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MEMORANDUM FOR BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: CONDOLEEZZA RICE *CR*
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with GDR Foreign Minister Meckel
July 13, 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

You will meet with GDR Foreign Minister Meckel tomorrow. To say that Meckel has been a problem for Bonn and for the West is to understate the case considerably. Meckel's views are also at odds with those of GDR Prime Minister DeMaiziere. Meckel comes out of the Lutheran church's pacifist tradition and is suspicious of all military forces and Alliances -- including those of the West. He has authored proposals for the Two Plus Four that run counter to U.S. interests. He claims -- as do other members of the GDR Foreign Ministry -- that this is a tactical ploy to keep the Soviets from feeling isolated within the Two Plus Four. It has had the effect, however, of giving voice to a number of Soviet hobby horses -- demilitarization of the territory of the GDR; limits on the armed forces of the Bundeswehr prior to follow-on CFE negotiations; and the replacement of the two European Alliances by an all-European security framework.

Most recently, Meckel -- in contradiction to Shevardnadze and Gorbachev -- has been critical of the NATO Summit declaration. The East-SPD favors denuclearization of Europe and the eventual withdrawal of "all foreign forces," including those of the United States. The East German Ministry of Foreign Affairs has made clear that the NATO declaration did not go far enough from its point of view.

You should not expect to make much headway with Meckel, though it is his tendency to be agreeable publicly while privately pushing the GDR toward anti-Western positions. This meeting does give you an opportunity to press our approach to the Two Plus Four. You may want to stress:

- That the United States is prepared, along with its Allies, to take legitimate Soviet security interests into account.
- That the West has gone to great lengths to give assurances to the Soviet Union -- most recently through drafting a very forthcoming NATO declaration.

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- That the goal of a united, sovereign and unencumbered Germany is badly served by a Two Plus Four process that tries to take account of too many security issues in the Final Settlement.
- That we believe Four Power rights should end at the time of German unification.
- That it is time for the Soviet Union to show flexibility and be more accommodating on moving the Two Plus Four toward conclusion.

There is one more issue that you may want to raise with Meckel. The FRG has solid evidence that Libya supported the terrorist bombing of the LaBelle discotheque in Berlin in which American servicemen were killed. The GDR is believed to have files that identify the terrorists but the Interior Ministry has so far refused to give the FRG access to those files. We do not wish to get caught in a FRG-GDR cross-ruff. Nonetheless, it would be appropriate to mention to Meckel that the United States is interested in seeing the perpetrators brought to justice.

Philip Zelikow will sit in as notetaker in your meeting.

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21 July 90
1115 EDT

General Scowcroft/Mr. Gates,

Mr. Hans-Henning Horstmann, spokesman for the West German Embassy, called the Situation Room at 1110 EDT with a message for Mr. Gates. He passed that the letter from Chancellor Kohl to President Bush has been released by the Embassy to New York Times, Washington Post and AP.

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The Federal Republic of Germany
The Federal Chancellor

Bonn, 19 July 1990

Dear George,

The summit meeting of NATO Heads of State and Government in London, the results of my recent visit to the Soviet Union, which I informed you about on the telephone, and the latest round of two-plus-four talks at Foreign Minister level, have formed the external framework for the completion of German unification before the end of this year.

At this crucial stage in the history not only of the German people but of Europe as a whole I wish to convey to you once again my warmest thanks for the tremendous support which you and the American people have given us Germans from the very moment we embarked on the path to unity.

I recall with particular gratitude our telephone conversation after the opening of the Berlin wall last November, and also your letter of February 9, which can already be regarded as a document of historical significance in the development of German-American friendship and partnership. I would also make special mention of our good fireside talks at Camp David and of the continuous close coordination of views between ourselves and our staff in the weeks since.

His Excellency
Mr George Bush,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

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This cooperation proved particularly valuable in the run-up to the London NATO summit and the drafting of the London declaration. Through your personal initiative in bringing it about you have rendered a historic service to the Alliance, for with that declaration we have thrown open the door to unified Germany's incorporation in a changing NATO, to the further consolidation of transatlantic partnership, to a new relationship of friendship and cooperation with the Warsaw Pact countries, and not least to the strengthening of the Alliance itself as an organization embracing the free democracies of Western Europe and North America which is committed to common values and policies based on mutual solidarity.

I would be most grateful, George, if you would also convey my thanks to your staff, and especially to Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Advisor General Brent Scowcroft.

Hannelore joins me in extending warm greetings to you and Barbara.

Sincerely,

(sgd) Helmut Kohl

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1990

Dear Manfred

This is just a brief note to express to you my personal gratitude and admiration for the indispensable role you played in the recent historic events culminating in Gorbachev's agreement to a united Germany in NATO. In my judgment the key to this outcome was the London NATO Summit and its towering achievements. You were not simply important to that result — it just would not have happened without your wisdom, management and diplomacy.

You followed that remarkable achievement with an outstanding performance in Moscow which paved the way for the dramatic

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WASHINGTON

announcement during the visit
of Chancellor Kohl. The free
world is greatly in your debt,
and I am immensely proud to
be associated with you.

With warm regards,
Brent

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Honorable
Dr. Manfred Woerner
Secretary General of the
North Atlantic Treaty Organization
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