

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1983

Dear Christopher:

Many thanks for your note. I was just in London and had a wonderful lunch with Sir Philip and Robert Fellows. We were busy from first landing to coming home, and I'm sorry I missed saying hello.

We're still remembering the wonderful visit of The Queen. Also remember, if you want to visit - I'd like to be of help.

Keep me posted.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Christopher G. Ely
Footmans Room
Buckingham Palace
London SW1 NAA
England

Note

Buckingham Palace
Wednesday 19th October.

Dear Mr Deaver,

I hope you are well.
I am fine apart from being very tired
after returning this morning from
Balmoral Castle (Aberdeenshire Scot-
land) after five weeks work.

I have enclosed two photographs
for you that were taken by Snaps,
the Royal Yacht's photographer.

I was very surprised to see your
photograph in 'Esquire' magazine.
A friend of mine who was at an
American College in London had
brought the magazine and was
amused to learn that I had
helped to look after you on the tour.

Anyway take care and My
regards to Mrs Deaver.

Yours faithfully

Christopher

From Christopher G. Elly.

Bohman's Room

Buckingham Palace

London SW1 WAA.

England.



MICHAEL K. DEAVER

Dear Jim

In case you missed this
article in The New York Times
enjoy!

Mike

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The Honorable James W. Symington
3019 44th Street, N.W.
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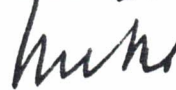
Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your kind letter of October 18 and your attached resume. I've taken the liberty of sending your correspondence on to Ed Rollins at the Republican National Committee. I am sure you will be hearing from him shortly.

Thank you again for your letter and your enthusiastic offer to become more involved in the Republican Party.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
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October 18, 1983

Mr. Michael Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver,

With both my parents, Dan and Shirley Allison, both being Republican Eagles, I had the fortunate opportunity to attend all of the Eagle events in Washington, D.C. last September. Being a political science major at Vassar College, I found the opportunity to meet and talk with President and Mrs. Reagan and many members of the Cabinet the highlight of my life. When I attended the dinner at the Corcoran Gallery with my parents, I was fortunate to be seated next to Mr. Michael Kelly of Kelco Industries. Mr. Kelly and I talked extensively about my involvement in Republican politics at Vassar College. Towards the end of the dinner Mr. Kelly insisted that I meet you and was gracious enough to introduce me to you.

As a firm believer in President Reagan and Republican philosophy, I would consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the Republican Party in any capacity. Being a junior at Vassar College, I would be available this coming summer to assist you in any way possible. Enclosed is my resume that you requested that evening.

It was an honor to meet you, and I look forward to seeing you in Washington.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Allison
President, Vassar Republicans

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cc Michael J. Kelly, Chairman of the Board, Kelco Industries

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1983

Dear Ms. Chumachenko:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, regarding the position of Secretary for Trade Administration at the United States Department of Commerce. I've taken the liberty of sending your recommendation to John Herrington, Director of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured that every consideration will be given to your candidate.

Thank you again for taking your time to apprise me of your feelings.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Katherine C. Chumachenko
Acting Chairman
National Captive Nations Committee, Inc.
Post Office Box 1171
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*Bill
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reply*

October 31, 1983

Honorable Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

On behalf of the National Captive Nations Committee (NCNC), I wish to express our concern over the upcoming appointment of a new Assistant Secretary for Trade Administration at the US Department of Commerce to succeed Larry Brady.

The NCNC is an organization which represents Americans who oppose communist expansionism. We strongly believe that the USSR utilizes economic warfare as one of the chief methods to extend its domination. Therefore, we consider it essential that the person chosen to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Trade Administration is able to carefully balance commercial interests with national security.

To our great dismay, we have been told that a leading candidate for the position not only has worked for companies which promote trade with the Soviet Union and loans to communist bloc countries, but also that he considers himself a libertarian. It is our opinion that Mr. Wendell Gunn should not be appointed to the position in question.

The NCNC would prefer to see Mr. George Nesterchuk, an astro-physicist currently serving as an Associate Director at the Office of Personnel Management, in the position. In addition to technical, corporate and managerial experience and an extensive knowledge of international affairs, he helped to prepare a report for the Commerce Department which is considered the seminal study on export controls. He would be the ideal person to administer a complicated, controversial yet essential office.

We appreciate your taking our opinion into consideration. Please inform us of the outcome of the selection process.

Sincerely,
Katherine C. Chumachenko
Katherine C. Chumachenko
Acting Chairman

(Established in accordance with Joint Congressional Resolution and Presidential Proclamation—Public Law 86-90)

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Merry Christmas from

Mike Deane

Mrs. Charles Swan Weber
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Cherry Chase, Maryland 20815



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My dear Mr. Deaver

Under the Honorary Chairmanship of Mrs. George Bush, a long time member of the board, The Washington Home is going to hold, for the second year, an exciting new fund raising event "ENTERTAINING PEOPLE" at the Watergate Hotel from November 17 through November 21, 1983. "ENTERTAINING PEOPLE" will be an exhibit with a Christmas theme of table settings, room designs and Christmas trees decorated by leading figures in Washington's government, diplomatic and social world including: The Ambassador of Great Britain and Lady Wright, The Ambassador of Sweden and Countess Wachtmeister, Mrs. Caspar W. Weinberger, The Secretary of Transportation and Senator Dole, The Honorable and Mrs. David Stockman, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Scott.

We very much hope you will participate in this worthy benefit. Proceeds of this event will go to The Washington Home, a non-profit nursing home of 178 beds which, as a community conscious organization for more than 90 years, gives long-term care and a home to those afflicted with incurable physical disability or disease. The Home established the first in-patient hospice in the Washington metropolitan area five years ago.

The "Celebrity Tree", which was so popular last year, will be featured again this year. The tree will be decorated with white birds carrying cards saying "Merry Christmas" from (your signature). We hope you will honor us by signing the enclosed card and returning it before November 11 in the envelope provided.

We can assure that the fine patient care being given at The Home is worthy of your valuable support.

Very truly yours,

Richard M. Weber

Mrs. Charles Swan Weber
Chairman, Celebrity Tree

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Mrs. William S. Mailliard
Chairman, Advisory Committee

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Dear Mr. Duke:

Thank you so much for the marvelous box of assorted cheeses, meats, nuts and candy. What a wonderful surprise its arrival was yesterday.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for thinking of me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Dear Bill:

I have received your letter of October 24 requesting the President's participation in the 50th Anniversary at the Export-Import Bank on February 2, 1984. We will bring your request up at our next long-range scheduling meeting. Fred Ryan, Director of Presidential Scheduling will be contacting you after that meeting.

Thank you for taking your time to bring this request to my attention and for wanting to have the President attend your 50th Anniversary.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable William H. Draper III
President and Chairman
Export-Import Bank of the United States
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October 24, 1983

The Honorable
Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mike:

We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary here at the Export-Import Bank on February 2, 1984. We would like to have President Reagan speak to the staff and certain selected guests. The importance of trade in today's world economy and the growing importance of the Export-Import Bank to the United States and its economy should make it a significant and newsworthy event for the President. His appearance will be a major boost to the Bank. It is still well remembered that President Eisenhower came across LaFayette Park to visit the Bank at the time of its 25th Anniversary.

I hope you call me soon with the good news that the President will honor us with a visit.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Bill", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

William H. Draper III

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Dear Colin:

Thank you so very much for your nice note and the lovely Australian drink coasters from the Young family to all of us. We will think of you when we use them.

I am sorry I was unable to meet with you while you were in Washington. I am sure you can understand - it was quite a week.

Thank you again for your kind words and thoughtful gift.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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Dear Mr. Deaver,

This note is firstly to say "Hello",
and secondly to thank you very much for
organizing tomorrow's White House tour and the
special set of cufflinks.

With all the excitement of the past week,
I can quite understand why you are so
busy.

I personally think that President Reagan
and the White House team have done a fantastic
job, and are not receiving their due credit
from the media. From an outsiders point
of view, it appears to me that:

- a. excessive newscoverage in hostile areas can
cause loss of life of soldiers and media,
- b. the media appear unable to pool
information,
- c. the media appear to be more interested in
themselves than the Nation, and may become
less believable due to their unreasonableness
and constant criticism.

Please pass on to the President my
father's most sincere wishes. We all hope
that he stands for a second term, because

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we believe that he "will walk it in."

Please find attached a set of Australian
drink coasters for the Deaver family from
the Young family, and please pass on
our best wishes to Carolyn, Amanda and
Blair.

Perhaps things will be a little quieter
for you on my next visit to the
United States.

Thank you again for your
assistance,

Best Wishes

Ken Young

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT MCFARLANE
FROM: MIKE DEEVER *MD*

This memo is just to confirm the discussion we had this afternoon regarding the President's trip to the Far East:

1. Deputy Secretary McNamar will be on the trip and Under Secretary Wallis will not.
2. I have attached the list of the Official Party which has now been agreed upon.
3. In the first meeting with Prime Minister Nakasone the participants will be: the President, Secretary Shultz, Robert McFarlane and Ambassador Mansfield.
4. The President and Mrs. Reagan will be the only participants in the private luncheon with Nakasone at his country retreat but we will have a State Department interpreter available to provide interpretation and act as notetaker.
5. In the luncheon with President and Mrs. Chun we will have our own State Department interpreter.
6. At Camp Collier you will be the senior staff representative with the President.
7. We are working on arrangements for bringing the American Chamber's businessmen to the Ambassador's residence in Seoul for a 15-20 minute coffee reception prior to our return to the States.

UNITED STATES OFFICIAL PARTY

JAPAN

- (1-2) The President of the United States and Mrs. Reagan
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Pacific Affairs
- (12) Gaston Sigur
Special Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for taking your time to send me a copy of your briefing book prepared by the Asian Studies Center of the Heritage Foundation. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Please keep in touch.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
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Dr. Edwin J. Feulner, Jr.
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Asian Studies Center

October 31, 1983

Dear Mike,

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International Affairs

Attached is the "briefing book" prepared by the Asian Studies Center of The Heritage Foundation in anticipation of the President's trip to Asia.

We released it to the news media this morning and I wanted to make sure that you had a copy for your personal use.

As always, we stand ready to be helpful in every way possible.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Wally:

Thank you for your most recent letter regarding the installation of the Topping Chair at the University.

We do understand what an important event this will be for U.S.C. I appreciate all the time and effort you have given in extending this opportunity to the President.

We are now in a better position to project the President's schedule for March and April of next year, and I regret that it finally appears we will not be able to include this event on his calendar. With the announcement that he will visit China in April, the President's schedule has become more restricted for the spring of next year. Unfortunately, it has been necessary to cut back on his commitments for that time period -- many of which we would ordinarily have liked to do.

Although a personal appearance will not be possible, we would like to send a videotaped message from the President for the installation ceremony. When you have set the actual date for the ceremony, please let us know, and we will work out the details for a taping session.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness of the President, and your patience on this one.

With warm best regards,

Sincerely,



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October 17, 1983

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for me -
these people
are old friends
of mine at FR

Mike Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

In keeping you posted about the progress of the Topping Chair, I enclose a copy of a letter from the Associate Dean indicating in essence that a nationwide search is under way to select a professor to fill this distinguished position. The Dean expects the appointment to be made in early 1984 and an installation ceremony of dramatic proportion to take place at the University in March or April, 1984.

I am informing you of this because I received a cursory letter from someone named Frederick Ryan, Jr. I have attached the letter. Somehow, Ryan completely missed the point that the scheduling of the event could be done in coordination with your office. He is the fourth person from the White House to contact with me about this event.

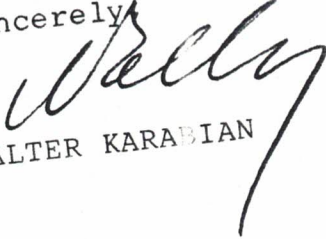
You could do me a favor by having your associates understand that this installation ceremony for the Topping Chair is going to be a big event and it will take place with or without the President of the United States. It is the largest Chair in the history of the University and is the first in the nation to combine law, medicine and public policy.

Mike, I am bringing this to your attention in case there is mutual benefit to the President and the University to coordinate when this event will take place. Otherwise,

Mike Deaver
October 17, 1983
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please do not feel any obligation as you and I, as old pros
in the business of politics, understand the difficulties of
scheduling.

Sincerely,


WALTER KARABIAN

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Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Missy:

Many thanks for the Reagan-Bush
"TPR" T-shirts. Your business ven-
ture sounds like a winner. I wish
you nothing but good luck in your
endeavor.

I, too, enjoyed seeing you at Joe's.
Again, thanks for the T-shirts and
your words and deeds in support of
the President.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Nancy A. Hodapp
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Box 510-A
Hume, Virginia 22639

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November 1, 1983

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
West Wing -- First Floor
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Please accept as my gift the enclosed Reagan-Bush team "TPR's" for you and Mrs. Deaver. Enjoy!...and I know we will wear them and win!

"TPR" is the acronym and product trade-name of T-Shirts for Public Responsibility, Inc., a little business venture I conceived to try my entrepreneurial hand*...and to give those of us who are part of the team another spirited way to advertise our support.

And what is happening is that voters all over the country are beginning to advertise their early support for Reagan-Bush in '84 by wearing these Reagan-Bush team "TPR's". I custom-designed this "TPR" for all of us...and as part of the WEAR IT AND WIN! campaign, a national marketing effort to encourage voters to wear the team "TPR" of their candidate, party or special interest group...and dress up their vote!

Last week was, I know, a tumultuous and unrelenting one. My thoughts, and those of many others, were with all of you; and I take great pride in the intent and effects of the President's leadership.

Warm regards,

Nancy
Nancy A. Hodapp
Executive Vice President

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you at Cancer
School. I think
you are a
very kind
woman.
I see a
new
me!*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Ms. Stein:

I have your nice letter of October 21 and am so interested to know that we are perhaps cousins.

It would be fun to meet and discuss these connections, and I hope that sometime in the future it will be possible. However, at present, I have no plans to be in Dallas - but, should the occasion arise, I will be in touch again.

Thank you for taking the time to write and for letting me know of our relationship.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Sandra Lee Stein
Post Office Box 2
Addison, Texas 75001

Sandra Lee Stein

October 21, 1983

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lets do a letter to my new " guy"

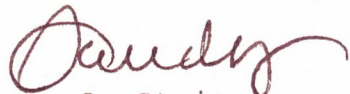
Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
Washington, D.C.

Dear Michael:

I reside in Dallas and have recently seen your name in the newspapers. I guess "our roots" are close as my great-grandmother was Texas Clementine Deaver, wife Joseph Jasper Deaver. My grandmother's maiden name was Deaver, also. I understand that we are cousins because of that, and sometime in the future I would really like to get to meet you. I am sure that you will be coming to Dallas in the near future because of the convention. Please give me a call at my residence 214/242-4089 or place of business 214/243-0632 ext. 210. Let's get together for dinner at that time.

Looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,


Sandy Stein

P. O. Box 20
Addison, Texas 75001

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Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
Washington, D.C.

White House



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Royce:

It was wonderful hearing from you in your letter of October 26th. I was glad to hear of the new developments in your lives and happy to hear everything was going so well for you.

Your invitation to get together over the holiday season sounds good. I'll let you know as we get closer to the date.

Good to hear from you,

Warm regards,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Royce Conner
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO:

FROM:

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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TO:

MICHAEL K. DEAVEY
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM:

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Conner

Palm Springs Investments

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October 26, 1983

Mr. Mike Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mike:

Hope this finds you and your family in good health and spirits. I see by the news that you are very busy with all the world problems.

I finally made the move to the desert, and have started a real estate/development company with Finis. He's still in business in Scotts Valley, but is building a home in the Vintage so he'll be spending more time here.

Ann and Scottie have moved to San Diego. I'll be able to spend more time with Scottie. Ann sends her best to you and Caroline and the kids.

If you get to California this holiday season please let me know and we can get together. We can go for a San Diego Bay cruise on the Nordic Sea - we just acquired from Craig Courtemanche (he said his brother worked for you) small world, isn't it?

Hope to see you soon.

Warmest personal regards,

Royce

P.S. Please say hello to Shirley and Pat.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Responsible Defense Department and U.S. Army officials and I have reviewed your letter of September 28, concerning LIFE magazine's interest in publishing a picture story on the U.S. Military Liaison Mission at Potsdam, Germany.

As you know, the U.S. mission in Potsdam is the liaison for the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Europe, to the Commander-in-Chief, Soviet Group of Forces in Germany. As a relic of the postwar occupation of Germany by the World War II allies, the liaison missions have no direct relationship with German authorities in either the Federal Republic or the German Democratic Republic. The U.S. mission is not a "bellwether of Soviet-American relations, instantly detecting any change in diplomatic climate." On the contrary, one of its principal features is that it is relatively insulated from such fluctuations. Our personnel in Potsdam deal only with Soviet forces in East Germany and have no contact with GDR military or civilian officials. As you mentioned, the assignment provides valuable experience and further training for Russian language and area specialists in the U.S. armed forces.

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Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Steve Robinson
Associate Editor
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Rockefeller Center
New York, New York 10020

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Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO:

Dave Gergen

FROM:

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

☐ Information

☒ Action

*Do you concur
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Yes _____ No _____*

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Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

For the past several weeks LIFE has sought to obtain permission from the Army and the Department of Defense to undertake a picture story on the Military Liaison Mission in Potsdam. Unfortunately, the various public relations officers with whom we have discussed the story have been unable to process our request either because of jurisdictional problems or because higher ranking officers have shied away from press attention to this crucial military installation. Moreover, a number of Public Affairs Officers have suggested to us that permission for this project can only come from the White House.

We feel that the Military Liaison Mission is a significant story that will assume even greater importance in the coming months, and we are hoping that you will lend your support to a LIFE essay on this unusual military outpost.

The mission was established in 1947 by agreement between Generals Hubner and Melinin as a liaison between the occupation armies in Germany. It has been, and continues to be one of the U.S.'s main links not only with the Red Army but with the German Democratic Republic, as well. Throughout the turbulent history of the area the mission has played a key role in maintaining peaceful relations between the powers. It was crucial in preventing hostilities during the Berlin Wall crisis, for instance, and has been a bellwether of Soviet-American relations, instantly detecting any change in the diplomatic climate. The mission has been credited with maintaining the relative harmony that has existed along the German border where two opposing armies have stood counterpoised without a serious shooting incident for over three decades.

The mission is hardly secret; both the British and the Soviets operate similar installations. The existence and function of these missions are provided for by agreement among the powers. For military officers the U.S. mission is an important posting for career advancement; but, more significantly, it has received publicity in the past when relations between the U.S. and the Soviets have become strained.

Our aim is to send a reporter and photographer to the mission coincidental with the expected deployment of the Pershing II missiles in Europe. We believe this will give LIFE and the American people the opportunity to observe the important and difficult task that the mission performs. It will also provide an important glimpse of the Soviet reaction to the deployment.

While the mission is not secret we recognize that its operations are highly sensitive. In addition we are aware that the safety of its officers is the most important consideration. We are willing to discuss any provisions that would maintain the security of the mission and the safety of its staff while still allowing us the flexibility to prepare a picture essay on its activities. We are confident that we can agree on guidelines that will protect the mission yet still afford the American people a glimpse into an important area of American foreign policy.

We hope you will support our efforts to cover this story, and look forward to hearing your suggestions as to how best to proceed from here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Robinson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Steve Robinson
Associate Editor

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

October 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*

SUBJECT: LIFE Request for Permission to Undertake Picture
Story at Potsdam Military Liaison Mission

The Department of Defense, in consultation with Army intelligence and legal officials, feels that such publicity would be undesirable and could endanger the effective operation of the mission. Attached at Tab A, for your signature, is a proposed reply to that effect.

Attachments

TAB A Proposed reply to LIFE
TAB B Incoming letter from LIFE