in Germany. (C)

If, however, your schedule is light and you would be interested in incisive observations on current issues in Germany, you would find Vogel an interesting interlocutor. (U)

RECOMMENDATION

That you not meet with Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel. (U)

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Tab A State memo and bio on Vogel

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Visit of Berlin SPD Opposition Leader Hans-Jochen Vogel

Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of the SPD opposition in Berlin, plans to visit Washington on the morning of October 27 to meet with senior officials.

Vogel wants to pay a brief call on the Vice President. We are recommending that he meet with Secretary Haig. Chancellor Schmidt has indicated privately that he hopes we will give Vogel prominent treatment.

As the opposition leader in Berlin, former FRG Minister of Justice and former Berlin Governing Mayor, Vogel is one of the most influential national SPD figures and is considered by many to be Helmut Schmidt's heir apparent. In view of Vogel's prominence and potential, we strongly recommend that he meet with the Vice President. Moreover, we believe this appointment would help reaffirm our commitment to the Berliners and demonstrate even-handedness in our approach to FRG partisan politics, recalling that the President received Berlin's CDU Governing Mayor Richard von Weizsaecker during his visit to Washington in September.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. BLAIR / JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Visit of Berlin SPD Opposition Leader
Hans-Jochen Vogel, October 27

State has requested that the Vice President receive Herr Vogel next week. Despite State's favorable recommendation, we see no compelling reason to do such a meeting (would Genscher meet with the loser is a N.Y. mayoralty race?). Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum to the Vice President recommending against the meeting unless he has a very light schedule. (C)

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo at Tab I.

Approve lv Disapprove _____

Tab I Memo to VP
A - State cover memo and bio on Vogel

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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY BERLIN SPD OPPOSITION LEADER FOR MTG W/ VP ON OCT 27

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