

Berlin

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October 10, 1961

Dear Doctor Helton:

Thank you very much for your letter. I agree with you that we should not retreat in Berlin and I have seen no evidence -- other than pure newspaper gossip -- that this country intends to do so.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Doctor John W. Helton
235 East Hildebrand Avenue
San Antonio 12, Texas

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TAYLOR 4-4501

September 25, 1961

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice-President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:

The present trend toward appeasement of Russia and a very strong suggestion that the Administration is preparing to make further concessions to the Communists in Berlin is definitely un-American. In fact, to my way of thinking, it is an act of cowardice and will be so interpreted by the majority of American citizens and by the world.

I urge you to use your influence to see that we stop selling-out the liberties that this country has fought for since its inception.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours Sincerely,


JOHN W. HELTON, D.D.S.





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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Berlin

October 9, 1961

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter in which you set forth your views with regard to our situation in Berlin.

Permit me to assure you that it is the intention of this Administration to continue to stand firm on our commitments to the people of West Berlin.

Your prayers are deeply appreciated and I hope that you will continue to pray for all of us as we are all in need of Divine Guidance in these perilous times.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Daniel E. Johnson
Pleasant Valley Assembly
3357 N. Arndon
Wichita, Kansas

KBJ:WDT

PLEASANT VALLEY ASSEMBLY

3357 N. AMIDON

WICHITA, KANSAS

DANIEL E. JOHNSON
PASTOR

September 25, 1961

TE 8-1738
TE 8-0531

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Vice President:

I have just written to the President expressing my grave concern for my country. I am terribly afraid that the present course of appeasement and vacillation in the matter of Berlin will secure us no honorable goal.

These extremely critical and convulsive days demand strong men who will stand unswervingly for that which is undeniably right. We must not waver in Berlin. No good has ever been gained by appeasement to godless tyrants!

My dear Mr. Johnson, please do everything you can to strengthen our position in Berlin and elsewhere. Don't betray the proud history of Texas by trampling upon its traditions of bravery in the face of hell itself to "buy time" or soothe the troubled political waters while all the time all hell is ready to break loose! In the Name of God don't waver!

We pray for you often in our family prayers. May God give you sane judgment, heavenly wisdom and a strong backbone.

In the Name of God, farewell!

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Johnson

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PLEASANT VALLEY ASSSEMBLY

WICHITA, KANSAS

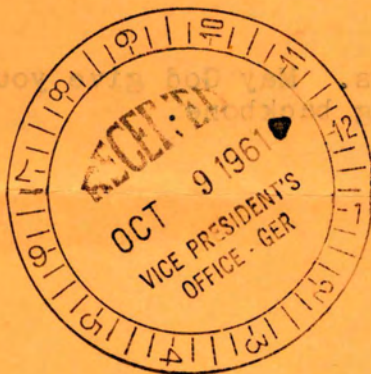
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DANIEL M. JOHNSON
WASTON

September 25, 1961

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.



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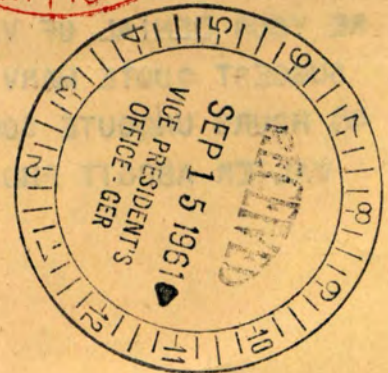
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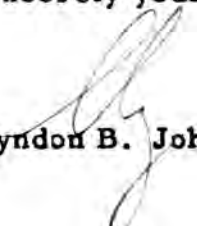
August 28, 1961

Dear Dr. Abbott:

I do not believe this Administration is following a policy of vacillation. On the contrary, I think our President is facing up to some of the most difficult problems that have beset any President in the first year of his Administration in many decades.

It is obvious that the Communist leaders are seeking to bring the world situation to a head in Berlin. I am enclosing for your information a copy of a statement I made in Berlin -- a statement made with the full knowledge and approval of the Administration. I do not think this represents vacillation but rather a firm and clear declaration that the United States will not be moved from a course of justice and strength.

Sincerely yours,


Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Walter Abbott
1211 Jackson Boulevard
Houston, Texas

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON

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IS THIS ADMINISTRATION CAPABLE OF NO POLICY EXCEPT VACILLATION?
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REPUBLICANS HEREAFTER. AT LEAST GOLDWATER ADVOCATES HISTORIC
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Berlin

October 12, 1961

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your telegram. As is often apparent in American politics, a United States Senator is free at all times to speak his mind. But, as I am sure you are aware, the official policy of the United States Government can be spoken only by the President.

I appreciate your concern for our nation's welfare, and I hope you will continue to share your thinking with me on the important issues facing us. Your views and comments are always welcome.

Kindest regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. ~~and~~ Mrs. W. R. Brent
5222 Shadywood Lane
Dallas 9, Texas

LBJ:RFS:wlj

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1961

Ruth:

Just tell them a United States Senator is free at all times to speak his mind but that the official policy of the United States Government can be spoken only by the President.

G. E. R.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

GER--

I need your advice on this one.

Thanks.

Ruth S.

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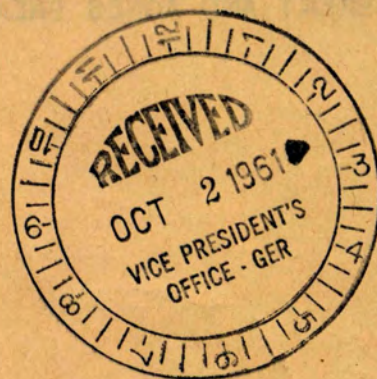
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VICE PRES LYNDON B JOHNSON

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Dear Mr Johnson:
You were lovely to reply to my letter criticising you for your speech in Berlin. It is impossible for the public to appreciate the pressures brought upon the Administration, and I



apologize for my sharp words -

Being a Quaker I naturally voted for you and Mr Kennedy as I feel it so important for people to be religiously motivated, and you both definitely are.

My good wishes to you and your family -

Sincerely

Margaret Fleming
(Mrs Thomas Fleming)

1541 Lombardy Road
Pasadena

September 30

Berlin

September 9, 1961

Dear Mrs. Fleming:

Whatever may have been the situation in the past -- and no one abhorred the Nazi tyranny more than I -- the fact remains that today the threat to freedom comes from communism. If we permit the Communists to take over West Berlin and West Germany, the cause of communism will be strengthened immeasurably and the forces of freedom weakened tremendously.

Under the circumstances, we have no choice other than to take a stand.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Thomas Fleming
1541 Lombardy Road
Pasadena, California

LBJ GER gw

Dear Mr Vice-President:

Your
statements about Americans
giving their lives, fortunes
and sacred honor were it

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seems to me very dangerous.
Perhaps we do need West
Germany as an ally but
I cannot forget their record
in the war - the supine
following of Hitler and the
horrible massacre of the
Jews. Too many nazis are

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still in control -

Sincerely

Margaret Fleming
(Mrs Thomas Fleming)

1541 Lombardy Road
Pasadena Calif -

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Berlin

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October 6, 1961

My dear Friend:

The attached letter and Material have just
been received from the United States Information
Bureau. I hope you will find it useful and of interest.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Daniel B. Gish
916 Cessna Drive
El Paso, Texas

LBJ:WDT



UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

OCT 5 1961

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Department of State has referred to us for reply your communication of September 11 enclosing correspondence from Mr. Daniel B. Gish. In the interim we have also received your communication of September 22 enclosing further correspondence from Mr. Gish.

Enclosed is a collection of materials describing the U. S. overseas information program, together with a memorandum which shows what USIA has done and is doing about the Berlin crisis. (The Hungarian revolt was handled similarly by our media and is still cited as evidence of Soviet aggression and brutality in our output.)

Mr. Gish's letters are returned herewith as you requested. Please let me know if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Irwin
General Counsel and
Congressional Liaison

Enclosures:
As stated

The Vice President
of the United States

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DANIEL B. GISH
3317 N. E. 17th COURT
- FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
916 Cessna Dr.
El Paso, Texas

September 20, 1961

The Honorable Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Vice-President Johnson:

In reply to your letter of September 15th, 1961. In my original letter I did not give very much regarding the numerous brutalities of the Soviets. You probably know more about them than I do. However, I wish to write of some of the things that I know have been overlooked. The fact that the Soviet's first brutality was when they ousted the democratic regime set up in Russia shortly after they overthrew the Czar. Then the murdering of the Czar and his family.

Some 15,000 Polish Officers were massacred at Katyn Forest because they resented the Soviets taking over their land. The crimes of Stalin are too numerous to put down. I once read the story of an American who was in one of the slave labor camps, and after we had saved them from being overwhelmed by Hitler, the ruthlessness of Stalin in murdering thousands of people in Russia.

The Government Printing Office in Washington has five pamphlets well illustrating the crimes of Khrushchev - I have these in my possession. I think that the propaganda sheets that show these pictures of Khrushchev's orders requiring about 1,000,000 Ukrainians starved to death should be shown. There are pictures showing this.

Russia tells the world that she does not believe in colonialism. They have seized Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, and East Germany, and they attempted to seize Finland, but Finland put up such a fight that although they lost a good deal of their land and sea ports, they managed to stay free. The other countries are fenced in, guarded by towers, and have search lights by night guarding the frontiers so that no one can escape.

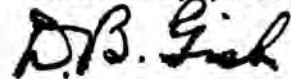
I will not comment on the situation of East Berlin and West Berlin because that is very well known and we have lots of photographs.

As I see it, we should contact the leaders of all the free countries and show them what they are up against when they embrace communism, then a

similar edition with the help of the leaders could be sent out to the various peoples. We must remember that they are very illiterate in most countries, but there should be at least one man who can tell his people what they should expect after the Soviet's take over. How they first organize an armed force that is well paid and with this armed force they subjugate the people into slavery. If a workman fails to show up for one day, he is brought into court and made to show cause, if he cannot show cause, he is either sent to a Soviet slave camp or suffers a reduction in pay and longer hours. Everything in the propaganda should point to the kind of slavery they will endure if they side with the Soviets. Of course, there are many other angles that can be used. in the propaganda, and there are men who are more eloquent to what has happened than I am, can greatly improve upon it. But I hope we get it going soon because time is getting short.

With all best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D.B. Gish". The signature is stylized with a large, bold "D" and "B" and a cursive "Gish".

D. B. Gish

DBG/er



DANIEL B. GISH
~~2311 N. E. 17th COURT~~
FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

916 Cessna
El Paso, Texas
September 7, 1961

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Johnson,

I am wondering if we could make headway by propagandizing all the countries which Russia is out to take over, by showing them pictures of brutalities in Hungary and how the Soviets are now building fences and walls to keep the East Berliners from escaping to the free countries.

These will all be printed in the language of the countries, but it would be made as simple as possible because of illiteracy. If we could plant the idea in the minds of people who are leaning toward Communism, that once they take it on they can't get away because they will be held prisoner and there is no escape from it. It might do a lot of good.

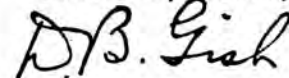
Just how to get this distributed to the various countries will be up to somebody that knows more than I do about it, but there should be a method.

For example, a lot of this probably could be distributed in Brasilia, where the language is Portugese, and Rio de Janiero. Then, we might drop a lot of these pamphlets over Cuba, Uruguay and Bolivia.

This is just a thought but it might be developed.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Daniel B. Gish

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
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October 2, 1961

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Honorable John Fitzgerald Kennedy
The White House
Washington, D. C.

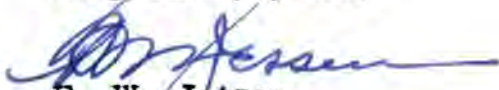
FOREIGN RELATIONS
Berlin

Dear Mr. President:

It appears to me that the position which we are approaching insofar as West Berlin is concerned is one of a complete impasse. It is absolutely inconceivable to think that we can maintain a position in an island surrounded by a communistic regime when our whole thoughts are only on maintaining such position. We are clearly "missing the boat". Our true concern should be a means of eliminating the problem entirely; namely, re-unification of Germany. This point was the sum and substance of the first considerations in the partition of Germany, and it will only be after such a re-unification has taken place that any final settlement of the so-called Berlin situation can be realized. If we propose to go on with so-called negotiations having nothing more to negotiate than maintaining a status-quo position, we are merely prolonging the day.

Furthermore, how long do we propose to follow along the lines we have been going -- one year, ten years, twenty years, or more? Any period longer than four years will be disastrous since a completely new generation will have grown up under communistic rule and will know of no other system or form of operations other than the communistic line. So, time is short. Let us not negotiate but let us insist on proclaiming and, more important, of having free elections to determine the fate of East Germany and hence once and for all settle the chronic crisis of West Berlin.

Respectfully yours,


F. W. Jessen,
Professor

FWJ:jr

✓ cc: Vice-President, Mr. L. B. Johnson
Senator Homer Thornberry
Senator Ralph Yarborough
Senator John Tower



Berlin

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September 27, 1961

Mrs. Alice L. Irby
403 W. Beddell Street
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Mrs. Irby:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing to me again. It is always helpful to have the benefit of your views, and I certainly do appreciate your patriotic expression of concern for our nation's welfare. I share that concern 100 per cent, and on my recent trip to Berlin I stated our intention to stand firm in the strongest possible terms. We mean every word of it, and I'm sure you join me in hoping and praying that we are not called upon to prove it — because we are prepared to do just that if we are challenged.

I hope you will continue to share your thinking with me in the difficult days ahead, and that you will let me know if ever I can be helpful to you in any way.

Kindest regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

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Stonewall 15 - Texas

Sept 23th 1961

Vice President Lyndon
B. Johnson,

Dear Sir, trust
you won't think me to
bold, in writing to you
again. if you remember
I wrote and ask you to
run for President

this time I am
writing in behalf of
the Safety of our Country

I sincerely believe
some one should
remind this
Khrushchev, if it had
not off been for the
assistance and aid of
the good old U.S.A

where would he be today?
ask him if he wants
to be known as another
Hitler. Will you please

tell President Kennedy
that I glory in his
spunk. And trust
He, you and others
will see that he ^{Kennedy} ~~has~~ ^{hasn't}
got his way in regards
to Berlin & the U.N.
sincerely a true blooded
Texan & Democrat

Mrs Alice L. Irby
403 West Beddel
Fort Worth 15 Texas



Berlin

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October 2, 1961

Dear Doctor Hull:

Thank you very much for your letter and I appreciate your deep concern over the problems which we face. However, I am convinced that we are going to stand up to our commitments in Berlin.

A few weeks ago, at the request of President Kennedy, I went to Berlin to make the United States position clear. I am enclosing a copy of a statement that I made to the West Berlin House of Representatives. This statement had the full knowledge and approval of our President and of the highest officials in our land and I think it thoroughly demonstrates that we shall not abandon our obligations.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Doctor O. Brandon Hull
Lubbock, Texas

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WM. H. GORDON, M.D.
O. BRANDON HULL, M.D.
JOE O. ARRINGTON, JR., M.D.
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

September 27, 1961

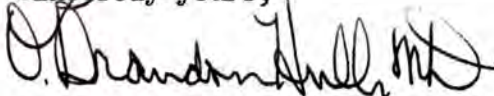
The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice-President of the United States
Capitol Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am greatly concerned by what I read and see in the news media, that we may be planning to temporize our stand on the Berlin issue. Please, please, please use your influence to allow no further take-over, and do maintain a firm stand not only in Berlin but in all trouble points of the world.

It appears to me that whenever we have taken a firm stand we have done well, but where we have given an inch, we have lost miles. It is not necessary for me to go into detail. You know too well what I mean. Please do all you can to get through to the President that this is the consensus of our area and probably the rest of the country.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. Brandon Hull M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

O. Brandon Hull, M. D.



Berlin

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October 3, 1961

Dear Mr. Zaleski:

Thank you for giving me the benefit of your thinking with regard to West Berlin. Rest assured, this Administration has no intention of abandoning its commitments there.

I am always pleased to have the views of our fellow Americans and appreciate your taking the time to give me yours on this current subject.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Anthony Zaleski
10 Ling Street
Fords, New Jersey

LBJ:WDT

10 Ling Street
Fords, N. J.
September 25, 1961

Dear Vice President Johnson,

Despite your recent visit of encouragement to Germany and West Berlin, there still are numerous reports of anxiety and fear - fear that the U.S. will eventually sacrifice the West Berliners and also to permit a permanent divided Germany.

I think that the time has come for our Administration to make clear and unequivocal our determination not to forsake the West Berliners and to strive for a united Germany. Let us not be partners to another "Munich".

We constantly speak of negotiation, but what is there to negotiate in this crisis? Are we to negotiate away our rights there? I hope in all sincerity that we will have no part in appeasement.

I hope that the administration will allay fears of appeasement and maintain our rights in Berlin and if necessary with force.

I remain,

Sincerely,
Anthony Zaleski



Dear Vice President Johnson,

I hope your recent visit to Germany and West Berlin, together with the reports of security and fear - fear that the U.S. will eventually sacrifice the West Berliners and also to permit a permanent divided Germany - I think that the time has come for our Administration to make clear and unequivocal our determination not to forsake the West Berliners and to strive for a united Germany. Let us

not be partners in another "Stonewall" We constantly speak of negotiation, but what is there to negotiate in this crisis?



One must negotiate away a right to the future. I hope in all sincerity that the administration will have no part in appeasement. I hope that the administration will ally fears of appeasement and if necessary will force our rights in Berlin and if necessary will force

Sincerely,
Anthony Goldsboro

Berlin

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September 28, 1961

Dear Mr. Webb:

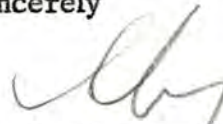
I appreciate your taking the time to let me know your views of the relationship of the United States and West Berlin instead of making me get out the crystal ball and search for the knowledge.

Your beliefs are the one that I thought the people hold, but as you well know believing is not knowing.

The United States must be prepared for all eventualities in West Berlin and at the same time the United States has made it clear that it does not intend to give up any of the territory of West Germany and that includes West Berlin and the rights of the people therein. Such is our firm position in any negotiations with Khrushchev and I hope he does not blunder into thinking otherwise.

With best regards,

Sincerely



Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Richard A. Wells
Office of the Attorney General of Texas
Austin, Texas
LBJ:CB:mjdr



**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF TEXAS**

AUSTIN 11, TEXAS

**WILL WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

September 25, 1961

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Although I am directing this letter to your attention, I feel certain that you will not have the opportunity or the time to read it personally, but I do want to bring my message to you through your staff.

The only way in which an elected official such as yourself can determine whether or not his views are being accepted by his constituents is to hear directly from them. I believe it to be the solemn duty of the voters to keep their elected officials informed on their views and wishes so that the official may better know the voters' feelings before they have to be expressed on election day, and therefore, to this end I write this letter.

I am much troubled by the recent "reports" appearing in the various news media on the Berlin situation regarding the possibility of turning West Berlin over to the United Nations and withdrawing Our independent control as one of the Four Big Powers. The frequency with which these "reports" have appeared in recent newspapers and television programs indicates that they are possibly being used as a "test balloon" by the White House to test public reaction. Whether this is true or not, you have tested my reaction. And, I say emphatically that the turning over of American individual rights to West Berlin to the United Nations, particularly in view of the present situation in that group, is tantamount to surrender, and an act that I do not believe will be endorsed or accepted by the majority of the American people.

If there is any merit to this plan at all, it would require the United Nation's taking control of East Berlin as well as West Berlin, because the western powers have the same right to be in Berlin as the Russians, and any plan permitting the United Nation's taking over of only West Berlin will merely be another instance where the Russian philosophy of "What's mine is mine, and what's yours we'll negotiate about" has been permitted to prevail.

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson, Page 2

We are counting on you, Mr. Vice President, not only as a fellow Texan, but as a fellow American, to protect in every reasonable way the peace of this country, but not at the price of losing Our freedom next week, next month, or next year. I trust you will not underestimate the determination of the American people to maintain, at all costs, Our rights in Berlin.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard A. Wells". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard A. Wells

RAW:jkr





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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Berlin

THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

September 2, 1961

Dear Mr. Davidson:

I appreciate very much your letter advising me of your feelings that our country should stand firm at Berlin. I agree with you that we must maintain in honor all of our commitments.

I am enclosing a copy of my remarks to the House of Representatives of Berlin, which I made on August 19. This statement had the full approval and the full knowledge of the President and high officials of the Administration.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Lyndon B. Johnson.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Hershel Davidson
White Sands Missile Range
White Sands, New Mexico

September 2, 1961

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Mr. Hershel Davidson
White Sands Missile Range
White Sands, New Mexico

No. 55
Enclosure (Berlin Speech)

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Berlin

September 25, 1961

Dear Mr. Deutschmann:

I thank you for your letter and for your consideration of the viewpoint which I presented to you. Furthermore, I realize that you are aware of the fact that these problems are of immense complexity and admit of no simple solutions.

The world is moving at a very rapid pace. Our reactions to the events of our times must be very pragmatic even though based upon clearly stated principles.

In response to your last question, I believe the hour is late -- very late. But I have sufficient confidence in the strength and virility of freedom to also believe that it is not too late.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. J. H. Deutschmann
E. F. Hutton & Company
One Chase Manhattan Plaza
New York 5, N. Y.

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Lyndon B. Johnson
The Vice President
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President;

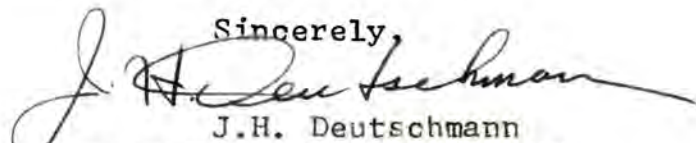
Your reply of September 11, 1961 is most appreciated.

Regardless of who has started the present fracas, the Russians, Poles, Czechs and many others have a very real and justified fear of the Germans. I have no illusions how the Russians regard their captive Germans, and it might be conceivable that the Russians would like to promote a war between East and West Germany--if they could manage to localize it--thus killing two birds with one stone. Maybe this is far fetched. The paramount consideration is, I believe, the fear that they have of a rearmed West Germany or rearmed East and West Germany. Have you ever thought what might happen were there to be a serious depression in West Germany for a period of a few years? It is possible that another Hitler could arise. They have the form of democratic government but not the maturity for it. The same may be said for most of the rest of the world outside of the English speaking and Western European countries. You cannot tell a people "now be a democracy and act like us."

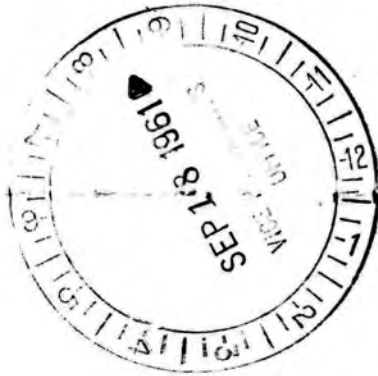
On the other side of the coin, if the present administration is willing to risk a possible war over maintaining our rights in Berlin, why hasn't it prepared the people for what might come? We have done virtually nothing about survival, shelters, disbursement of food and supplies, and mere survival. With our concentrated population and industry we would be particularly vulnerable. The cost of such preparation would be nothing in relation to the protection it would afford. From a purely economic view, it would be a boon to industry and increase employment. Or, do you believe it is too late?

My best wishes to you and those who carry such heavy burdens of decision,

Sincerely,


J.H. Deutschmann

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Berlin

September 11, 1961

Dear Mr. Deutschmann:

I agree with you that the problems of the present are all founded on the mistakes of the past. I also agree with you that we cannot undo those mistakes, and therefore, we must face the problems of the present as they exist and try to handle them as best we can.

It is a fact that in Germany we had a situation which may not have been ideal, but which was at least tenable and which did not threaten the peace of the world. We did not seek to change this situation. It was rather the Communists who did so. For this reason, we have had to make counter moves, and there is no indication that the Communists would even have agreed to negotiations if we had not made the necessary counter moves. We have in the past offered many proposals to neutralize situations under adequate terms of inspection that would have guaranteed the maintenance of neutrality. Our offer to share the atom bomb under conditions of inspection is the most dramatic example. This offer was turned down by the Soviets. Under the circumstances, it seems to me that we have no alternative other than to stand firm and not permit our strength to be lost in the hope that we can eventually arrive at a solution in which the world can live both in peace and in honor.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. J. H. Deutschmann
One Chase Manhattan Plaza
New York 5, New York

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9-7-61

Hon. Lyndon Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

A few months ago President Kennedy had an interview with General MacArthur at the Waldorf, here in New York. At that interview the general told the president that in his opinion we would have war with Russia only in the event we rearmed Germany.

It appears that General MacArthur could be right. Certainly the history of Germany over the past 40 years would not indicate she is capable of holding military power and not using it. We did not suffer at her hands, but Russia did to the tune of an estimated 20,000,000 lives. We may believe that we need Germany or that she has reformed, but nothing could be further from the truth. Today in Germany and West Berlin, one is proudly introduced to members of the Nazi Party--the 'New' Nazi party to hear them say, one not tainted with the brutalities of the past, but still adhering to the basic tenets of Hitler's doctrines. The reasons for rearming Germany are founded in the strategy of the last war--a typical military mistake. France desires a rearmed Germany to act as a buffer state for her. But she will not be a buffer state for missiles.

The position we are in in Germany is founded in the mistakes of the past. That we can not do over. However we can admit that we have made a mistake and attempt to redress an error. We may not be able to trust the Russians, but one thing is certain, they do have a deep fear of Germany and a dread that we as Americans find it difficult to understand. Let us get out of this mess, neutralize West Berlin, or even raze it to the ground and move the people and material to West Germany, disarm West Germany and as a condition of the above, propose to Russia that East Germany be similarly be disarmed, full inspection be given to see that both parts remain disarmed, and possibly that the two parts rejoin each other. We could guarantee the territorial borders of Germany and still have our military might in Europe. We would then have borders that could be defended not only militarily but justifiably. Then if Russia made any other moves in the Western world, we could impose an economic blockade of the Communist nations that would be effective and would truly hurt.

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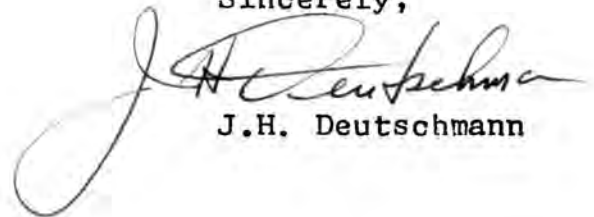
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The time is late and the world is afraid of what war would bring. There will be no losers or winners in a war, only losers. I doubt that Russia wants war but she could be frightened into one over Germany. This is not a time to bluff, we are not dealing with money or cards but human lives. Not only ours but those of people all over the world. A bluff may be made from a strong position but this is not a strong position.

Please think about what I have said. There is a time and place to be strong or appear so. We should have been strong in Cuba. Political considerations overrode military policy. We were wrong. The military was right. It would appear that political considerations again are the reason for our amazingly stupid position in Berlin and West Germany. The military may fight the last war but they are often very conservative and right in their analysis of what cause and effects are.

Let your influence be felt towards a saner policy abroad and a settlement of the German situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J.H. Deutschmann', with a large, sweeping initial 'J'.

J.H. Deutschmann

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FOREIGN RELATIONS

Berlin

September 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Hargis:

Personally, I do not believe the President will fall into any "trap" over Berlin. I am enclosing a copy of a speech that I made while in that city -- a speech which makes it clear that the United States will not retreat from its position.

This speech was made with the full knowledge and approval of the President. However, the President quite rightly feels that the United States should never be placed in a position where it refuses to sit down and negotiate. If there is nothing negotiable, that will soon become apparent and I know that the President does not intend to follow a course of appeasement.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Felix L. Hargis
P.O. Box 89
Tyler, Texas

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FELIX L. HARGIS

831 FAIR PETROLEUM BLDG.

TYLER, TEXAS

P. O. BOX 88

September 12, 1961

PHONE LY 3-7331

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The entire Administration, with the possible exception of you, seems to be badly confused if not in a complete state of shock.

It is real disgusting to millions and millions of Americans to know that our President listens to the appeasers, the pinks, and will let such dedicated Communist as Neru, Tito, Sukrano and others put the pressure on him to negotiate over Berlin.

All intelligent, straight thinking people know there is nothing to negotiate unless the President and his advisors decide to make concessions to Khrushchev. All the poor American people can do is to hope and pray that from somewhere a genuine understanding of the purpose of Khrushchev will come to our President.

So long as he listens to Mr. Stevenson, who has proven himself over and over to be an appeaser, if not a sympathizer with the socialistic cause, we are lost.

Our hearts are heavy with dread for what will probably happen unless you and other straight thinking and courageous men in high places can overcome the influence of those who are either afraid, or would like for the American people to have to submit to Communism.

We have not seen in print nor heard in newscasts your protest over the idea of negotiating over Berlin. Won't you please let the American people know how you feel? We believe that you have courage enough to advise the President not to be caught in that trap.

Sincerely,



Felix L. Hargis

FLH:lb

cc: Lindley Beckworth
O. C. Fisher
John Dowdy



*Berlin***COPY**

September 25, 1961

Dear Mrs. Doolittle:

I believe it is clear that the United States has no intention of forfeiting its commitments to Berlin. You may be interested in the enclosed speech that I made in Berlin -- a speech that was delivered with the full knowledge and approval of the President.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Jerome Doolittle
3425 West Ocotillo Road
Phoenix, Ariz

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Encl: Cy of Berlin speech

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON

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BY FORFEITING OUR COMMITMENTS TO BERLIN AMERICA WILL FORFEIT
EVERY DEPENDABLE ALLY WE HAVE . THE WORLD WILL KNOW AN ALLIANCE
WITH AMERICA IS MORE OF A PROVOCATION THAT A DEFENSE

MRS JEROME DOOLITTLE 3425 WEST OCOTILLO RD .



A- 38425

*Berlin***COPY**

September 25, 1961

Dear Mr. Retherford:

I know of absolutely no disposition on the part of this Administration to back up on Berlin. I am enclosing a copy of the statement I made while in Berlin. This statement had the full knowledge and approval of President Kennedy who reaffirmed today in his speech before the United Nations that we are not going to surrender the West Berliners to tyranny.

Of course, the newspapers will continue to speculate. But the important thing is that the Administration, in my judgement, will continue to stand firm -- I know with the support of loyal Americans everywhere.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Lester Retherford
710 N. Wilson
Amarillo, Texas

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September 23, 1961

Lyndon B. Johnson
Office of the Vice-President
House of Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

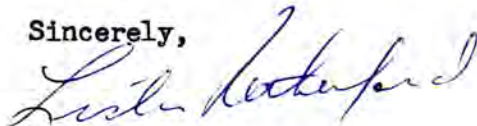
What! Shall we now back up on Berlin? Are we letting the Russians push us into another corner? Perhaps we should make crash plans to land on the moon; therefore, we will have a place to go when they back us off the earth.

The United States, as a nation that stands for right of freedom seems to be mollycoddling the Communist Regime who stands for just the opposite of right and freedom. Now the United States is thinking of letting Russia enter into West Berlin and have a hand in their affairs.

What has happened to the spirit of freedom? Has it been cut down by the hammer and sickle or scared by Russia's recent nuclear tests. If we give in at Berlin and sell out as we did at Yalta, Budapest, Cuba and Laos, and all the other places where we have retreated and let freedom fall to the ground, then where shall we go to hide our shameful faces.

AMERICANS ARISE! Make your voice heard before it is too late and you have no voice. It is time now to make a stand, quit retreating and keep the spirit of freedom flowing through the hearts of mankind by setting the example of life, liberty and the free pursuit of happiness.

Sincerely,



Lester Retherford

LR/cb



COPY

Berlin

September 25, 1961

Dear Mrs. McKane:

Thank you very much for your views. Of course, the United States has every intention of standing firm in Berlin and you may be interested in the enclosed copy of remarks that I made while in Berlin with the full knowledge and approval of our President.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Jean S. McKane
214 Madison Road
Scarsdale, New York

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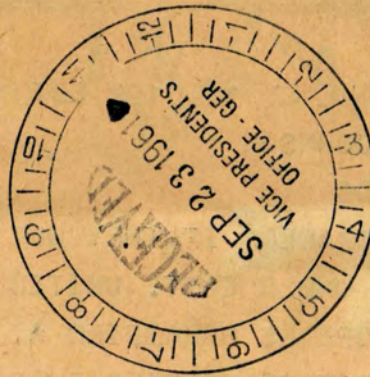
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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON 5/13

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AM CONVINCED RUSSIAN STRATEGY IF THEY GET BERLIN IS OFFER WEST GERMANY RE UNIFICATION UNDER EAST. UNITED STATES THEN ENCIRCLED AND LOST. INFORMED EUROPEANS HORRIFIED AT THOUGHT WE WOULDNT FIGHT FOR BERLIN. IMPERATIVE WE KEEP THIS CITY. WE MUST ACCOMPANY COMMERCIAL PLANES WITH FIGHTERS IF NECESSARY. ALSO URGENT TO IMMEDIATELY REACH INFILTRATED PUBLIC OPINION ENGLAND FRANCE ITALY AND U.S. BY MEANS OTHER THAN NEWSPAPERS

MRS JEAN MCKANE.



A- 37497

Berlin

COPY

September 21, 1961

Dear Mr. Fouts:

I very deeply appreciate your warm and generous words about the work that I am doing. I agree with you fully that direct people-to-people relations constitute an extremely important part of our foreign policy and provide the best hope for the survival of our way of life.

Your letter did reach me personally and I just want you to know that I am grateful for your good wishes and hope that I can always conduct myself in such a way that I can justify your confidence.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. W. C. Fouts
Hotel Fredonia Building
Nacogdoches, Texas

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Fouts Man's Shop

HOTEL FREDONIA BUILDING
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Sept. 16th. 1961

Mr. Lyndon Johnson
Vice President of U.S.A
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Vice President,

I am writing you to say that we here in deep East Texas appreciate your effort on people to people relations around the world.

I personally appreciate the recent showing of the Jack Parr show on Berlin and it's fine PEOPLE TO PEOPLE type of entertainment, bringing to us directly their thoughts and their efforts to maintain free.

I cannot understand the reaction in some quarters in Washington to this program when the people in USA. need to know the feelings, the ambitions, and the attitudes of folks we are attempting to help throughout the world.

This letter may never reach you personally, but in case it does,,may I wish you the best of luck in your present position and we are proud of you as Vice Present of the United States and as a Texan.

Sincerely,

W.C. Fouts.





FOREIGN RELATIONS
Berlin

PLEASE DO NOT PERMIT CONGRESS TO ADJOURN
UNTIL THE BERLIN SITUATION IS RESOLVED!!



*Sincerely,
Marion R. Fentgen*

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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President, USA
Washington 25, D. C.

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September 14, 1961

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you very much for taking the time to give me the benefit of your thinking on our current foreign affairs.

It is always helpful to me in the performance of my duties to have the views of our fellow citizens on matters of importance to our country.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Richard Wilson
334 West 88th Street
New York 24, New York

LBJ:WDT

334 W. 88 St.
N.Y., 24, N.Y.
SEPT 12, 1961

Dear Vice-President Johnson,

Congratulations on your strong psychological move in the cold-war crisis. We are at the crossroads, as you saw in Berlin. If the Communists are handed Berlin and Germany, they will walk through France and be invited to England. Then the global hot war will surely start.

Everybody says there will be "negotiations" over Berlin, even Krushev while testing his newest weapons. But what is there to negotiate? The Reds got what they wanted: a seal-off of the escape-hatch from Communism. There is little left in West Berlin to trouble Krushev. Free Berlin will likely die, even if he does not use "salami tactics", since the population is leaving and dying off. We shall have a ghost town to defend with our best troops.

Ike had the policy of liberating the satellites. But he really didn't try. History now offers you the opportunity to activate this plan, restore Christian civilization to East Europe, and return the world to normalcy. There is no other choice, unless we are willing to live under Communism. You yourself know we cannot negotiate with Communists, since they "negotiate" only to take over more land/since successful negotiations consist of compelling them to do what is right and avoiding "negotiations".

The immediate necessity is to make all Berlin accessible. The only way to do this is to knock down the barricades (assuming Kennedy does not compel the Russians to do it)). If there is any shooting, it will involve just the German Reds. The Russians are out of sight within the city and avoid involvement except for bluffing. If the move against the barricades is fast and slick, it will be over before the Reds can do anything. If the risk of war in this tactic is great, the risk will be greater later on. The war will come when the Reds want it to, which will not be by accident.

With all Berlin freely accessible, the iron hand will immediately come off the people. Then we can intensify our propaganda and political pressure to bring the miserable traitor Ulbricht down. The masses still do not support him despite long indoctrination. But time may be on his side, as on Gomulka's in Poland, Kadar's in Hungary, etc. For the last twenty years time has not been with us.

Still pressing forward, unhindered by a defensive psychology, we have to move into East Germany when the people revolt. To humanity's loss, Ike passed up opportunities like the uprisings in Berlin, Warsaw, and Budapest because he is a man of peace. But Ike served simply short-term peace; you can advance long-term peace by throwing out the Reds when a revolution occurs. When a Budapest erupts, the Reds won't fight to hold the satellite colony. They cannot afford the general war that would follow, a war in which all the Eastern satellites would rebel. All we need do is move in instantly, filling the land with non-Communists, and then depose the local Reds. Our aim short of war is to force the Russian Communists back to their own border. Therefore we must also keep up the pressure on the satellite governments steadily. Another advantage for us is that Russian people are probably unwilling to fight outside of Russia, e.g., in Germany over Germany.

All this above has to do with Europe where the Reds are actually weak. We dare not be sidetracked by making a great big issue of underdeveloped lands in Africa and Asia. Any grants of money to buy off India, Guinea, Ghana, etc. achieve nothing for us. To further our interests in Africa we must support France and Portugal, else we shall have more disorder, violence, and creeping Communism, as in the Congo.

Since Krushev has no honor, has no concern about contaminating the air, and cares little even for the Russian people, as a last resort he would try to use nuclear weapons against the world. We must protect ourselves against the gangster's atomic attack. We need a U.S.-sponsored program for shelters, the money for which could come from grants to nations that are not our friends. You personally have great opportunities in the shelter-construction program.

You sir are the only high administration official who has the make-up and strength to lead us, serve our needs effectively, and benefit mankind. Though Armageddon may materialize, you can beforehand save us all.

Yours very respectfully,

Richard Wilson

P.S. Enclosed for your consideration is my plan for moving against Krushev in Europe. On the "diversionary" front of Africa, we must support the stable governments of England, France, and Portugal to prevent disorder and Communism. We are thereby still anti-colonial, i.e.: against taking over an established nation which is orderly and moving ahead.

Yours again, *RW*



Berlin

COPY

September 18, 1961

Dear Mr. Nickell:

Thank you for your "Solution to the Berlin Problem." I am glad to have the thoughts and suggestions of our fellow Americans and I am pleased that you took the time to give me yours on this important topic.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. N. Nickell
1201 Van Buren Street
South Bend 28, Indiana

LBJ:WDT

Noah N. Nickell
1201 Van Buren Street
South Bend 28 Indiana

Lindon B. Johnson
Vice President of U.S. a
Washington D.C.

Solution to Germany Problem.

Dear Mr. Johnson;

As a last resort of an atomic conflict between U.S.A. and U.S.S.R., give West Germany stock piles of A and H bombs, and plenty of long range missiles to use on Russia.

Russia is scared of an armed Germany. I'm not advocating surrender to Russia, but let some of our allies fight for what they want if necessary.

On the other hand, make Berlin served the purpose of getting billions of dollars from the tax payers.

During world war II we gave millions of dollars and lives to beat Germany. Now are we going to give millions of American lives in an atom war with Russia to save them?

Your friend and brother of Disciples Church
Noah N. Nickell

P.S. Over

What did Macmillan mean when he
said, "Nobody is going to fight
over Berlin!"

COPY

Berlin

September 18, 1961

Dear Dr. Tatehman:

Thank you for taking the time to give me your views on the resumption of atomic testing and on Senator Mansfield's suggestion regarding Berlin.

It is always very helpful to me to have the benefit of our fellow Americans on the important problems now before us.

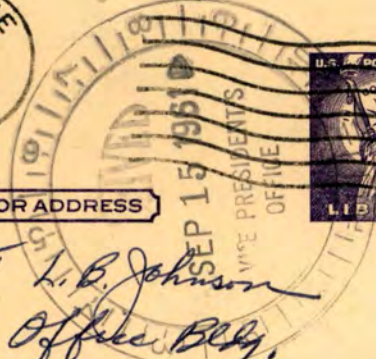
Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. J. Tatehman
3900 W. Fullerton
Chicago 47, Illinois

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Dr. Jack Telmer
3900 W. Fullerton
Chicago 47 Ill.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Vice President L. B. Johnson
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Johnson:

9/12/68

I urge that you use your influence to reverse administration policy to start atomic testing.

It is my feeling that Senator Mike Mansfield's suggestion to make Berlin an open city under United Nations control is worthy of consideration.

Best wishes —

Sincerely —

Dr. J. Tatalman

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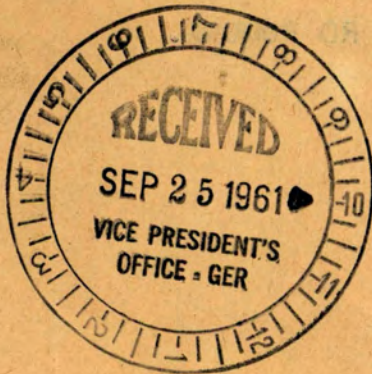
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NOTHING TO NEGOTIATE ON BERLIN. PLEBISCITE ON EAST GERMANY
TO PROVE RUSSIAS HONEST INTENTIONS. ONLY SEAT RED CHINA CAN
HAVE IN U.N. IS OURS

MILDRED L KREISLER 2515 DEODAR RD POMONA.

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FOREIGN RELATIONS
Berlin



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Berlin

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September 22, 1961

Dear Mr. McDuff:

I believe the United States must always seek honorable means to settle world problems other than through war. But at the same time, we must realize that there are certain positions which are vital to our own defense and our own survival.

If we retreat from our position in Berlin, our position in West Germany would be greatly weakened. If we were to suffer by such a weakening our whole position in Europe would be placed in danger and the balance in the world could be changed.

We must analyze this situation practically using as our guiding star that which best serves the interests of freedom and thereby best serves the interests of the United States. I do not think it would serve our interests to abandon millions of people to the untender mercies of those who erected the iron curtain.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Joe H. McDuff
Route #1
Crosbyton, Texas

LBJ:GER:mjb

Crookston, Texas

Sept. 17 - 1961

Honorable Findon B. Johnson J.P.

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

The Berlin threat to
force it before the people
of U.S.A. and a citizen of
74 years say it is not worth
going to war over.

Germany has been the
cause of two world wars
and one half of Berlin is
not worth the life of one
american boy.

It has been only a
punch hole for over 25,
billion dollars by the millions

This is not a crack
pot idea, I hear it
expressed here on the
street most every day.

Think it over, there
is some way besides war
for when that comes it
is too late all is lost
no body wins

Sincerely

Joe E. McRuff



Berlin

September 19, 1961

Dear Mrs. Small:

Your telegram of 15 September, on the situation in Germany, brings up a number of interesting aspects of our international position.

The United States has consistently, in accordance with quadripartite agreements made during and after World War II, reminded the Soviet Union of its responsibilities and obligations to assist in the reunification of Germany. We believe this should be accomplished through self-determination, as expressed by the German people through free, democratic elections. The Soviet Government does not agree to this. Its leaders are doing everything they can to thwart individual freedom, the reunification of Germany, and a just solution to the problems of Southeast Asia.

Our government is taking measures to protect our freedoms, and the freedoms of our allies, by building up our military forces, through diplomatic means, and by sponsoring an enlarged Civil Defense Program within the Continental United States.

I can assure you that there will be no retreat in our defense of the Free World.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Nancy W. Small
3700 Stratford Road
Dallas, Texas

LBJ:WFJ:cjf

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VICE PRESIDENT UNITED STATES WASHDC

STRONGLY URGE NO RETREAT ON AMERICAN BERLIN POSITION THIS IS
NO MATTER FOR UNITED NATIONS CONSIDERATION ALSO URGE AMERICAN
VETO ON ADMISSION OF RED CHINA IF NECESSARY

NANCY W SMALL 3700 STRATFORD.



B- 60074

Berlin

September 19, 1961

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Shieder:

Your telegram of 15 September, on the situation in Germany, brings up a number of interesting aspects of our international position.

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With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel J. Shieder
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Dallas, Texas

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VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON

WHITE HOUSE WASHDC 5/13

STRONGLY URGE YOU MAINTAIN ORIGINAL POSITION ON BERLIN THIS
MATTER DOES NOT CONCERN THE UNITED NATIONS

MR AND MRS SAMUEL J SHIEDER 3640 STRATFORD.



c- 29674

September 19, 1961

Dear Dr. Small:

Your telegram of 15 September, on the situation in Germany, brings up a number of interesting aspects of our international position.

The United States has consistently, in accordance with quadripartite agreements made during and after World War II, reminded the Soviet Union of its responsibilities and obligations to assist in the reunification of Germany. We believe this should be accomplished through self-determination, as expressed by the German people through free, democratic elections. The Soviet Government does not agree to this. Its leaders are doing everything they can to thwart individual freedom, the reunification of Germany, and a just solution to the problems of Southeast Asia.

Our government is taking measures to protect our freedoms, and the freedoms of our allies, by building up our military forces, through diplomatic means, and by sponsoring an enlarged Civil Defense Program within the Continental United States.

I can assure you that there will be no retreat in our defense of the Free World.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Andrew B. Small
3707 Gaston Street
Dallas, Texas

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THE HON LYNDON B JOHNSON, VICE-PRES OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHDC 5113

OPPOSED TO ANY RETREAT ON OUR BERLIN STAND. AGREE WITH DE GAULLE
THERE SHOULD BE NO CONVERSATIONS UNTIL KRUSHCHEV STOPS THREATENING
THE FREE WORLD. OPPOSED TO ADMISSION COMMUNIST CHINA TO U.

N. HOW DOES THIS TALLY WITH LETTER YOU TRANSMITTED TO CHIANG?

OPPOSED TO UNESCO TREATY ON EDUCATION

ANDREW B SMALL M. D.



C- 29633



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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September 19, 1961

FOREIGN RELATIONS
Berlin

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

Subject: Correspondence from Argentina and Berlin

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: Spanish
Date of Communication: [Postmarked August 31, 1961]
Addressed to: The Vice President
Name and address of writer: Mr. Roberto Baldi
Centenera 160
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Substance of writer's statement:

The writer advises the United States to remain firm with the Soviets on the Berlin question. He expresses concern over the statement made by Prime Minister Nehru on Berlin and the stand taken by President de Gaulle. He believes there should not be the slightest differences between the Western powers.

He encloses a newspaper article containing the United Press despatch about Prime Minister Nehru's statement.

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: German

Date of Communication: August 25, 1961

Addressed to: The Vice President

Name and address of writer: (Mr) Manfred Plöb
Dillpestrasse 43
Berlin-Lankwitz (West Berlin)

Substance of writer's statement:

The writer begs for an autographed photograph of the Vice
President for his collection.

September 18, 1961

The Honorable John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I have been extremely disturbed by certain editorials in our area newspapers.

Of course, I realize said editorial comment may be without foundation.

From the tenor of said editorials (if same be based upon fact), certain lower echelon members of the State Department are sending up "trial balloons" to ascertain public opinion upon a Munich sell-out of Berlin.

I may be mistaken in my analysis of such comments, but I do wish to give you the opinion of one Texas voter, to-wit, myself, as follows: "I was a prisoner of the Japanese during World War II for forty-two months. During said time I had adequate opportunity to consider my reaction if I were ever again faced with the decision of becoming a prisoner or dying in performance of my duty. My decision was and is for myself and my family: We prefer to draw the line now against Communism and all of its ideology, fully realizing that such decision may result in annihilation of ourselves and the country that I hold dear. After adequate discussion, we feel that we want to live under our own free government or die in defense of same."

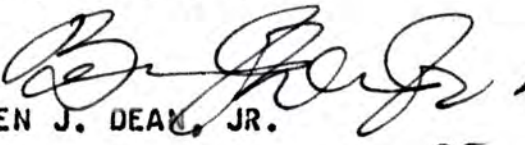
Therefore, we most earnestly ask that you consider this opinion from one small facet of America, and unless you have made your considered decision to sell-out (which is indicated by the above "trial balloons"), we ask that you stand firm, and we say that

The Honorable John F. Kennedy - 2

September 18, 1961

no sacrifice, however great, that may be imposed upon us in standing firm will be too much.

Very truly yours,


BEN J. DEAN, JR.

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Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHDC

WHY IS THE SECURITY COUNSEL NOT MEETING NOW TO DISCUSS THE
THREAT TO PEACE IN BERLIN WHY DOESN'T THE UNITED NATIONS
SEND TROOPS TO BOTH EAST AND WEST BERLIN TO KEEP THE PEACE
AS THEY DID IN THE CONGO

BOB WANGLER.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Berlin



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FOREIGN RELATIONS
Berlin

Rudy
Dear Vicepresident Johnson!

Since you have promised the population from Berlin to return,-
the events in Berlin increased and the situation is earnest more
than before. In the wish to carry on my little part the great re-
sponsibility(I am born in B erlin) which the poltical leaders from
all free and peaceful nations have in that time,I want to remind
you of your promise in that view,that you should return as the per-
sonnally attendant of the President of the United States Kennedy,
when the hour demand it. President Kennedy himself had appealed
everybody to give his counsel to further peace,freedom and healthy.
B ut the President now has no time to hear such voices.And there-
fore I write to You. You yourself have seen in Berlin ,that the
pure human impressions are the most lasting,evident and essential
things,a politician can perceive. And his duty is it,to make these
human impressions to the decisive foundation of his political reso-
lutions. ---The ~~most~~ greatest human necessity for everybody is
Peace and Freedom and therefore I mean,an International Manifesta-
tion for Peace and Freedom in West-Berlin under the leadership of
President Kennedy himself in presence from Min.President Chrusch-
schow should take place in the next time.

Chruschtschow one day had spoken out the name of GOD,when he was in
America. The world should present it in his memory and should take
off from him-under the impression of an overpowering demonstration
for Peace-the promise to decide the fate of our German people and
all the others on the base of real humanity,which knows the existence
of the almighty Master in Heaven. Communism is born in history from
the original idea of fraternity,egal~~ity~~ity and freedom,developed out
of Christianity itself. In future nobody should be called a communist,
who does'nt love ^{really}everybody as brother and sister in each country! ---
Please,take these lines with kindness,written in bad English,but moved
from my heart and my love for all people on earth. In all that ideas
is inclosed the petiton to Predident Kennedy,to erect the banner of
Peace and Freedom in West-Berlin and to say him all the benedictions
Your Sigrün Koerner

24. August 1961 , Wiedensahl /Han.

Sehr verehrter Herr Vicepräsident Johnson!

Seit Sie den B erlinern versprochen haben, Wiederzukehren, haben sich die Ereignisse in B erlin immer mehr verschärft, ist die Lage immer ernster geworden. und geborene B erlinerin Aus dem Willen heraus, als Frau/ mitzutragen an der übergroßen Verantwortung, die den leitenden Politikern der freien und friedliebenden Welt aus dem Geschehen erwachsen, möchte ich Sie an Ihr Versprechen erinnern, und zwar in dem Sinne ,dass Sie als persönlicher Begleiter des Amerikanischen Präsidenten Kennedy die Mauern von Berlin wieder betreten, sobald die geschichtliche Situation es erfordert!

Präsident Kennedy selbst hat alle innerlich wachen Menschen aller Nationen aufgefordert, Vorschläge und Rat zu geben, wenn es darauf ankommt, die Welt in Frieden, Freiheit und Wohlstand zu fördern. Da aber der Amerikanische Präsident zur Zeit überlastet ist wie noch nie, so wende ich mich an Sie.

Sie selber haben in B erlin erlebt, dass die rein menschlichen Dinge und Eindrücke das Nachhaltigste und Wesentlichste ist, das einem Politiker widerfahren kann, und dass er dieses Menschliche zur entscheidenden Grundlage seiner politischen Entschlüsse machen muß.

Wenn nun der Rundfunk meldet, dass in Ost-Berlin allem Anschein nach Vorkehrungen getroffen werden, um zu gegebener Zeit den Russischen Ministerpräsidenten Chruschtschow dort zu empfangen, so halte ich jene ev. Tats^ache für den gegebenen Augenblick, aller Welt in West-Berlin unseren Friedenswillen mit einer so gewaltigen Kundgebung darzutun, wie sie günstiger wohl kaum in dieser Notzeit gefunden werden kann.

In den nächsten Tagen soll nun zunächst der Weltraumflieger Titow nach Ost-Berlin kommen, und Chruschtschow befindet sich noch am Schwarzen Meer, was die Freie Welt zu um so gründliche-

ren Vorbereitungen für die gedachte Kundgebung zeitlich nutzen kann.
Präsident Kennedy selber sollte diese Friedens-Kundgebung in West-
berlin leiten und außer allen Vertretern der Freien und neutralen
Welt, ich denke dabei an alle Europäischen, und ausländischen Staaten,
auch den Russischen Ministerpräsidenten dazu einladen.

^{Vorsitzende} Der Vertreter des Verbandes Unteilbares Deutschland / ^{Schütz} hat nach der
Deutschland-Rede des Indischen Ministerpräsidenten Nehru, den Gedan-
ken auch seinerseits ausgesprochen, denselben nach Berlin einzuladen,
damit derselbe sich in dem bedrängten Berlin selber ein Bild
der menschlichen Lage seiner Bewohner machen könnte.

Ein solcher Besuch Nehrus sollte mit der gedachten Friedens-Kundge-
bung zusammen fallen, und z.B. auch Präsident Nasser usw. anwesend
sein. Denn in Berlin wird das Schicksal der Welt entschieden.

Nur eine internationale Welt-Friedens-Kundgebung, verbunden mit einer
Welt-Friedens-Konferenz, kann die Menschheit noch von falschen Wegen
und dem Untergang retten.

Chruschtschow hat in Ihrem Lande einmal den Namen G O T T E S aus-
gesprochen, die Welt sollte ihn dann in der entscheidenden Stunde in
Berlin daran erinnern und ihn im Namen aller dazu bewegen, sich zu
bekennen! Unter dem Überwältigenden Eindruck unseres Friedenswillens
sollte ihm die endgültige und glaubwürdige Zusage abgenommen werden,
die Geschicke des Deutschen (und aller anderen auf dem Grunde wahrer
Menschlichkeit zu entscheiden. Das würde Friede, Freiheit und Wohler-
gehen für alle Völker der Welt für die Zukunft bedeuten.

Der Name G O T T E S aber wird die Grundlage sein müssen, die allein
noch die Dinge dieser Welt entscheiden kann und zum Frieden führen
kann.

Diese Ansicht und die in alledem eingeschlossene Bitte, an den Präsi-
denten Kennedy, das Banner des Friedens in Berlin aufzurichten mit
einer Überwältigenden Kundgebung für den Frieden, bitte ich demsel-
ben mit den Segenswünschen aller Deutschen zu übermitteln.

Es grüßt Sie in herzlicher Verbundenheit

Ihre Sigrun Koerner

VIA AIR MAIL
MIT LUFTPOST
PAR AVION



Lyndon B. Johnson

Vicepresident



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