

MEMORANDUM

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

PARTICIPANTS: THE PRESIDENT  
Lt. General Brent Scowcroft, Assistant  
to the President for National Security  
Affairs  
Klaus Schuetz, Governing Mayor of  
Berlin,  
Ambassador Berndt von Staden, FRG  
Ambassador to the United States

DATE AND TIME: Friday, November 21, 1975  
10:10 - 10:20 a.m.

PLACE: The Oval Office



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Schuetz: One of the nice things is to be able to come here without problems to discuss. We have economic problems, but they are the problems of the Federal Republic not Berlin. We have a more balanced economy in Berlin than the Federal Republic as a whole.

For our security we know we can count on the big Three and especially the United States. Detente is in part positive for us and in part negative, but it does tend to make life somewhat easier for us.

Have you ever been to Berlin, Mr. President?

The President: I was just thinking how many times. The first time was in '57 or '58. I went there with General Westmoreland on a European trip. General \_\_\_\_\_ was the Commandant. I knew him well from his being the Army Budget Director.

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[He described the other part of his trip.]

Schuetz: You know the American President is always welcome in Berlin.

The President: I hope to make it sometime. I think it would have meaning.

Schuetz: It would have meaning. We are the only area in the world that is pleased to be occupied. We have an especially close feeling with American forces and the United States of America.

I was pleased that we could have the [Berlin Opera Company] symphony here for the Bicentennial as a gesture of this closeness between us.

The President: The symphony is a big success.

Schuetz: Los Angeles is our sister city and I went there. Mayor Bradley and I don't travel like Mayor Yorty did, but we have a good relationship.

The President: I am glad New York is not your sister city!

Schuetz: We get 50% of our budget from the federal budget.

The President: New York gets 25% but you don't hear about it. Their problem is mis-management.



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② Scowcroft file

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Prussia

Discussion of Bonhoeffer, party, crew, etc.

Prussia

P We feel very strongly about things of Berlin. We  
will try to every contact & work  
contacts to give you support, your being here  
is an indication of that support.

S One of our main things is to be able to come here  
w/o pass. We have been jobs but they are  
of FRO, not Berlin. We have more balanced  
econ than FRG as whole. One reason we  
have is we can count on 3 + log. OS.  
Distrust is in part further for us + part  
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somewhat easier pass.

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was in 57 or 58. I went there w/ West-  
moreland on a E.M. trip. Gen Hornum was  
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his being Army budget dir.  
(Describes other part of trip.)

S You know OS Pass is always welcome  
in Berlin.

P I hope to make it sometime. I think it  
would have meaning.

S It would have meaning. We are a city  
and place to be occupied. We have  
an eye like feeling w/ US Pass + OS Pass.

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as a gesture of this closeness.

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S L.A. is an sister city & I went there. #2 & 2  
and travel like Yah did but we have a  
good relationship.

P I'd like NY not your sister city.

S We get 50% of our budget from federal  
budget.

P NY get 25% but you don't hear about it.  
Traffic prob is mis-report

