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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 09/22/90 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ----

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIDEO MESSAGE ON GERMAN UNIFICATION
(09/21 6:00 p.m. draft)

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REMARKS:

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1990 90 SEP 21 PM 6:28

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: CHRISS WINSTON
FROM: DAN MCGROARTY
SUBJECT: VIDEO MESSAGE ON GERMAN UNIFICATION

I. SUMMARY

A video message from you to the German people -- celebrating the unification of their nation -- will be broadcast on German television on either October 2 or 3. A taping session is tentatively scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Monday, September 24.

II. DISCUSSION

The remarks (5 minutes) emphasize what a joyful occasion this is for the German people, and for the new world that German unification symbolizes.

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McGroarty/Dooley
September 21, 1990
6:00 pm
[GERMANY]

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIDEO REMARKS ON GERMAN UNIFICATION
THE WHITE HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 24, 1990
2:30 PM

It is with great pleasure that I address at this historic moment // the people of a united Germany. //

In Berlin and Bonn -- from Leipzig in the east to the western towns along the Rhine -- people are celebrating the day that **all of Germany** has been waiting for -- for 45 long years.

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For the world, those 45 years were a time of tension and turmoil. For your nation, fate was particularly cruel. For 45 years, at the heart of a divided continent stood a divided Germany. On the fault line of the East-West conflict -- one people split between two worlds.

No more. / Today begins a new chapter in the history of your nation. 45 years of conflict and confrontation between East and West are now behind us. //

At long last, the day has come: Germany is united, ///
Germany is fully free. //

The United States is proud to have built with you the foundations of freedom -- proud to have been a steady partner in the quest for one Germany, whole and free. // America is proud to count itself among the friends and allies of free Germany -- now, and in the future. //

Our peoples are united by the common bonds of culture -- by a shared heritage and history. Never before have these common bonds been more evident than in this past year, as we worked in common cause toward the goal of German unity. Today, together, we share the fruits of our friendship. //

In this past year, we've witnessed a world of change: for the United States, // for the united Germany -- for the Atlantic alliance of which we are a part. Even as Germany celebrates this new beginning, there is no doubt that the future holds new challenges -- new responsibilities. I am certain that our two nations will meet these challenges as we have in the past -- united by a common love of freedom. Together, building on the values we share, we will be partners in leadership. ///

This day, so full of meaning for Germany -- is full of meaning for the world. // Meters away from the walls of the Reichstag -- scene of the first session of the newly-united German parliament -- stood the Berlin Wall: the stark and searing symbol of conflict and Cold War. // For years free men and women everywhere dreamed of the day the Berlin Wall would cease to exist -- when a world without the Wall would mean a Germany made whole once more. When Germany, united and sovereign, would contribute in full measure as a force for peace and stability in world affairs. /

Today, the Wall lies in ruins -- and our eyes open on a new world of hope. //

Now Germany is once more united -- now the Wall no longer divides a nation and a world in two. //

The last remnants of the Wall remain -- there at the heart of a free Berlin. A ragged monument in brick and barbed wire: Proof that no Wall is ever strong enough to strangle the human spirit -- that no Wall can ever crush a nation's soul. ///

Today, the German nation enters a new era -- an era, in the words of your national anthem, of "unity and justice and freedom." //

At this moment of celebration -- as we look forward with you to a future of hope and promise -- let me say, on behalf of all Americans: may God bless the people of Germany.

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