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TRAVEL

Berlin

November 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Menzel:

Many thanks for sending me the complete television film document of my visit to Berlin and the follow-up sequence.

The action is a courtesy I will never forget. I am putting the film in my archives so that I may preserve it properly.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Rolf W. Menzel
Director
Sender Freies Berlin
Berlin-Charlottenburg 9
Masurenallee 8-14
Berlin, Germany

LBJ:CKB:yb



DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1961

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I hand you herewith a letter from
the Director of Sender Freies Berlin,
together with the television documentary
to which he refers.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. R. Murrow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward R. Murrow

The Vice President

United States Senate



ROLF W. MENZEL
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Berlin, September 7, 1961

The Honorable
Lyndon B. Johnson
Vicepresident of the United
States of America

Washington, D.C./USA

Dear Mr. Vicepresident:

Radio Free Berlin takes great pleasure in being able to send you a complete television film document as a memento of your inspiring visit to Berlin.

I have also taken the liberty of including in it a sequence showing the Berlin situation since August 13th.

I hope you will enjoy this film and that it will remind you of our city that has not forgotten you.

Respectfully yours,





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Berlin
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October 31, 1961

Dear Miss Toussaint:

I have your letter identifying yourself as the person who tossed the bouquet into my car when I was in Siegburg, and that we shook hands together.

You were kind to say that you would like to shake hands again.

For your possible interest I am enclosing a copy of my speech in Berlin.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Miss Maria Toussaint
Hausenstr. 7
Siegburg bei Koln
Germany

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Encl.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mr. Perry

Arthur:

Per telephone.

This was sent to us for
translation on 9/21

Walter

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Division of Language Services

LS No. 25232

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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: German

Date of Communication: September 17, 1961

Addressed to: The Vice President

Name and address of writer: Miss Maria Toussaint
Hausenstr. 7
Siegburg bei Köln
Germany

Substance of writer's statement:

The 70-year-old writer threw a bouquet into the Vice President's car when his motorcade passed through Siegburg. The latter thanked her with a handshake but she was not able to speak to him. She would like to be able to shake hands with him again but doubts that it will be possible. Nevertheless, she hopes to hear from the Vice President.

She excuses herself for having to rely on a friend to write this letter because her hands are too shaky.

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Frl. Maria Tausaint
Siegburg bei Köln
Hausenstr. 7
Germany

Siegburg, den 17. 9. 61

Sehr geehrter Herr Vizepräsident Johnson!

Als Sie, sehr geehrter Herr Vizepräsident, am 19. 8. 61
West-Deutschland besuchten und mit Herrn Bundes-
kanzler Dr. Konrad Adenauer durch Siegburg mit
dem Auto fuhren, habe ich damals vor Begeisterung
einen Blumenstrauß in Ihren Wagen geworfen.

Leider war es mir nicht vergönnt, einige Worte mit
Ihnen zu reden. Sie sprachen mir mit einem warmen
Händedruck den Dank dafür aus, und kurz
darauf fuhr die Autokolonne weiter.

Ich bin schon eine alte Dame von 70 Jahren, und
da mir das Briefschreiben wegen meiner zitterigen
Hände sehr schwer fällt, mußte ich diesen Brief
einem guten Bekannten diktieren.

Mein Wunsch wäre es, Ihnen meine Hände nochmals
zum Gruß zu reichen. Aber Sie als Staatsmann

haben doch andere Aufgaben und lernen so
viele Menschen kennen, sodaß Sie für private
Dinge kaum Zeit haben und damit mein
ausgesprochenes Wunsch kaum in Erfüllung
gehen kann. Ich würde mich aber trotzdem
sehr freuen, wenn Sie ein Lebenszeichen mir zu-
kommen ließen.

Und nochmals Entschuldigung dafür, daß ich
auf meine alten Tage, wie auch jeder alte Mensch,
auf fremde Hilfe wegen dieses Briefes angewiesen
bin.

Es grüßt Sie ganz herzlich

Ihre Siegburger Blumenfrau

Marie Louffeur



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Rayburn

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October 19, 1961

Dear Lucius:

It was a pleasure to have your letter of 9 October, and your thoughtful and kind comments about Mr. Rayburn. He epitomizes the finest leadership that history has, and will have, to offer our nation. I pray for the miracle that may keep him with us.

Mrs. Johnson and I were delighted to be with you and Mrs. Clay, and look forward with happy anticipation to other enjoyable occasions when we may be together.

With every good wish, and warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

General Lucius D. Clay
U. S. Mission Berlin
Berlin, Germany

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