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where the Senator refers to a
visit in his office, with Chancellor
Adenauer of Western Germany
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Memo -
B. Gibbons to the
United States Senate

March 17, 1960

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Senator:

Adenauer is addressed as:

Dr. Adenauer

or

Mr. Chancellor

If you have the chance, you might
comment about his amazing health and
vitality. It's hard to believe he is
84. What's the secret?

Bill
Bill Gibbons

Adenauer
1960

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 1960
TO: Senator Johnson
FROM: Bill Gibbons
RE: Meeting with Adenauer

Reason for Adenauer Visit to the U.S.

Adenauer came to the United States to make sure that the U. S. takes a firm position on Berlin and East Germany at the approaching Summit Conference. The attached Alsop column explains the situation which prompted the visit. Alsop's interpretation is correct, according to Carl Marcy.

Adenauer Speech at the Press Club Yesterday

Yesterday Adenauer, after a visit with the President, spoke at the National Press Club. His speech was described as very strong. Today's Washington Post (see attached editorial) criticized it for taking too strong a position on the Berlin situation. Adenauer said we must not give an inch in Berlin. He recommended a plebiscite in West Berlin before the conference to demonstrate the feelings of West Berliners. This would have the effect of strengthening the hand of the allies at the Summit Conference.

Fulbright and Adenauer Talked Privately Last Night

Last night Senator Fulbright and Adenauer talked privately. Not much was said about the Berlin situation or East Germany, or even about the Summit Conference. Apparently Adenauer felt he had covered the subject sufficiently at the Press Club and in talks with the Administration. There was some discussion of the importance of De Gaulle, and the attitude of the British toward the Germans, but Fulbright reported that Adenauer seemed most interested in Fulbright's estimates of the outcome of the presidential election.

Points Adenauer May Raise with You

Adenauer is likely to want to find out from you, if somewhat indirectly, what will happen in the election. He may also raise the Berlin and East German question,

as related to the U.S. taking a strong stand at the Summit Conference. As with Fulbright, he may also want to talk about De Gaulle and the British.

Points You Might Want to Raise with Adenauer

If desirable, you might want to ask Adenauer three questions:

- (1) Does he think NATO is strong enough? If not, what should be done to strengthen it.
- (2) What are his views about turning the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC) into the Organization for Atlantic Economic Cooperation (OAEC), and thereby bringing the U.S. and Canada into a closer economic partnership with Europe? (This has been proposed as a way of embracing the two newly-formed economic blocs in West Europe--the inner six and outer seven--into a larger framework in which the U.S. and Canada are participants.)
- (3) How does he feel about a new program of foreign aid through a pooling of U.S. and European funds? (The new International Development Association is one step in this direction. But it will make only loans. What about the same kind of European-American cooperation on capital grants? A British-German-American team is now investigating the needs of India during its next five-year development program. This may eventuate in European-American cooperation to supply the money needed by India. It might be helpful, through your question, for you to indicate your interest in such a partnership program between Germany and the United States.)