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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1989

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARK DAVIS *MD*  
THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON *cw*  
SUBJECT: Bonn Arrival statement

Attached is your arrival statement at Bonn/Koln Airport on May 30. The segment of this short speech in brackets can be altered on the plane depending on the tone and outcome of the NATO meeting.

Davis  
May 24, 1989  
11:00 a.m.  
Draft: Two  
Title: Bonn

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: BONN-KOLN AIRPORT  
MAY 30, 1989/4:15 p.m.

Thank you for that welcome. I am delighted to be back in the Federal Republic of Germany, among so many long-time friends.

As you know, I have just arrived from Brussels where I spent the last two days with Chancellor Kohl and the other Atlantic Alliance leaders.

It was a productive meeting. ((Because we are sixteen sovereign democracies, different points of view were honestly presented. And honest discussion yielded a strong affirmation of principles on which we all agree.))

The success of our meeting underscored a fundamental fact -- the conditions that have allowed the flourishing of Western democracy rest on the firm foundation of the Alliance. The Alliance constitutes a mature partnership; one by which we will meet the challenges of the future, while keeping the West free and all of Europe prosperous and at peace.

As you know, this year we celebrate the founding of the Federal Republic. Let me suggest that there is cause for a

double celebration with the fortieth anniversary of NATO. Two generations is not a long time when compared to Bonn's two millennia. But make no mistake. These two generations have known the longest period of peace in German -- and European -- modern history.

What will the next forty years bring? We look forward to a growing dialogue between East and West. We will work vigorously to end the enforced divisions and cold-war confrontations we have known. It is my hope -- and our common prayer -- that the time will come when all the peoples of East and Central Europe will know what it means to be free. But let us remember that this opportunity is before us only because of the vitality, strength and unity of the West. Let us remember that our core strength is the Alliance.

I am looking forward to once again meeting the people of West Germany. We already share a bond of culture, commerce and friendship. Let it be a friendship that grows ever deeper. Let us work together, as allies and as partners for peace and prosperity.

Thank you.

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**AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE JUST ARRIVED FROM BRUSSELS  
WHERE I SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL  
AND THE OTHER ATLANTIC ALLIANCE LEADERS.**

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**IT WAS A PRODUCTIVE MEETING. ((BECAUSE WE ARE  
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**THE SUCCESS OF OUR MEETING UNDERScoreD A  
FUNDAMENTAL FACT --THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE ALLOWED THE  
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FOUNDATION OF THE ALLIANCE.**

**THE ALLIANCE CONSTITUTES A MATURE PARTNERSHIP; ONE BY WHICH WE WILL MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE, WHILE KEEPING THE WEST FREE AND ALL OF EUROPE PROSPEROUS AND AT PEACE.**

**AS YOU KNOW, THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. LET ME SUGGEST THAT THERE IS CAUSE FOR A DOUBLE CELEBRATION WITH THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF NATO. TWO GENERATIONS IS NOT A LONG TIME WHEN COMPARED TO BONN'S TWO MILLENNIA.**

**BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE. THESE TWO GENERATIONS HAVE KNOWN THE LONGEST PERIOD OF PEACE IN GERMAN -- AND EUROPEAN -- MODERN HISTORY. AND THIS PEACE HAS PERMITTED A FLOURISHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND UNPARALLELED PROSPERITY.**

**WHAT WILL THE NEXT FORTY YEARS BRING? WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GROWING DIALOGUE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. WE WILL WORK VIGOROUSLY TO END THE ENFORCED DIVISIONS AND COLD-WAR CONFRONTATIONS WE HAVE KNOWN.**

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IT IS MY HOPE -- AND OUR COMMON PRAYER -- THAT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN ALL THE PEOPLES OF EAST AND CENTRAL EUROPE WILL KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE FREE. BUT LET US REMEMBER THAT THIS OPPORTUNITY IS BEFORE US ONLY BECAUSE OF THE VITALITY, STRENGTH AND UNITY OF THE WEST, AND OF THE ALLIANCE THAT HAS BEEN AT THE CORE OF THIS STRENGTH.

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I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ONCE AGAIN MEETING THE PEOPLE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. WE ALREADY SHARE STRONG BONDS OF CULTURE, COMMERCE AND FRIENDSHIP. I PREDICT THAT IN THE YEARS TO COME THIS FRIENDSHIP AND THESE BONDS WILL GROW EVEN DEEPER. THANK YOU.

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