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August 24, 1961

Dear Blake:

Thanks for your letter on the mission
to Berlin.

It is faith of people like you that gives
me more than my normal strength to meet such
duties. I hope that I always live up to your
expectations.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Blake Gillen
P. O. Box 9025
Corpus Christi, Texas

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BLAKE GILLEN
P. O. BOX 9025
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

August 18, 1961

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The news that you are going to West Berlin has just reached me. The fact that you are going to reassure these people that we will neither retrench nor abandon them will rebuild our own moral worth as well as offer sustenance to them. How grateful I am to the Lord that we have a man of your stature at the top of our government. We have presented a picture of the cringing American for too long. The Kremlin cannot help but realize that we will not be frightened nor abused into tyranny.

It is the opinion of the majority in our wonderful State that we have the greatest vice president of our entire history. We are proud of the job that you are doing and never before has your popularity been higher. The history of Texas screams with the preservation of liberty and it is a comforting thought that a Texan has chosen to spell out our ideas of liberty to the people living in the shadow of the Iron Curtain.

May you walk with God on this mission and be proud that you are the courier of hope to these people.

Sincerely yours,

Blake Gillen

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



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My dear Judge:

Thank you for your warm and generous letter
about the Berlin trip.

When I have the backing of my fellow Texans
I know that I am on the right road and shall keep
travelling in that direction.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Judge J. Perrin Willis

Rusk, Texas

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RUSK, TEXAS
August 23, 1961

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

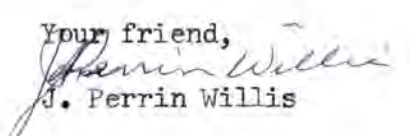
Dear Mr. Vice President:

Thanks, for the good job you did at Berlin. The President could not have picked a better man for the job. I am sure you are aware that we are as much interested in the way the Berlin deal is handled, as they. For to long we have let the Communist push us around- we may not be able to buy freindship with dollars-- but we can gain respect of the whole world if we back up our talk.

You and the President, have a hard job-- I feel sure you will handle it with courage, and for the best interest of the free world.

Good Luck, and may GOD bless you both.

Your friend,


J. Perrin Willis



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Dear Mr. Wendel:

Thank you for your nice note of congratulations
on our Berlin trip.

Although it is not possible at this time for me
to give a television report on my trip, I am grateful
for your suggestion. Perhaps it can be carried out
on later trips.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Helmut F. Wendel
11105 Mitscher Street
Kensington, Maryland

LBJ:WDT

Helmut F. Wendel
11103 Mitscher Street
Kensington, Md

August 22, 1961

Vice-President Lyndon Johnson
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Vice-President Johnson:

Congratulations on your inspiring trip to West-Berlin.

May I suggest to you to give a televised report to the nation on this trip. I found Mr. Nixon's report after his trip to the Soviet Union very effective. As you will recall, he made some introductory remarks talking to a reporter and then gave the narration for film selections from his trip.

I would think that such a presentation by you on your German trip would be viewed by a wide audience, and that your report would be inspiring to Americans as well as to foreign audiences.

Sincerely yours,

Helmut Wendel



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Dear Mr. Wallace:

I was most impressed by the fervor and sincere patriotism of the citizens of West Berlin. As to the President's opinion of my trip, you will have to ask the President.

Thank you for your generous comments on my accomplishments in both my visit to Southeast Asia and my recent trip to Berlin.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Jerry L. Wallace
811 Ninth Street
Monett, Missouri

LBJ:WDT

811-9th Street
Monett, Missouri
August 22, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Vice President:

I am writing to express my most sincere congratulations to you, for the brilliantly successful trip you have just completed to Berlin.

I know of no one the president could have sent on this very important mission, who could have done so well, as proved by the tumultuous welcome you received ^{from} two and half million West Berliners.

You have proven your great ability as an representative of the American people in your trip to the Southeast Asian countries, during which you made so many friends for our country, and now again you have proven your ability for making friends and inspiring confidence in others.

And I hope that President Kennedy will soon again send you on a mission for the government, for you have certainly proven your ability under the worst conditions possible.

And if it would not be too much trouble, I would like to ask what impress you most on your recent trip to Berlin, and what was the president's opinion of your trip?

I hope that what I have ask will not take up too much of your time, for I know that you must be very busy.

With all good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,
Jerry L. Wallace



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August 24, 1961

Dear Tom:

Not only did I see your letter, I was delighted to hear from you.

Thank you for your warm congratulations on our Berlin trip. As long as I have people like you on my side, I will know we are on the right track. I hope that you will never be called upon to fulfill any part of our pledge to the German people, but I am gratified to know that you are ready and willing to back up our statements if it becomes necessary.

It was good of you to write to me.

Warm personal regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Thomas F. Brashear
5829 Parkmont Place
El Paso, Texas

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El Paso, Texas

August 22, 1961

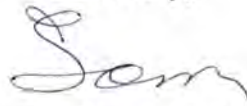
The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President, United States of America
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Vice President:

Having had some experience in Congressman Thornberry's office and knowing of the tremendous volume of mail you receive, I cannot be certain that you will actually see this letter. However, after watching your recent activities in Germany, I felt that I should add my congratulations to the many that I am certain you have received for the reassuring message that you brought to the German people. I, for one, as a major in the Air Force Reserves, stand ready to fulfill my part of the pledge that you gave to these valiant people. Hearing you speak to our valiant allies made me very proud to be an American.

My heartiest congratulations to you! My fervent hope is that your many efforts on behalf of peace for all the world will be successful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom", written in dark ink.

Thomas F. Brashear

TFB:mm

5829 Parkmont Place
El Paso, Texas



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Dear Carl:

Thanks for sending along the editorial from the Dallas News. Walter showed me your letter and I appreciate your kind remarks.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Carl L. Phinney
Phinney, Hallman & Pulley
First National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

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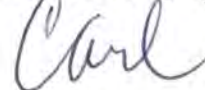
Mr. Walter Jenkins
Office of the Vice President
New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Walter:

I am enclosing herewith copy of this morning's Dallas Morning News which has a very complimentary editorial concerning the Vice President.

Please extend to him our heartiest congratulations and deep appreciation for the wonderful job he did in Berlin and is doing for the nation.

Sincerely yours,



Carl L. Phinney

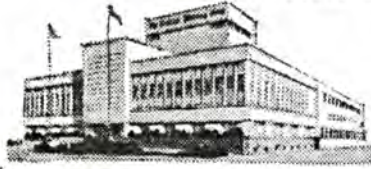
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1961

Vice-President's Mission

LYNDON JOHNSON makes it certain that the office of vice-president will henceforth be regarded as something far more important than a make-weight to balance off an appeal to the voting populace. The usefulness of the post to supply a deputy to the president was first demonstrated by Richard Nixon, who ably served President Eisenhower, in sickness and in health, literally all over the earth. Under Lyndon Johnson, the office has declined not a whit in prestige and usefulness.



JOHNSON

In Berlin particularly, Johnson has proved the best answer to Nikita Khrushchev that we have had. No more than a mere answer, perhaps, is to be found in the gesture of sending Johnson and 1,500 American troops to Berlin. But what Johnson said and what he did there in the beleaguered city make it more than a token reinforcement of freedom's cause.

In times past The News has been critical of Mr. Johnson. But when any man plays sincerely and manfully the role of Mr. America abroad, all his countrymen should take pride in him. Lyndon Johnson handled himself well in Berlin.

To be sure, handing out gilt-edged passcards entitling the holder to sit in the gallery of the U. S. Senate seems almost funny to many of us. But, in fact, it was evidence of the vice-president's keen understanding of the German common man's profound appreciation of credentials and documents and official recognition.

And, after all, the right to look on while foreign policy for the maintenance of the free world is under open debate somehow visualizes and epitomizes the whole issue between Russian tyranny on the one hand and the worldwide dream of liberty on the other.

The tall man from Texas was Mr. America for a few hours. But, when old age comes upon him, and he sits in the sunset of life, it may be that those hours in Berlin—facing a sea of earnest, anxious faces, bringing earnestness to match their own and hope to give them courage—will seem to him to be the finest in his career.

And if our double-minded diplomats in Washington will now forsake their devious ways and face up to the solemn obligation to make good every promise made in Berlin, Lyndon Johnson will have achieved a victory not merely for himself, but for the whole world. The whole world has paused in hushed silence for a sure word of decision. That word the vice-president bore to Berlin.

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August 30, 1961

Dear Bill:

Thanks for mailing me the editorial cartoon from the Denver Post. Everyone got a kick out of the drawing.

Just to keep you up-to-date on the Jenkin's family -- we've got a new daughter, Anne Cheville, who is really six pounds of joy.

Warmest regards to you and Dorothy.

Sincerely,

Walter Jenkins
Administrative Assistant
to the Vice President

Mr. W.A. Griffis Jr.
22 N. Washington
San Angelo, Texas

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The Diplomat MOTOR HOTEL

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Dear Walter:

On our way back home from our usual summer vacation in western Colorado we stopped, as we generally do, in Denver for a couple of days. I was delighted with the enclosed cartoon from the Denver Post, which I hope you, your staff and any ~~ones~~ who may not have seen it, may likewise enjoy.

Lovejoy joins me in sending our best regards to all of you.

Sincerely your friend,
Bill



"... NOW, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE REASSURANCE FOR
US FOLKS BACK IN WASHINGTON ..."



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August 28, 1961

Dear Mr. Mazur:

Thank you for your letter and the picture that you made of me at Marienfelde. The mission to Berlin was an experience I will never forget, and the visit to Marienfelde was unique in my experiences.

As you requested, I am returning one of the photographs autographed. It is a good picture.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Wolfgang Mazur
34 Pichelsdorfer Strasse
West Berlin-Spandau
Germany
LBJ:CB:mjdr

34 Pichelsdorfer Strasse
Westberlin-Spandau
GERMANY
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Vice¹President
Lyndon B. J o h n s o n
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AIR MAIL

Dear Mr. Vice-President:

I was among those many thousands who stand on the roads of Westberlin to bid you welcome. My fellow Germans and me were deeply moved by the sincere words you found for the freedom of our hometown.

For this I want to thank you very much and to the many sympathies you surely found here on the isolated city of Berlin I would like to add a very personal one for you. It is a picture that I took while you were entering the big refugee camp at MARIENFELDE on Sunday afternoon. May I present this one for your personal file and may I ask you to return the other copy for me with your personal signature?

I want to thank you again for coming to Berlin and with the help of God we will remain free.

Sincerely yours

Wolfgang Mazur
(Wolfgang Mazur)



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Wolfgang Mazur
34 Pichelsd.St
BERLIN-SPANDAU
Westgermany



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August 28, 1961

Dear Mrs. Merritt:

Immense thanks for sending me the editorial cartoon clipping from the Pittsburgh Press regarding the mission to Berlin.

I really appreciate friends like you who see something in the paper, realize that I might not get the opportunity to look at it, and take the time and trouble to send it to me.

Needless to say, I also appreciate your kind words about my work.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Martha Merritt
631 Maryland Avenue
Apartment A-3
Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania
LBJ:CB:mjdr

Boutwell

August 23, 1961

Vice-President Lydon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Possibly you have already received a copy of the attached but being a very sincere and strong supporter of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration, I did want to be sure you would see this clipping.

I feel this brief pledge is summarized so eloquently and solemnly for the benefit of the entire world to realize the strength, power and determination of we Americans. These few words are truly a masterpiece and a wonderful tribute to your fine oratorical skill.

My best of good wishes and prayers for your continued success during your administration.

Most sincerely -

Martha Merritt
(Mrs.) Martha Merritt

631 Maryland Avenue
Apartment A-3
Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania

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Spelling It Out!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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August 25, 1961

Dear Sandra:

Thank you for your nice letter of congratulations. Although events were such that I could not come to Cape Cod this time, perhaps I can come later and will see you then.

I had not heard the "LBJ meets JFK to report A-OK" quotation and I am glad you told me about it.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Miss Sandra Gashin
95 Clark Road
Brookline 46, Massachusetts

LBJ:WDT

Miss Sandra Gashin

95 Clark Rd.

Brookline 46, Mass.

August 21

Dear Vice President Johnson,

In case you do not recall my name I met you at Logan Airport in September when you were making your visit to Boston to help President Kennedy win the presidency.

I was so disappointed when you didn't come to Cape Cod ^{this} Monday because I ^{was} down at the Cape hoping to ^{meet} see you again.

I would like to congratulate you on your trip to Berlin. Your speech which I heard over the news was excellent.

Beginning tonight I am going to cut out all the clippings from
(over)

the newspaper that mention
name so that some day I could see
you in person to show ~~them all to~~
~~you~~ all the great deeds you
did for us.

Sincerely yours,
Sandra Gashin

P.S. Have you heard today's
commentary ~~on~~ say ---
LBJ meets JFK
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August 28, 1961

Dear Reverend Hutchinson:

Thank you very much for your note and for your generous words about my conduct in Berlin.

I am glad that you think so highly of Hobart Taylor. He is a man in whom I have very much confidence.

Sincerely yours,,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Reverend George H. Hutchinson
6125 Fourteenth Street
Detroit 8, Michigan

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AUGUST 18-20

Expect Thousands at Youth Festival

Youth and adults are looking forward to the mammoth Youth Festival and Trade Exhibit scheduled to be held at the 14th-Marquette Community Center, Aug. 18, 19, 20, with Dr. T. S. Boone, pastor of King Solomon Baptist church, giving the official welcome.



GOVERNOR GRIMES

Among highlights will be starlets in beauty, fashions, hair contour design by Mrs. Fannie Holly, president of the Detroit School of Cosmetology, the festival symposium with the theme, "Toward A Greater Youth Potential," presentation of Achievement Awards by Emmett Cunningham, Public Relations Consultant for the host center.

A panel of experts will participate in the Symposium. Included will be those who are cognizant of the multiple problems of children and youth and will make board recommendations whereby the Community Center and all interested agencies will

have a considered blueprint to aid and comfort our young people.

Speakers will be Hobart Taylor, Jr., of Washington, D.C., general counsel, The President's Commission on Equal Employment Opportunities; the Judge James H. Lincoln, Wayne County Juvenile Probate Court; Governor Grimes, executive secretary, the Mayor's Commission on Youth and Children, City of Detroit.

Also speaking will be Mrs. Rosalyn Cain, member, Mayor's Commission on Children and Youth; Joseph Cole, member, the Mayor's Commission on Community Relations; Lt. Gordon Smith, youth bureau, Detroit Police Department.

Speakers also will include Dr. Albert W. Silver, Chief psychologist of Wayne County Juvenile Court Clinic and Wayne State University.

Dr. T. S. Boone, who serves as president and director of Center, also will deliver the keynote address.

Councilman William T. Patrick Jr. will speak on "Detroit and Youth."



DR. ALBERT W. SILVER

Mrs. William F. Fisher, assistant to the director of the center, will present the staff members.

The Rev. George W. Hutchinson, Public Relations Director for the Center, made the announcements.

Festival Panel Will Air Problems of U.S. Youth

The Youth Festival and Trades Exhibit at the 14th-Marquette Community Center, 6101-6125 Fourteenth, opens at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. It ends Sunday with a symposium on "Toward a Greater Youth Potential."

Vive president Johnson will be represented at the 3:30 p.m. symposium by Hobart Taylor Jr., formerly of the Wayne County prosecutor's staff and now general counsel for the President's Commission on Equal Employment Opportunities.



HOBART TAYLOR JR.

TO DISCUSS YOUTH

Taylor will discuss "The National Youth Problem." Arthur Ruhl, administrative aide to Probate Judge James H.

Lincoln, will talk on the related penal problems.

Dr. Albert W. Silver, of the Wayne County Juvenile Court Clinic, will discuss psychological aspects of youth problems. Social aspects will be outlined by Grosvenor Grimes, executive secretary of the Detroit Commission on Children and Youth.

Employment problems of youth will be taken up by Mrs. Rosalyn Kane, a commission member. Lt. Gordon Smith, of the police Youth Bureau, will talk on juvenile crime prevention and on rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents.

PLAN EXHIBITS

The symposium moderator will be William L. Price, Detroit attorney.

The center's public relations director, George H. Hutchinson, will summarize the panel's findings.

The three-day festival will include a popularity contest, exhibits of consumers goods, fashion shows, marching drills by the Kadets of America and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and hair-styling show by beauticians and professional entertainers.

Recruiters for the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines will present training films and lectures.

Police Join 'Bring 'Em Back Alive!'

The Detroit Police Department joined the campaign today to promote the "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" traffic education program co-sponsored by The Detroit News and the Automobile Club of Michigan.

The police traffic safety bureau began distributing posters throughout the city, and plans were announced for putting bumper stickers on all marked police vehicles.

"We are delighted to take part in this very worthwhile effort to save lives, reduce accidents and improve driving skills," said Police Commissioner Hart.

"We are convinced that this program, with its positive approach, will do much toward making better drivers of us all, and in the process we think it will make driving safer and more pleasant."

Committee Formed To Save National Baptist Convention

Tuesday August 1, 1961 a group of interested Baptist Laymen and Clergymen met at the Gleiss Memorial Center, Joseph Campau and Arndt at the invitation of Rev. Dr. James Spencer, pastor of the Mt. Pilgrim Institutional Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

The meeting was called to form a national committee to save the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. from complete dissolution. Dr. Spencer fears, along with thousands of fellow Baptists, that any further continuance of a bitter factional dispute between Dr. J. H. Jackson, the present President, and a group headed by Dr. Gardner Taylor of New York City, N.Y. will cause the beloved and revered national Baptist Convention of U.S.A. Inc., to be dissolved. Dr. Spencer said that this cannot be allowed to happen. He announced that he had instructed the Reverend George H. Hutchinson, III, Associate Minister of the Sweet Home Baptist Church to draft a resolution that will sue for peace.

Rev. Hutchinson read the resolution and moved its adoption. Mr. Emmett Cunningham seconded the motion and the motion carried without dissent. Dr. Spencer then asked all who had approved to sign the resolution so that it and those from other cities around the county can be presented at the general session (annual) of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc. when the convention convenes in Kansas City, Mo. September 4, 1961.

Rev. James Spencer was elected president, Rev. George H. Hutchinson was elected national executive secretary and Emmett S. Cunningham was elected national organizational director.

The resolution will be presented to the Baptist Ministers Conference Tuesday August 8, 1961.

The resolution follows.

RESOLUTION

When in the course of Christian events clergymen and laymen alike come to realize that these are trying times for the beloved National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. and have become aware that the recent unwarranted factional disputes have so disrupted the usual harmony and rapport that should exist among Christian men and women, that we now fear that the beloved National Bap-

tist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., founded almost a century ago by selfless and dedicated apostles of Jesus, is now on the brink of absolute dissolution if the existing hatred and strife are allowed to continue.

Shortly before the first meeting of the organizational committee that was to create the National Baptist Convention, Abraham Lincoln, then a prairie lawyer made one of his most famous speeches wherein he declared "A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF CANNOT STAND." To paraphrase Lincoln as he continued, we do not expect or want the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., to be dissolved—We do not expect the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., to fail and fall—but we do hope and expect that it will cease to be divided.

We expect and have a right to believe that reasonable men, dedicated to the proposition that no one man, no group of men, no faction of the privileged few can or should be allowed to sully the ideals, concepts and precepts of this Holy Alliance of Baptist Clergymen and Laymen. No factional disputes should threaten with utter and total extinction this Baptist Convention toward which honorable men have pointed with pardonable pride generation upon swelling generation.

Let us firmly resolve here and now to do what six and one half million anxious Baptist men and woman are beseeching Almighty God, and those of us who are reasonable and rational men to cease the rampant strife, to study fraternal war no more, to bind up the wounds of 4 long, bitter years of a war of misunderstanding.

Now is the hour for the sweet fellowship of generous men who will answer the Clarion call to a great service; a service to God and our fellowman.

"With malice toward none with charity for all," let us do the right as a kind and loving God leads us all to do the right:

Let us begin here and now to assign ourselves and pledge ourselves to a great cause.

Let us resolve ourselves and all others who will join us to

Save the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.



IN FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT—Training routines and boxing exhibitions by well known amateur and professional boxers will be one of the many highlights of the Sports Day Program Saturday, Aug. 19, during the mammoth Youth Festival and Trades Exhibit at the 14th-Marquette Community Center August 18, 19 and 20. Above, Trainer George Smith (right) shows heavyweight Edgar Boyd the proper method of hitting the heavy bag while ranking lightweight contender Gene Gresham looks on. Middleweight contender Henry Hank will also put on an exhibition. Star personalities from the Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and Pistons have assured Marquette Center officials that they will appear for the Sports Day Program which gets under way at 10:30 a.m.

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Dear L.P.J.

Thank you for lending Hobart Jags
to us Sunday August 20, 1961.

Congratulations on your beautiful
performance in Berlin, your speech was
most inspiring and your paraphrase
on the founding fathers was perfect
in its gratification.

Good show!!!

Sincerely
(Rev.) George H. Hutchinson

(Multiple Enclosures)



14TH-MARQUETTE COMMUNITY CENTER
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Detroit 8, Michigan TYler 8-3700

Dr. Theodore S. Boone
Director--President

August 14, 1961

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Please give widest possible publicity as a public service)

The 14th-Marquette Community Center is poised and expectant relative to the mammoth Youth Festival and Trades Exhibit to be held at the 14th-Marquette Community Center Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 18, 19, and 20 beginning at 10:30 a.m. each day.

Many distinguished government, civic, and social leaders have agreed to take part in the mammoth Festival which is designed to publicize the over-all effort of Dr. Theodore S. Boone and his staff in their efforts to provide wholesome recreational, cultural, and educational facilities that will appeal to the youth of the total Detroit community.

Dr. Boone strongly feels that the efforts of this Center and other interested citizen groups can do much to halt the crimeward rush of many of our young citizens. Recent statistics show that less than four per cent of the youth of the nation are problems to their respective communities, the dollar value of their vandalism and other crimes cannot be estimated. Money spent by social service agencies, law enforcement agencies, penal institutions and agencies designed to rehabilitate these youthful problem children constitute a major budgetary of local, state, and federal government.

Among those scheduled to participate in the opening ceremonies are Captain E. W. Mills, USNR, representing the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, USNR and US Marine Corps Reserve. Captain Mills will cite the youth problems of the military establishment and how the Navy has made useful citizens of many problem youth. Mayor Louis B. Miriani will speak on Detroit's efforts to create a wholesome atmosphere for our youth. State Treasurer, Sanford Brown, will represent Governor John B. Swainson and his address will cite the efforts of Michigan in this problem area. At a symposium Sunday, August 20, 1961, the honorable Hubert Taylor, General Council, for the President's Commission Equal Employment Opportunities will represent Vice President, Lyndon B. Johnson. Mr. Taylor will head a distinguished group of experts to examine and equate the problems of youth and make recommendations for their solutions.

On the national scene Senators Phillip Hart and Patrick McNamara, Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr. and all members of the House of Representatives from Michigan have been invited and will attend. At the request of Councilman William T. Patrick, Jr., the Detroit Common Council will also attend. Governor John B. Swainson and the entire State Administration Board from Lansing will also attend.

Other features of the Festival include a popularity contest, exhibits by major manufacturers and suppliers who serve the consumer market, fashion shows featuring original designs by top flight designers and leading fashions for men and women, drills by the Kadets of America, Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouts of America, One hundred Beauticians showing the latest in hair styles and fashions, the appearance of top stars of the theatrical field, a 20-act talent revue and training films and lectures by the U S Naval Recruiting Service, the U S Air Force Recruiting Service, the U S Marine Corps Recruiting Service and the U S Army Recruiting Service.

A One dollar (\$1) ticket entitles admission for any and all these events for the total three days. Children under 12, when accompanied by one or both parents, will be admitted free. All Detroit citizens interested in the problems of youth are invited to attend.

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August 28, 1961

Dear Fred:

Thanks very much for your warm letter.
It is a good feeling to know that my conduct
has the approval of an old and trusted friend
and I hope that this will always be the case.

Warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Fred Korth
President, Continental National Bank
Fort Worth, Texas

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OF FORT WORTH
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

FRED KORTH
PRESIDENT

August 22, 1961


Dear Mr. Vice President:

I have, of course, followed with interest your trip to Berlin and want you to know of the tremendous impression that the results of this trip have made upon me and your fellow Texans. Your courageous stand and the pledge which you made in Berlin certainly have the hearty approval of all with whom I have had contact.

You are doing a magnificent job and our prayers are with you and the President in these perilous times.

Warm regards.

Sincerely



Fred Korth

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



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August 25, 1961

My dear Friend:

Thank you for your letter commending
the stand the Administration has taken in regard
to the Berlin situation.

I am grateful for your prayers and I hope
that I shall continue to have them for the trying
times that are ahead. With Divine Guidance I
know that the free world will triumph over the
threat of communism.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. James Zambus
Hardin-Simmons University
Box 241
Abilene, Texas

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Hardin Simmons University

Abilene, Texas

Department of History

August 22, 1961

The Vice President of
The United States

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Last Sunday I attended Sunday School at
the North Atlanta Baptist Church in Georgia.

We made it a point to remember you in prayer.
Many people were anxious about your being in
Berlin at that time. We felt that it was a
brave action for you to take. It was our
prayer that this action would advance the
cause of freedom.

Of course, I, too, appreciate your stand
in the face of the threats that have been,
and are being made, by those who do not
respect the dignity and freedom of man-
kind.

Sincerely,

James Zambus



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August 28, 1961

Dear Mrs. Ozbirn:

I deeply appreciate your warm telegram.
I hope that I can always conduct myself in
such a way as to justify your generous words.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn
President, General Federation of Women's Clubs
1734 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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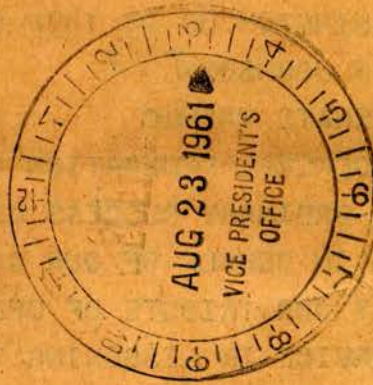
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UNITED STATES SENATE WASHDC

IN BEHALF OF THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, I COMMEND YOU FOR THE EXTRA-ORDINARY SUCCESS OF YOUR VITALLY IMPORTANT MISSION TO BERLIN IN BEHALF OF OUR COUNTRY AND FREE NATIONS EVERYWHERE AND PAY OUR TRIBUTE OF DEEP GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR THIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN LESSENING TENSION AND FOR YOUR IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN. THANK YOU, MR VICE PRESIDENT

MRS E LE^E/OZBIRN, PRESIDENT GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMENS CLUBS.



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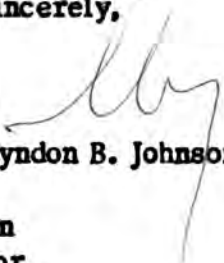
August 29, 1961

Dear Frank:

I couldn't have done better if I have done it myself. I'm talking about the editorial that the Times Herald carried August 22 on the mission to Berlin. Many of your subscribers also thought it was fine. They clipped it out and mailed it to me.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Frank Langston
Editorial Page Editor
Dallas Times Herald
Dallas, Texas
LBJ:CB:mjb

Frank Langston

THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD

14-A*** DALLAS, TEXAS, TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 22, 1961

EDITORIALS

Johnson Again Proves Worth As Trouble-Shooter in Berlin

MISSION accomplished.

Vice President Lyndon Johnson once again demonstrates his remarkable effectiveness in reaching the hearts of anxious peoples as a trouble-shooter for the President and the American people.

The Texan's successful mission to Berlin combined much that was typically LBJ—striding from his car to greet individually scores of citizens of West Berlin, passing on flowers from the crowd to a little girl in the throng, personally shaking hands with every American soldier in the vanguard of reinforcing troops.

And even the worldly wise of West Berlin loved it and took him to their

hearts. For Johnson was to them much more than the vice president of the United States, the highest American official to visit their city since President Truman at the close of World War II. And he was more than just a friendly Texan they had come to know through photos and films from their own beloved Chancellor Adenauer's visit to the LBJ Ranch.

Far beyond all this, Johnson was a symbol, a symbol of support for their courage in standing up to the Soviets and their Red German puppets. He was a tall and purposeful reminder—to the Communists glowering behind their new wall locking in East Berlin as well as to the cheering West Berliners that they would not be left standing alone and forgotten.

As he already had done three times previously since his election, at NATO, in Africa and the Far East, the vice president took on a tough and vital chore for the new President. In each case he brought new understanding of American sympathy and determination. Now he's topped all the rest.

Lyndon Johnson's pledge for President Kennedy and the United States to the free people of West Berlin could not have been more plain:

"To the survival and to the creative future of this city we Americans pledge in effect what our ancestors pledged in forming the United States: 'Our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor'."

Well done, Lyndon.

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August 28, 1961

Dear Mike:

Your letter was certainly a pleasant happening in these busy days. I wish I could say "Yes" and leave on the next plane south, but I am afraid I had better wait until Congress is adjourned.

Lady Bird and I appreciate your thought of us. And give that sweet Marian our love.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Miguel Guajardo
Hotel Club de Pesca, S. A.
Acapulco, Gro.
Mexico
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Hotel *Club de Pesca, S. A.*
ACAPULCO, GRO.

August 21, 1961

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

My dear Mr. Vice President:

We have been following with great interest the development of the Berlin crisis which we consider a definite trial of the future of the free world. We can understand very well how happy the citizens of Berlin must have felt, when they saw your sincere friendship and that they were not abandoned in any way. Through these actions, you have given the world once again a sample of what it is to have a true friend, an ally in a moment of need. Most important, the firm attitude shows that if there is to be a world of peace in the future, it has to be without the sacrifice of the rights and dignity of the human being and without being submitted to dictatorship of a totalitarian state, such as the communists.

We hope that after such strenuous working activities, you and Mrs. Johnson could find a little time to come to Acapulco, even if it is for a brief period of relaxation. We promise you that we will try our best to have much privacy for you, so that you will not be bothered. The weather is good, fishing is excellent, and here in Acapulco, you have two friends who think of you and Mrs. Johnson often.

Yours faithfully,

Miguel Guajardo

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August 30, 1961

My dear Friend:

Many thanks for your thoughtful letter and your very kind and generous words of confidence. Having the support and approval of wonderful friends like you is what makes this whole thing worthwhile, and I just want you to know that I'm going to be working as hard as I can in the difficult days ahead to prove worthy of them.

Kindest regards and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Cecil B. James, President
The Hamilton National Bank
Hamilton, Texas

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HAMILTON, TEXAS,

August 22nd 1961.

Hon. L. B. Johnson,
Vice President, U.S.
Washington, D. C.

Dear L.B.:—

Congratulations on the way you handled
the German assignment!

All of us Texans, especially the U.S. Highway 281
"gang" are mighty proud of you, and I think a lot of
folks in other States are beginning to understand why
we were so sure you would make a great President.

Thanking you again for the Inaugural Invitation.

Please do not bother to answer, just couldn't
resist saying a word.

Sincerely yours,

Cecil B. James
Cecil B. James.



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August 28, 1961

Dear Gene:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the Dallas News editorial on the mission to Berlin and the kind personal words.

I'm always happy to hear from you.

Sincerely



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. E. B. Germany
P. O. Box 12226
Dallas 25, Texas

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LONE STAR STEEL COMPANY
DALLAS, TEXAS

E. B. GERMANY
PRESIDENT

August 22, 1961

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

Dear Lyndon:

Enclosed is a most deserving editorial; one that
reflects much credit on your efforts and ability.

I am pleased to tell you that at a luncheon today the
thoughts as expressed on the editorial received very
favorable comments.

Warm personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

E. B. Germany

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1961

Vice-President's Mission

LYNDON JOHNSON makes it certain that the office of vice-president will henceforth be regarded as something far more important than a make-weight to balance off an appeal to the voting populace. The usefulness of the post to supply a deputy to the president was first demonstrated by Richard Nixon, who ably served President Eisenhower, in sickness and in health, literally all over the earth. Under Lyndon Johnson, the office has declined not a whit in prestige and usefulness.



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In Berlin particularly, Johnson has proved the best answer to Nikita Khrushchev that we have had. No more than a mere answer, perhaps, is to be found in the gesture of sending Johnson and 1,500 American troops to Berlin. But what Johnson said and what he did there in the beleaguered city make it more than a token reinforcement of freedom's cause.

In times past The News has been critical of Mr. Johnson. But when any man plays sincerely and manfully the role of Mr. America abroad, all his countrymen should take pride in him. Lyndon Johnson handled himself well in Berlin.

To be sure, handing out gilt-edged passcards entitling the holder to sit in the gallery of the U. S. Senate seems almost funny to many of us. But, in fact, it was evidence of the vice-president's keen understanding of the German common man's profound appreciation of credentials and documents and official recognition.

And, after all, the right to look on while foreign policy for the maintenance of the free world is under open debate somehow visualizes and epitomizes the whole issue between Russian tyranny on the one hand and the worldwide dream of liberty on the other.

The tall man from Texas was Mr. America for a few hours. But, when old age comes upon him, and he sits in the sunset of life, it may be that those hours in Berlin—facing a sea of earnest, anxious faces, bringing earnestness to match their own and hope to give them courage—will seem to him to be the finest in his career.

And if our double-minded diplomats in Washington will now forsake their devious ways and face up to the solemn obligation to make good every promise made in Berlin, Lyndon Johnson will have achieved a victory not merely for himself, but for the whole world. The whole world has paused in hushed silence for a sure word of decision. That word the vice-president bore to Berlin.

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August 31, 1961

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Dear Felix:

The news play that the Times Herald gave the mission to Berlin was terrific and I appreciate it.

I also want to say "Thanks" with a capital "T" for the Times Herald editorial on the assignment.

The following is no complaint, but a statement of fact that your reference room can remedy. The picture the Times Herald used of me with the Helen Thomas-Al Spivak story might cause some of your readers to think that I'm younger than Jack Benny says he is. If it is possible could a new cut be made from the enclosed picture and substituted? I would appreciate it.

With best regards,

Sincerely



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Felix McKnight
Dallas Times Herald
Dallas, Texas

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Dear Ed:

Thank you for your kind letter of 24 August, about my recent visit to Berlin.

It was kind of you to take time to write.

I appreciate your comments, and the assurance that all Americans, both in the United States and Mexico, are giving us strong support in the battle against Communism.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Edward C. Gullion
Hotel Avenida
Madero OTE. 243
Monterrey, N. L.
Mexico

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August 24, 1961

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Dear Lyndon

I do wish you could have seen the instantaneous and very heartening response of the Mexican people to the LBJ Berlin visit! Headlines and editorials had me almost dancing in the streets with pride in my favorite Texan.

This is a direct translation of the first radio report of your first Berlin appearance - **The affable Lyndon Johnson has again proven himself to be America's number one ambassador of good will.** etc - all pro-U.S. and all enthusiastic.

We still have lots to do in Latin America, but we have many good friends here - and the Mexican clergy is speaking out more & more against communism.

Sincere congratulations on the great way in which you are doing a difficult job, and

Cordial regards,

Ed
Ed C. Gullion
Associate Director
The Ex-Students' Assn.
U. of Texas
Austin 12

The Vice President
Washington, D. C., E.U.A.



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August 30, 1961

Dear Conrad:

Thanks very much for your telegram.
I only hope I can always live up to your
high praise.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Conrad N. Hilton
Hilton Hotels Corporation
9990 Santa Monica
Beverly Hills, California

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HONORABLE LYNDON JOHNSON

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DEAR LYNDON. YOU DID A MAGNIFICENT JOB. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.

REGARDS

CONRAD N HILTON.



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August 31, 1961

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your nice letter. I appreciate
Your generous remarks about my trip to Germany
and about my work in general.

Please continue to remember me in your
prayers for we all need Divine Guidance to see us
through these days of fighting for our way of life.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Joe Toomey
774 Park Way
South San Francisco, California

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Aug 21. 1961

Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir:

By your trip to West Germany
and making a famous speech boosting up the morale
of the German people & the rest of the world
It shows the rest of the free world we mean to
keep our word, not like our former President
& Vice President who got us in this mess in
the first place, now our President & your
self has to do every thing possible to get
us out. You are doing a very good
job. and my prayers are for you every
day as I hope when I become 21 years
old and able to vote I can cast my
ballot for you as our President.

Thanking you for a good
job well done.

Joe Toomey
774 Park way
South San Francisco.
age 14. (only)



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August 30, 1961

Dear Mrs. Baker:

Thank you deeply for your very moving letter about my trip to West Berlin. At the first opportunity I will tell Max Freedman of your generous comments on his article. I know he will appreciate them.

All good wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. J. O. Baker
4209 18th Street, N. W.
Washington 11, D. C.

LBJ:WDT

Aug 24, 1941

Mr. Vice President,

Never home I knew so
Moved as your visit to West
Germany - Mr. Freedman's
article did more than I could
ever say and as I read it
my heart filled with anguish
to know how you too meet
home feet when that Elderly
lady gave you, so elegantly -
and she had - a whole Bunch
of flowers & Kissed your hand.

We in America have never
offered Humiliation as West
Germans - and with Gods
help we must fight for their
freedom as well as our own.
I shudder to think what will
happen if we should fail
in our solemn word to
the W. Germans.

May God grant grace &
our Wonderful President
Kennedy the wisdom &
courage to always do what
is just & right.

Sincerely

Mrs. J. O. Baker & family

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September 1, 1961

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for your note of commendation
on my accomplishments on the trip to Germany.

I am glad to have your views on some of
the problems which are facing our country at this
time.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. L. B. Cooper
Young Route
Globe, Arizona

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Aug. 23, 61

Mr. Vice Pres:-

For nearly a year now, I have had the conviction, that Russia is bringing red China to heel, by manipulating their weather. It probably does sound preposterous to you, but, far from being, the fantastic thing, weather men would have you^{to} believe, the means are really comparatively simple. Of course, it would cost a tremendous sum, at first, to rectify this condition. But the sol-

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tion is a relatively simple matter.

If I am Right, in my analysis of this matter, do you Realize the vast and terrifying implications, should Russia gain absolute control of China's masses of manpower?

I am going to keep hammering away at this, until, perplexed leaders decide to find out, just what I do know - - -

Utterly Discouraged, I have taken new Hope, from our stiffening Attitude Over Berlin - - -

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if the day ever does
come, I'd like to deal
with Admiral Rickho-
ver (though, as I know
them to be) and von
Braun - - -

You gave America a
very needed shot in the
arm, Mr. Vice President

Very Sincerely,
L. B. Cooper
Young Route
Globe, Arizona



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September 1, 1961

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your warm commendation
of my work and for your generous remarks about
my future.

As long as I have the privilege of serving
you in public office I shall strive to merit your
continued confidence.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. George C. Thompson
1249 North Third Avenue
Tucson, Arizona

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Aug 25-

my dear Mr Vice President,

I have rejoiced very greatly
over your success in your
missions abroad.

I knew the people of this Nation
would learn of your very great
talent and in due time

you will step up to top

without any struggle at all

It will be natural & very
easy.

I am attaching clipping. It worries
me greatly. I am terrified of
the future & only wish on
which the Administration will
suffer terrible consequences. It
seems to me something should be
done. God Bless you & your children.

1249 NO 3rd AVE. - TUCSON, ARIZ



VICTOR RIESEL

Doesn't Anybody Care?

MUNICH — If Fidel Castro is our enemy, then we really are at war with Czechoslovakia.

Chairman Khrushchev may be rattling the rockets, but it is believed here that Czech technicians are building the bases in the heart of Cuba for those short range missiles. This, of course, may be difficult to prove in a court of international law. But certainly Czech Minister of General Engineering Polacek and Deputy Minister of Heavy Engineering Andre were not just sightseeing in Cuba during the week of June 9. Site seeking would be the better description.



A FEW DAYS LATER, on June 14 to be exact, Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa flew into Prague. He was rushed to see Czech Prime Minister Siroky. On June 15 they talked of a military aid pact. This meant Czechoslovakia was going to do all the aiding—Cuba couldn't take Liechtenstein without Soviet bloc help.

Obviously, this conversation concerned more than just "mutual military assistance." The Czechs already have many cadres of army, navy and air force men advising the Cuban militia in Havana. It was, in fact, these advisers who helped Castro shove our gallant little band of friends back into the swamps and Caribbean last April.

AND WHAT DID THE YOUNG Fidelistas use to cut our friends to pieces on the beachheads? Artillery from the Skoda works at Pilsen. Sten (machine) guns from the Zbrojovka factory at Brno. Dynamite equipment for all sorts of explosive gadgets from Bratislava.

On June 3, as a result of the futile invasion a few weeks earlier, the Czechs pledged to send Cuba over \$80 million worth of supplies in 1961. For this amount the Czechs will do everything from improving that which is so close to Castro's compulsive heart, Cuban television, to setting up at least 14 entire factories. One

such plant will turn out tractors, trucks, gasoline engines, motorcycles and scooters. This installation, of course, could easily be revamped into a military arsenal for the invasion of other Latin nations.

ONE OF THE COMPLETE PLANTS will whip out refrigerators at the rate of 40,000 a year. These certainly cannot be bought by the \$10-a-week sugar cane workers. Obviously, after Castro's Communist leaders of the people get their share, these will be dumped on the Latin market, competing directly with us.

They'll construct a mill for manufacturing 1,000 Diesel motors and 1,500 small compressors, just to start. This, too, will be the forerunner of Cuban invasion of the Latin market, aimed, of course, at us. This is just the beginning.

My good friends at the amazing sonic frontier here, the overwhelmingly learned men at Radio Free Europe, analyze this move in these few words:

"THE POLITICAL overtones of Czechoslovakia's deals with Cuba are quite obvious. Czechoslovakia is an exporter of all the goods mentioned above. By helping to build these factories in Cuba, Czechoslovakia willfully creates a competitor and eliminates a potential customer for these products."

Why? Because it wants Cuba to learn how to produce goods which will compete with free world production and sales in Latin America. Czechoslovakia can afford to lose a few customers. It is the big moneymaker of the "Bloc." Why? Because Britain and the U.S.—yes the U.S.—and some 50 other anti-Communist nations keep Czech factories going with multi-million dollar purchases. In fact, Britain is Czechoslovakia's second biggest customer.

THAT'S WHY N. S. KHRUSHCHEV has made prosperous Czechoslovakia the spearhead of the military, technical and industrial invasions of all underdeveloped nations. And with our dollars and British pounds we help the Soviet bloc war on us.

Doesn't anybody care?

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August 30, 1961

Dear Mr. Schlosser:

Thank you for your generous comments
on the results of my visit to Berlin and for all
of your good wishes.

Enclosed are the two photographs which
I have autographed as you requested.

My best wishes for your continued success
with your hobby.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Louis L. Schlosser, Jr.
13366 Whitcomb Avenue
Detroit 27, Michigan

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AUGUST 25TH, 1961

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson,
The Vice President's Chamber,
United States Capitol Building,
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Vice President Johnson:

Enclosed find a large self-addressed and fully stamped envelope together with a large, full color photograph of yourself. I cut the photograph from a recent issue of the DETROIT NEWS Sunday newspaper. Then I mounted the picture on white bristol-board. I think it looks very nice.

Will you please be so kind as to use pen and ink and in the white space just below the picture will you write my name, add a line of greeting and sign your full name and have it mailed back to me -- Please ?

Perhaps you might be thoughtful enough to also autograph and send back to me a regular glossy, black and white photograph of yourself. How about it?

PLEASE - ask your Secretary to remove the two (2) heavy, brown card-boards from the envelope that is addressed to you and insert them in the envelope that is addressed to me. Then, place your autographed pictures between the card-boards. They help to protect the autographed pictures against being bent, torn or soiled in the return mail. There is more than enough postage on the enclosed envelope to permit your Secretary to tightly seal the flap with glue or scotch-tape and just deposit it in the mail-box and it will be returned to me by First Class Mail at no cost to your office whatsoever.

For the last thirty (30) years it has been my hobby to try and collect the original and personal autographed pictures of outstanding men and women in all walks of life. At this time I have close too five thousand signed pictures in my collection. None of the autographs or pictures are ever used for any type of advertising or commercial use. They are never sold or traded. This is my hobby. For a number of years I have earned my living as an employee in the Legal Division of the City of Detroit. Upon my death the entire collection will become the property of the Archive Division of the Wisconsin State Library.

Included in my collection of famous autographs are the original and personal signatures of EVERY VICE PRESIDENT of the United States and EVERY PRESIDENT of the United States from George Washington down to and including John F. Kennedy.

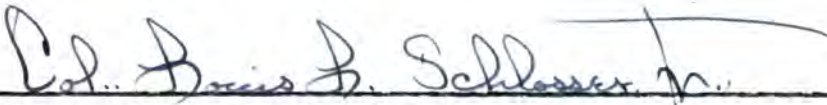
Now you know why I am anxious to include YOUR autograph and YOUR photograph to my collection.

I do hope that you will be thoughtful and kind enough to grant my request and not only autograph the enclosed picture for me but also autograph - to my name - a regular glossy photo of yourself.

Before ending this note to you I do want to set down on paper my firm belief that you did a wonderful service for the United States and for the Free World in making your recent trip to Berlin, Germany. I honestly think that with the future of the world in the hands of Mr. Kennedy AND yourself that we shall be guided through these trying times without going to war.

Please accept for yourself and for your fine family my warm personal regards for your continued good health with much happiness and many future successes, I hope to remain,

Very truly yours,


Col., Louis L. Schlosser, Jr.,

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September 2, 1961

Dear Mrs. Pandzic:

Letters like yours are the greatest reward any man in public service can receive for his efforts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in writing me as you did.

With a Mother like you, I know that your two small sons will grow up to be citizens of whom we can all be very proud. I am honored that you consider my example worthy of emulation.

My best wishes to you and yours for health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Irene Pandzic
3449 McLaughlin Avenue
Los Angeles 66, California

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3449 McLaughlin Avenue
Los Angeles 66, Calif.
August 28, 1961

Dear Vice President,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your determination to keep West Berlin a free city. I also want to thank you for your visit to Berlin.

I was born in Berlin and raised there. I lived in Berlin all during World War II, and was there when the Russians first took over the city. I came to the United States six years ago, but my mother, father, brother, and most of my relatives are West Berliners and are there today. I receive one or more letters from them every week. The one I received last week says, how much your visit and the re-assurance of the support and determination to save the city has meant to them. They said, it strengthened their morals, and everybody they know felt the same way. My mother and father are old now. My mother said, if the weather would have been better, she too would have come to meet you, Vice President Johnson, this way, my family sat by the radio to listen to your important message.

But I am here now in Los Angeles. I am married and have two little sons, both still under two years of age. They were born here. I shall put forth all my effort - following your example - to raise them to become citizens this country can be proud of. I am confident, that I can achieve this, just as you are confident, that you will keep West Berlin a free city.

In the meantime, I am planning to take my sons to visit West Berlin and their grandparents there. This won't be for a few years yet, but it will be, and it will be in Berlin, for my family, like many others, will always be there, and striving with the United States of America for freedom.

And thank you for saving West Berlin once before.

With kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Irene Pandzic".

Irene Pandzic



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August 29, 1961

Dear Mrs. Kapicka:

Thank you for your letter. Our reception in Berlin was very moving as the people seemed to be very grateful that the United States was interested in their welfare.

I hope that you and all of our other good citizens will join in praying for our country.

All good wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Roy Kapicka

Route 3

Caldwell, Idaho

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Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington D.C.

Dear Vice **president** Johnson,

In concern to your welfare since you'd taken office
I'd written you a **letter**, not having posted it because
the day was Saturday and past mail time. Then Sunday
in the paper was the **picture** of you greeting some
of the **people** in Germany. Surely those people
were glad to see the Americans are trying to help
also read where Dr. Billy Graham asked for
a day of prayer for Berlin, and so hope that
we who live under a **democratic** government will
be willing to help the people in East Germany who
didn't even try and escape because they had
love ones they would not leave behind.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Roy Kapicka



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August 29, 1961

Dear Mr. Keenan:

If my trip to Berlin did as much for the morale of the people of Berlin as your letter did for my morale, I consider the visit a complete success!

Thank you for your letters and for your prayers.

All good wishes to you and Mrs. Keenan.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Bernard D. Keenan
7836 South Green Street
Chicago 20, Illinois

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BERNARD DANIEL KEENAN
7836 SOUTH GREEN STREET
CHICAGO 20, ILLINOIS

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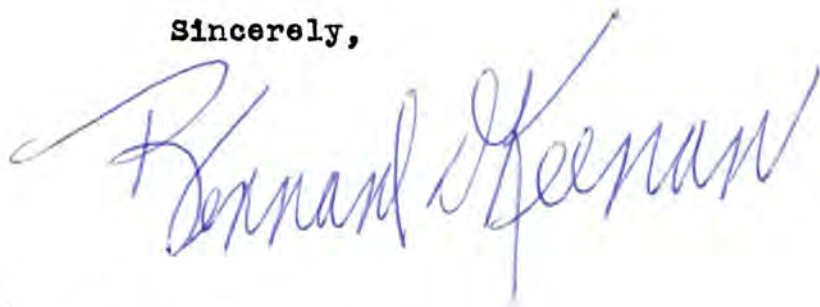
Dear Mr. Johnson:

Welcome Home! Delighted to read in our many Chicago newspapers that the trip was so fruitful and successful. All at our house are confident that your visit to Berlin will do much towards aiding the morale of the people of Berlin.

I want you to know that Mrs. Keenan and myself prayed for you at Church Sunday for a safe and sound trip.

With every good wish!

Sincerely,



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



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August 29, 1961

My dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and I certainly hope I can always conduct myself in such a way as to justify your confidence.

One of the basic propositions of our form of government is that the Federal Government will not interfere with matters that belong entirely to the states -- including enforcement of local laws. Since I am a Federal official, I must adhere to this principle, regardless of how I may feel about the merits of a particular case.

I trust you will understand why I cannot advise you in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Miss Viva O. Sloan
603 Chestnut Street
Berea, Kentucky

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603 Chestnut Street
Berea, Kentucky
August 23, 1961

Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Johnson:

How wonderful your trip to West Burlin and the accomplishments that the world now seems to think you made! Great indeed that America has a man like you, right where you are, in this hour of such need! Few, if any, common American was more glad over your nomination and election than was I. Doubtless you are more than fulfilling our expectations, much as we knew of your ability then.

You are a Southerner with a mind and heart as big as the world . Doubtless you mean to be true to the southern people, but in no local nor personal manner exclusive of the peoples of other places. The eyes of the world are now focused on America and her leadership, and doubtless no one knows this better or is more concerned about it than you are. Race Relations possibly holds second, if not first place, in the interest of nations all over this earth. You are deeply aware of this fact too.

Newspapers say that Preston Cobb, Jr., Negro age 15, shot and killed a white man at Hillsboro, Georgia, during an argument about fishing, "definitely not premeditated", but he is sentenced to die in the electric chair on September 22. Were he here, and white, age 15, he would possibly never have his name mentioned, ^{publicly} once while he served a short time in a Reform School. If he were a white man he might possibly be acquitted. Many people the world over know this, and are looking to our leadership for answers to their pleas for change, their prayers for human rights for all mankind . Our leadership is good, wise, capable, and will respond.

Ministers and others here want us to write Governor Vandiver pleading with him to spare this child's life, not only for himself, but the effects it may have on millions now, and those yet to be born. Will the Governor listen to us unknowns? I believe we should seek the help of Known and influential people, and heads of National and International Church Councils etc. We can find their names and addresses and ask their opinions and advice as I am doing now, though I feel so inadequate and little in the doing. I think we should ask you, Atty. General Kennedy, Ex-President Hoover, Billy Graham and people of influence, whether or not we agree whole heartedly with them in politics and church principles.

Do you agree? Are you willing to give us some support in this case? I mean to ask, Is it in your jurisdiction and for the best interest?

Very truly yours,

Viva O. Sloan
Viva O. Sloan



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1961

Vice-President's Mission

LYNDON JOHNSON makes it certain that the office of vice-president will henceforth be regarded as something far more important than a make-weight to balance off an appeal to the voting populace. The usefulness of the post to supply a deputy to the president was first demonstrated by Richard Nixon, who ably served President Eisenhower, in sickness and in health, literally all over the earth. Under Lyndon Johnson, the office has declined not a whit in prestige and usefulness.



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In Berlin particularly, Johnson has proved the best answer to Nikita Khrushchev that we have had. No more than a mere answer, perhaps, is to be found in the gesture of sending Johnson and 1,500 American troops to Berlin. But what Johnson said and what he did there in the beleaguered city make it more than a token reinforcement of freedom's cause.

In times past The News has been critical of Mr. Johnson. But when any man plays sincerely and manfully the role of Mr. America abroad, all his countrymen should take pride in him. Lyndon Johnson handled himself well in Berlin.

To be sure, handing out gilt-edged passcards entitling the holder to sit in the gallery of the U. S. Senate seems almost funny to many of us. But, in fact, it was evidence of the vice-president's keen understanding of the German common man's profound appreciation of credentials and documents and official recognition.

And, after all, the right to look on while foreign policy for the maintenance of the free world is under open debate somehow visualizes and epitomizes the whole issue between Russian tyranny on the one hand and the worldwide dream of liberty on the other.

The tall man from Texas was Mr. America for a few hours. But, when old age comes upon him, and he sits in the sunset of life, it may be that those hours in Berlin—facing a sea of earnest, anxious faces, bringing earnestness to match their own and hope to give them courage—will seem to him to be the finest in his career.

And if our double-minded diplomats in Washington will now forsake their devious ways and face up to the solemn obligation to make good every promise made in Berlin, Lyndon Johnson will have achieved a victory not merely for himself, but for the whole world. The whole world has paused in hushed silence for a sure word of decision. That word the vice-president bore to Berlin.

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August 28, 1961

Dear Mrs. Baker:

Thanks for your telegram on the mission to Berlin.

A few words like yours always are a source of strength as I face the work ahead.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Margaret Thurman Baker
1110 Davis Building
Dallas, Texas

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August 26, 1961

Dear Mrs. von Gaudecker:

I appreciate and cherish your letter regarding my mission to Berlin. I regret that I did not get to meet you in person and pay my respects to you.

The honor that I was paid by the people of West Berlin will live forever in my memory. I was very happy that President Kennedy selected me to reassure the people of your brave land that the United States stood firm on its promises and will never be other than steadfast.

Thank you for your blessings.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mrs. Rita von Gaudecker
Allmendingen
Bez Ulm Wurtemberg
West German Republic

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To the Vizepresident Lyndon B. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON
WHITE HOUSE

Ab Frau Rita von Gaudecker Allmendingen
Bez Ulm Württemberg

Arthur
Allmendingen 22.8. 61

Dear Vizepresident Johnson

Thousands of german hearts will never never forget, what it meant for us all, ~~that~~ you came in the hour of utter despair bringing greetings from your President Kennedy.

Though ^I only heard your words by Radio I, -who am "Flüchtling" too, -was on the brink of tears -Thankfulness for so true a friendship filled my heart. I fled from Pommerania, living on the border of the Baltic sea in October 45 after 7 terrible months amid the Russians. I know well, what it means to endure the will of Communists, -and to lose one's dear home. Now I am 82, -and try to help in many ways our brothers in slavery,

Surely many letters full of thanks will follow you. God may bless all You have done for us, giving the people in Berlin new trust and hope. Never will be forgotten, what this visit meant for every german heart!

Yours
always

Rita von Gandecker



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August 24, 1961

Dear Jim:

I'll be leaving here within an hour to catch the plane for a weekend in the sunshine and shade along the Pedernales, and your kind letter just makes me want to cut the remaining minutes before the flight even shorter.

Thanks 10,000 times for your thoughtfulness in writing me your opinion of the mission to Berlin. Your appraisal of a job is one that I have always valued.

I hope that things work out so that I can have a minute with you while I'm at the ranch.

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

Hon. Jim Kilday
410 W. 32nd Street
Austin, Texas

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Partner

410 W. 32nd St,
Austin Texas,

August 22, 1961

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

Washington, DC
Dear Mr. Vice President:

All of the old original Johnson
for Congress men (including our
old friend Hick Holcomb) are real
proud of the job you did for the
President in Berlin recently -

I'll have a mass said
for you in some Austin church
real soon -

Respectfully,

Jim Kilgus

* P.S. We sorely hoped that
Hick could see you

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September 1, 1961

Talmadge

Dear Herman,

It was so good of you to insert
the editorials about the Berlin trip
in the Congressional Record.

I treasure my friendship with
you and Betty very much. Drop by
and visit me whenever you can.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable Herman E. Talmadge
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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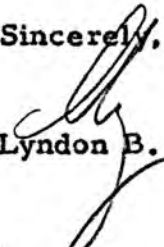
September 1, 1961

Dear Wilton:

The Anderson Independent certainly stands high in my book! Your editorial is one of the nicest written about the trip and I deeply appreciate it.

Thank you for sending it to me. I hope your son got his interview in Mexico. Best wishes to your sweet wife.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Wilton E. Hall
The Anderson Independent
Anderson, South Carolina

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Anderson Independent August 24 1961

Vice-President Johnson Proving Key Envoy In These Tense Days

Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson's breezy, hearty, Texas manner was put to a most difficult test on his mission to Berlin.

Despite the fact that a battle group of 1,500 United States fighting men came at the same time to dramatize Johnson's visit and the determination of this country to keep access open to Berlin, the truth is that Johnson came empty-handed.

His was a fact-finding tour, not the "action, not words" which Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin had demanded.

The mayor is the Socialist candidate for chancellor of West Germany, opposing the veteran incumbent Konrad Adenauer.

There was some disposition at first to write off his protests as designed to inject the Berlin situation into the German elections.

But Brandt and Adenauer have since appeared on the same platform, in a show of national unity.

They are worried over the drop in morale of West Berliners, who see the walls going up across their city, dividing it in half, and no way to stop it.

Working groups of Allied ambassadors meeting in Washington with the State Department and in London with the British Foreign Office have found no formula that would not quickly catapult East and West to the brink of war.

For the time being, at least, the idea of ending all trade with the Soviet bloc has been shelved.

Its effect would have been greatest had it come immediately after the Communist moves.

The new battle group raises the United States garrison in West Berlin to 6,500 men.

Britain is recalling an armored unit from Kuwait to bolster its garrison of 4,000 men.

France is backing up its 3,000-man garrison with two divisions in reserve, recalled from Algeria.

West Berliners, described only a few weeks ago as less fearful of developments than the Allies, have been jolted by the barbed wire and concrete walls thrown up by the Reds.

These barriers are a stark reality.

The new "iron curtain" was a step taken in desperation by the Reds to cut off the flow of harried people seeking escape from Communist slavery in East Berlin.

Vice-President Johnson—on his visit to Anderson during the campaign last fall he made a highly favorable impression upon the tens of thousands who saw and heard him—is proving to be President Kennedy's most trusted "trouble-shooter" in the boiling area of world tensions. How fortunate we are that this great Texas statesman is vice-president of the United States!

Just back from Asia he is credited with not only soothing some ruffled feelings but also bluntly reminding our erstwhile friends of the facts of survival.

The mission to West Berlin also was an urgent and vital task—and Lyndon Johnson again came through with flying colors.

His increasingly important role on the world scene confounds the skeptics who predicted that President Kennedy and Vice-President Johnson soon would find themselves at odds.

Instead, after nearly eight months, he already has been entrusted with more key responsibilities than any vice-president in history. It is known that the Texan's opinion weighs heavily in many crucial decisions at the White House.

Wherever he goes, he's making new friends for the United States.

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August 31, 1961

Dear Dr. Pickhardt:

It was kind of you to take time to write and enclose your impressions and views collected during talks with political and business friends at Bonn and Berlin.

We in the Free World can use all the assistance we can get in our fight against Communist imperialism. I appreciate your interest and what you are doing to support the stand against the Red foes of freedom.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Helmuth Pickhardt
Johanniterstrasse 10
Bonn, Germany

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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BONN, DEN August 22nd 1961
JOHANNITERSTRASSE 10
TELEFON 21103
As from: Berlin-West

Sir Lyndon J o h n s o n
Vice President
UNITED STATES SENATE
Washington 25, D.C. / USA

Dear Sir,

I beg to refer to the kind note You sent to me after you had taken over your high office.

Having had the honour of meeting you on the occasion of a lunch given to me in the WHITE HOUSE in 1959 (Aluminum-Senator Vance Hartke) I should like to send you enclosed some political impressions and views collected during talks with political and business friends in the last 3 weeks at Bonn and Berlin where I am staying for holiday.

In order to maintain the exact meanings I did not venture to give the translation myself, thinking that this might be done more adequately by your translation office.

Perhaps most impressive of all has been the effect of your visit on the feelings of the Berliners. From one day to the other it gave back hope and trust to a town that had been deeply depressed by the frustration of its position.

It was the right visit at the right moment of the right man (!).

It has been an overwhelming experience for me to participate in the enthusiastic welcome offered to you and your troops by the Berlin people.

Owing to your triumphal visit and the words which you found the atmosphere here has changed completely and this seems to me a spectacular battle won for the matter of freedom.

Hoping that my aperçu can be of interest to you

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,



Dr. H. Pickhardt

Gedanken zur politischen Lage

Es besteht allseitige Klarheit darüber, daß Berlin für Chrustschow, anders als für Ulbricht, nicht die lebenswichtige Bedeutung hat, die das Eingehen eines Kriegsrisikos im Atomzeitalter rechtfertigen würde.

Chrustschow scheint angesichts des ungeheuren Weltmachtprestiges, das jetzt in der Berlinfrage aufgestapelt ist, die gesamte atlantische Machtstruktur treffen und erschüttern zu wollen, solange sich die Sowjetunion in der Raketenparität oder sogar in der Überlegenheit der vorübergehenden Raketenlücke befindet.

Chrustschow handelt wahrscheinlich in dem Gefühl, daß die Zeit für eine erfolgreiche Kraftprobe und die Anwendung von erpresserischem Druck allmählich ausläuft. Für diese These sprechen drei Entwicklungen:

- a) Die Revitalisierung Frankreichs (u.a. aufholen auf dem Atomsektor) und die zunehmende Aufrüstung der Bundesrepublik, durch die sich die westliche Front an der Elbe verstärkt, was Chrustschow bisher nicht in Rechnung stellen mußte. Mit der militärischen Einschüchterung Europas wird es daher in absehbarer Zeit ein Ende haben.
Eine weitere gefährliche Entwicklung in den Augen von Chrustschow ist die Umorganisierung der amerikanisch-atlantischen Streitkräfte. Sie werden allmählich, neben der Möglichkeit einer massiven Vergeltung, fähig, in gleicher Münze heimzuzahlen - klein oder groß.
- b) Der militärischen Stärkung West-Europas entspricht eine wirtschaftspolitische Entwicklung, die jetzt schnell sichtbar wird:
Durch den Beitritt von Großbritannien und weiteren Ländern zum Gemeinsamen Markt entsteht eine große Wirtschaftseinheit, die an Menschenkraft Russland ebenbürtig, an Wirtschaftskraft überlegen und von einer zweifellos steigenden Anziehungskraft auf Mittel- und Osteuropa sein dürfte.

- c) Es ist ferner in Rechnung zu stellen, daß der Gemeinsame Markt durch seine Assoziation mit den jungen afrikanischen Nationalstaaten ein neues Ordnungsprinzip in die Auflösung des Kolonialismus bringt und weitere größere Einflußräume zunächst wirtschaftspolitisch gewinnt. Gegenüber dieser sich abzeichnenden raschen Entwicklung und gegenüber dem Magnetismus der sich daraus bildenden großen Wirtschaftspotenz muß Chrustschow das mitteleuropäische Einflußgebiet Russlands versiegeln und immun machen. Das ist schwer denkbar ohne die Konsolidierung der Sowjetzone.

Chrustschow geht es ohne Zweifel zunächst nur darum, den jetzigen Zustand in Europa zu konsolidieren. Erst wenn diese Phase erreicht ist, würde und könnte er dazu übergehen, die Bundesrepublik direkt unter Druck zu setzen. Diesen Plan würden wir erleichtern, wenn wir Berlin als isolierte Frage behandeln wollten. Man wird also davon auszugehen haben, daß in Berlin nicht nur, so wichtig dies auch ist, die Freiheit von Millionen West-Berlinern auf dem Spiele steht, sondern das gesamte Engagement in Europa. Die Stellung der USA in West-Europa würde, wenn Berlin preisgegeben werden müßte, rettungslos kompromittiert. Das politische Gefüge des Kontinents würde den Schock, den der Verlust dieser Position in Berlin darstellt, nicht überdauern. Frankreich würde anschließend sehr schnell unter der Wucht einer neuen kommunistischen Welle, für die in Frankreich alle Voraussetzungen gegeben sind, fallen.

An der Rechtslage wird sich durch den von Chrustschow angebotenen und zweifellos kommenden Separatfrieden mit den Vasallen in Pankow - also durch einen Vertrag, den der Osten gewissermaßen mit sich selbst schließt - nichts ändern. Der Westen sollte aber auch seinerseits jeglichen Schritt vermeiden, der von den Russen als eine Änderung dieser Rechtsgrundlage ausgelegt werden könnte. Dazu würde sicherlich der Vorschlag zu zählen haben, an die Stelle des Viermächte-Status einen Dreimächte-Status zu setzen. Der Westen würde sich durch eine solche Konstruktion selbst gegenüber Russland ausspielen. Es wird weiter von vielen Kreisen in der Bundesrepublik mit recht als äußerst gefährlich betrachtet, die Rechtsbasis der Alliierten in Berlin in der Form zu verändern, daß sich eine

Verschiebung dieser Verantwortlichkeiten und Rechte auf die UNO entwickeln würde. Dies hat andererseits nichts damit zu tun, daß die UNO die einzige Plattform bildet, auf der das Vorgehen der Russen in Deutschland zum Gegenstand einer weltweiten Protest-Aktion gemacht werden sollte. Man hüte sich aber vor der Abgabe der Verantwortlichkeiten an die UNO. Das ist zweierlei und sollte genauestens auseinander gehalten werden.

Man würde sonst im Kreise der Vereinten Nationen weitere Parteigänger der Russen und gleichzeitig das Gewicht der labilen und schwankenden Gruppe der sogenannten Neutralen ins Spiel bringen.

Nach den Erfahrungen, die in Ungarn, der Tschechei und Polen gemacht worden sind würde es einem Selbstmord gleichkommen, sich der Hoffnung hinzugeben, daß neue vertragliche Regelungen, die zweifellos kommen müssen, die Anwesenheit der westlichen Schutz-mächte in Berlin ersetzen könnten. Es sei in dieser Hinsicht nochmals besonders gewarnt und an das russische Sprichwort erinnert: "Wen Du nicht schlagen kannst, den mußt Du küssen, küssen, küssen, bis er sich schlagen läßt." Die Sowjets würden heute oder morgen die vertraglichen Abmachungen, wenn nicht mehr die harte Tatsache der symbolischen Präsenz der USA-Truppen ^{in Berlin} hinter ihnen stünde, ~~die Abmachungen~~ für hinfällig oder verletzt erklären, um eine neue Krise auszulösen und das neue Statut zu ihren Gunsten weiter zu ändern. Wenn der letzte amerikanische Soldat Berlin verläßt, tritt das Schicksal Berlins in seine Endphase und die europäische Entwicklung nimmt den angedeuteten verhängnisvollen Weg.

Ohne die Anwesenheit amerikanischer Truppen in Berlin, d.h. in einer sogenannten internationalisierten Freien Stadt Berlin würde der Russe morgen nach dem Beispiel der Tschechei die Straße und den Mob aufrufen, Berlin würde an einem Nachmittag verloren gehen. Alle Maßnahmen, die dann vom Westen getroffen werden müßten, würden eine Intervention von außen her erfordern, was willkürlich als "Gebietsverletzung" oder "kapitalistische Agression" ausgelegt werden könnte. Die Intervention der UNO wäre wegen des sowjetischen Vetos zur Unwirksamkeit verurteilt.

Wenn die UNO jetzt offiziell angerufen und um eine Entscheidung gebeten würde, entstünde eine undurchsichtige, vielleicht sogar

äußerst gefährliche Situation~~m~~. In der Vollversammlung mit ihren 99 Mitgliedern könnte die Debatte in unzähligen Resolu-
tionen und Vertagungen versacken, während die Russen vollzogene
Tatsachen schaffen.

Die moralisch-politische Niederlage, die Chruschtschow in den Augen weiter Teile der Menschheit jetzt durch seine Gewaltanwendung erlitten hat, ist ein politisches Kapital des Westens, das bei entsprechender propagandistischer Ausnutzung reiche Früchte tragen könnte. Man könnte - mit großen psychologischen Effekt bei den Neutralen und bei den jungen afrikanischen Ländern spektakulär das Selbstbestimmungsrecht auch für Deutschland und darüber hinaus gleichzeitig für Ost-Europa proklamieren. Die Einleitung einer solchen groß angelegten Aktion, in der sich alle westlichen Staaten zusammenfinden müßten, würde die Politik des Westens von ihrer Lethargie und Passivität befreien, sie könnte zugleich einen wichtigen Verhandlungspunkt darstellen, den der Westen entsprechend gegenüber Russland auszuspielen hätte. Es würden sich gleichzeitig Folgerungen für die Internationale Gesamtlage ergeben.

Wenn man nach der Politik fragt, die die Vereinigten Staaten gegenüber Russland à la longue im Hinblick auf die Ostzone und Ost-Berlin konstruktiv verfolgen sollten, so könnte man vielleicht daran denken, auf dem Wege diskreter Verhandlungen den Kreml davon zu überzeugen, daß eine Veränderung des Zonenregimes auch in seinem eigenen wohlverstandenen Interesse liegt.

Wir sollten dabei vielleicht die Forderung nach Freien Wahlen und nach Wiedervereinigung, die heute nicht zu erreichen sind, nicht herausstellen. Vielmehr sollte man vielleicht auf allen nur möglichen Kanälen den Russen immer wieder vorstellen, daß sie die Konsolidierung, die sie für die Zone in ihrem eigenem Interesse anstreben, auf die Dauer nur erreichen können, wenn sie Zustände in der Zone schaffen, unter denen die Menschen nicht mehr täglich zu Tausenden zu entfliehen wünschen. Sie sollten daher eine Regierung schaffen, die nicht mehr tödlich gehaßt, sondern akzeptiert wird, unter der die Menschen also in leidlicher Freiheit und Rechtssicherheit leben können.

Wie Polen, so ist auch Mitteldeutschland der Gefangene Russlands. So wenig wie Polen können wir heute Mitteldeutschland befreien. Wohl aber wäre in Mitteldeutschland eine Regierungsform denkbar, bei der sich die Bevölkerung in das Schicksal der Gefangenschaft - unter erträglichen Bedingungen - fügt, und das Beste daraus zu machen sucht.

Die Massenflucht, die bis zur Grenzsperre dauerte, und die Unterdrückung der Freiheit der Zone sind vor der öffentlichen Meinung der Welt nicht wegzuleugnen. Die Beseitigung dieser Schande wäre nicht gegen das Lebensinteresse des Kremel. Das sollte man den Russen glaubhaft klar machen. Eine Änderung der Verhältnisse in der Zone müßte sich also gegen das vor aller Welt bankrotte Ulbricht-Regime richten, das durch einen "besseren" Sozialismus zu ersetzen wäre.

Also als erstes Nahziel: Verwandlung des Zonen-Regimes, wobei die Wiedervereinigung zunächst nicht zur Diskussion stehen könnte, und schrittweise Einrichtung eines Regimes, das von der Mehrzahl der Menschen in der Zone angenommen wird.

Damit also Sicherung der Grundrechte und eine weitest möglich rechtsstaatliche Regierungsform.

Wieweit ein solcher veränderter deutscher Oststaat durch die Westmächte und die Bundesrepublik anerkannt werden sollte und könnte, müßte zunächst offen bleiben. Vielleicht wäre gleichzeitig auch an einen allmählichen Abbau dessen, ^{zu denken} was Kennedy die "Irritants" in West-Berlin genannt hat.

Vorstehende Gedanken scheinen mir am ehesten im Rahmen der Politik des Erreichbaren zu liegen. Es wird schwerlich im Augenblick bessere Lösungen geben, die realisierbar sind.

Es ist selbstverständlich, daß die Verfolgung des vorstehenden Gedankens nur in aller-diskretesten Kontakten mit den Russen möglich sein würde, seine öffentliche Diskutierung würde sich naturgemäß völlig ausschließen.

Der vorstehende Vorschlag, der naturgemäß einer sehr subtilen Abstimmung mit der Politik der Bundesregierung bedürfen würde, erscheint zugegebenermaßen nur tragbar, wenn man davon ausgeht, daß

- a) ein Zusammenschluß der Zone mit der Bundesrepublik als einem schwerbewaffneten Mitglied des Atlantik-Paktes für Moskau in der Form, wie sie für den Westen akzeptabel wäre, undiskutierbar ist. Die Entwicklung der letzten 12 Jahre kann nicht zurückgedreht werden.
- b) wenn man weiter davon ausgeht, daß nichts auf der Welt endgültig ist.

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Dear Abbott:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and learn of your work with industrial clients operating overseas plants. What you are doing I know will be of great assistance in improving the all-important contacts we have with our allies.

I appreciate your comments on my Berlin trip, and your interest in writing about and assisting our national foreign policy.

With every good wish for success in your new endeavors, and kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Abbott Washburn
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August 21, 1961

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

Dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you for your kind letter, just before I left the Government, on the educational development paper Wally Nielsen and I worked up. It is tremendously gratifying to see how vigorously the new Administration is pursuing this opportunity.

For your information, as Vice President for International Operations, I am now working with Carl Byoir & Associates' various U.S. industrial clients who operate plants and maintain personnel overseas. My main office is here in the National Press Building, with another desk at the Agency's headquarters on 42nd and 2nd Avenue in NYC. We have branch offices in London and Frankfurt, and I expect to get something going shortly in Mexico City.

Am also wearing another hat as secretary to the policy board of the Business Council for International Understanding, resulting from a prior commitment to devote one-half of my time to BCIU for the coming twelve months.

BCIU was started in 1958 at a White House meeting, and is composed of the senior executives of some thirty leading U.S. corporations that operate abroad. They meet every three months with top officials of the State Department and USIA. They run an "overseasmanship" school at American University for international business executives (and their wives) who are scheduled to serve abroad. They are carrying on various efforts to counter the spread of Castro-Communism in Latin America, and making efforts to conduct their operations in plant communities abroad so as to present a favorable image of U.S. business.

I am also doing some work for Ted Repplier and the Advertising Council in connection with a special project in Latin America.

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Ed Murrow has been kind enough to encourage me along this line. There is, of course, a good deal of relevance between this private sector effort and what USIA, State, and ICA are doing.

Please let me know if ever I can be help to you anywhere along the line.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,



Abbott Washburn
Vice President,
International Operations

P.S.
*Congratulations on
your superb job
in Berlin!*

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August 31, 1961

Dear Norman:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me, and for your kind comments and the interesting newspaper clippings.

In our governmental programs we can use all the assistance we can get, both at home and abroad, to help us in the fight against our ever-present Communist enemy.

I am grateful for your strong support, and appreciate your taking time to write and enclose the clippings.

With every good wish and warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Norman K. Winston
9 Av. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Paris 8e, France

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NORMAN K. WINSTON
9, AV. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PARIS 8°

21st August 1961.

My dear Lyndon :

Every person with whom I have spoken here and in Southern France is full of admiration for you and the magnificent manner in which you rallied the people of Berlin and supported their morale.

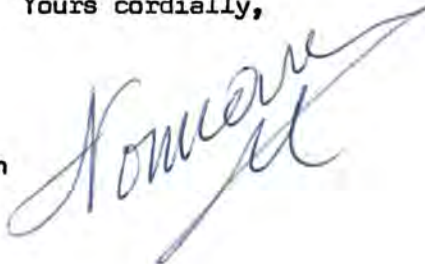
America is fortunate to have a man like you who can successfully discharge such sensitive missions in these perilous, uncertain times.

Enclosed are some newspapers cuttings which may interest you.

All best wishes and I look forward to seeing you the next time I am in Washington.

Yours cordially,

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The Vice President
WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Norman K. Winston', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.



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August 31, 1961

Dear Lindley:

Thanks for sending me the clipping of the Dallas News editorial on the mission to Berlin. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and that of Dr. Cecil Long in getting it to me.

Thanks, too, for the personal words.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely

Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable
Lindley Beckworth
Member of Congress
Washington, D. C.

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August 31, 1961

Dear Dr. Long:

I deeply appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending the clipping of the Dallas News editorial on the mission to Berlin to our mutual friend, Lindley Beckworth. The Congressman passed it on to me with your complimentary remarks, which I value highly.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Dr. Cecil Long
First Presbyterian Church
230 W. Rusk at College
Tyler, Texas

LEJ:CE:mjdr

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Charlie:

Just so we don't all go off in different directions,
I'm sending you this to handle.

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a great peace
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The Dallas Morning News

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August 25, 1961

Dear Ewing:

You and Abbie must be having a wonderful time, remembering thirty four delightful years, laughing over those first misunderstandings and recalling the exquisitely poignant memories known only to the two of you.

I especially like your thoughtfulness in sending out "gifts" on your anniversary. It is nothing new in the courteous manners of the Thomasons, but it was so kind of you to take the time to clip out that editorial from the San Francisco paper and mail to me. I appreciated reading it.

Bird and I wish you many more wonderful years.

Cordially,



Lyndon B. Johnson

The Honorable R. E. Thomason
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
El Paso, Texas

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DAN E. LONDON, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Dear Lyndon:- Congratulations. You did a wonderful job in Berlin. Abbie and I, and your countless friends in Texas and over the Nation are very proud of you.

I have had faith in you ever since I first met you when you were a young boy at your Dad's desk in the Texas Legislature. That faith was confirmed during our intimate association in the Congress - and still more since then.

Abbie and I are here celebrating our wedding anniversary. We were here at this hotel 34 years ago on our honeymoon.

Do not answer this note - you are too busy with important matters. Our friendship long since passed the experimental stage. Just call us when we can be of service.

Abbie joins me in affection and best wishes to you and your lovely lady Bird. Your friend, Edwin Thomas



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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

Remember Throttlebottom?

A vice president can be only as useful as the President will permit him to be, and only as effective as his own talents, experience and judgment guide his actions.

Lyndon Johnson's mission to Berlin, within the limits of what it was expected to accomplish, was an unqualified success. Mr. Johnson did the right things, uttered the right words, conveyed to the German people the firm determination of the United States to stand with them in their crisis, lifted their morale and their confidence. He did it without involving either himself or our country in the spirited election contest between his two hosts, Chancellor Adenauer and Berlin's Mayor Brandt.

IT WAS BETTER than if the President himself had undertaken the mission. It accomplished the same purpose, because the Germans and the world knew Mr. Johnson carried Mr. Kennedy's credentials to speak and act. Meanwhile, Mr. Kennedy could stay at the White House in charge of our whole government.

The problems of divided Berlin remain the same—the concrete and barbed wire barricades still sunder the city—but the resolute posture of the free world in the face of this outrage has been dramatized for all to see.

Mr. Johnson's performance, under Mr. Kennedy's direction and delegation, points up what has happened to the role of the vice presidency since George S. Kaufman's play, "Of Thee I Sing," in which the vice president, a Mr. Throttlebottom, out of frustration and loneliness and with nothing else to do, wandered around Washington's parks trying to strike up a conversation with the pigeons.

THE VICE PRESIDENCY has become important only in recent memory.

Mr. Coolidge's Vice President

Dawes is remembered primarily as the man who didn't wake up from a nap in time to break the tie in an important Senate roll call.

Mr. Hoover's Vice President Curtis is remembered only because his hostess sister, Dolly Gann, quarreled with Speaker Longworth's wife over who sat higher at the table above the salt.

Mr. Roosevelt called on Vice President Garner to help only when he wanted to get a controversial measure through Congress, and sometimes Cactus Jack didn't help. Mr. Roosevelt gave Vice President Wallace a chore or two to do in the executive department, but often wished he hadn't. Mr. Roosevelt didn't even brief Vice President Truman on the conduct of the war, which was a terrible mistake because Mr. Truman had to take over and finish it.

MR. TRUMAN WAS very considerate in taking his old pal, Vice President Barkley, into high state councils, but never gave him steady work.

Mr. Eisenhower was the first President who really made his vice president, Mr. Nixon, a functioning member of the high command, giving him the experience and training to take over in an emergency. But even there the relationship was not close, and, perhaps because of the towering Eisenhower personality, Mr. Nixon did not always seem to carry the Eisenhower credentials.

The Kennedy-Johnson relationship appears more sympatico, with the President elevating the vice president to the actual role of second in command. Perhaps that has been made possible by their years together in the Senate when Mr. Johnson was Mr. Kennedy's leader, and because they understand each other and know how to work as one. Anyhow, it seems a healthy relationship, and good for the conduct of our government.

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