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SUBJECT: The President's Meeting with Klaus Schuetz, Governing Mayor Berlin

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 17, 1974, 12:15 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS: The President *Nixon*  
 Klaus Schuetz, Governing Mayor of Berlin  
 Berndt Von Staden, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany  
 Guenther Struve, Personal Assistant to Mayor Schuetz  
 Major General Brent Scowcroft, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Following opening amenities, there was a brief, light discussion of gasoline conservation and the effect of driving speeds on consumption. The Mayor then thanked the President for U.S. support for Berlin and stated that relations with the US/Berlin Commandant and the three western powers were going well. The President reiterated U.S. support for Berlin.

The Mayor then asked the President whether dealing with the Soviet Union was becoming easier or more difficult. The President responded that there will be economic and other agreements finalized at the summit meeting and it was not accurate to say that

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the upcoming summit would not achieve anything. The situation with regard to SALT was of a much more difficult nature because it dealt with the basic national security of each side and the issues were of great complexity. The President felt, however, that here, too, some progress would be made.

On CSCE, the President noted that the Soviet Union wanted the final phase at the summit level, but that the U.S. position was that the level should depend on the substantive results. The Mayor agreed and emphasized the importance of the clauses dealing with the freer flow of people and ideas.

Regarding US/Soviet relations in general, the President pointed out that peace was something which constantly required efforts and that the problems between the U.S. and the Soviet Union could not be solved instantly by a summit meeting. We have substantial differences with the Soviet Union, but in a hard-headed and pragmatic way we are pursuing detente and working for peace.

The meeting closed with additional amenities about the Mayor's political position, the upcoming anniversary of the Berlin blockade, and the President's hope once again to visit Berlin.

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S Thank you for saying me

P I remember when I was in <sup>Berlin</sup> ~~Berlin~~

It was amazing.

How are things in Berlin

S We are pretty well off. People are happy

P Are they happy

S Yes. But they worry about what US, USSR do

P What is price of gas

S about 1.30

US P ~~gas~~ Distances aren't so great & cars smaller

P But you drive faster

S What your speed

P 50-55. Drive 60-80 when no cars.

You will be under pressure. We must maintain a flow of goods & people and that there should be traffic bet E & W ~~to~~ because E & W are common.

S We have travel but they have double entry & entry tax

But ~~not~~ I don't have to complain but

✓ Thank you for support - Berlin Commercial & 3 parties - ~~it~~ there are differences, but it working well.

P. You know we will stand up for you w/c

S ~~It~~ it getting easier or harder w/c S.U

✓ When it comes to S.A.T it gets tough, because club w/ basic until security. We'll make some progress with M & can & other agreements.

On C.S.E, S.U wants entry at summit. We say it should depend on what <sup>results</sup> ~~we~~ have to see. What you think

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S I agree. There must be more free flow of people & ideas.

P If free movement of people & goods can come out of it it will be good - That is over time. What conf can contribute is not clear - a conf can be seized, but it is worth carrying it out which is important.

But we are cooperating to get conference moving, but holding off on level of attendance. Unless something comes from conf which people can see, there is no chance for summit.

I hope to get back to Berlin in next 2 1/2 years. I was first there in 47 - ~~discovered~~ kept in 63 & stirred things up. Then in 69. Free Berlin is symbol for whole world. We have suffered & taken risks for it as you

S In May we have 25 ann. of Blanken.

P Gen Clay

S He will be there

P Where you in high school

S Older than that. We looking forward to greeting you in Berlin. You especially because of special sig. of agreement. Just saw Ken Rusk who was so good on details in agreement.

P Regarding Sov-UC relations - too early to say what achieve anything. It will. Maybe not so much as Summit I & II. The problems but as won't be solved instantaneously by a meeting. Peace is something which has to be consistently worked on.

We both can destroy each other. That bad, but  
worse we can't push each other around.

We have our differences, but in hard-headed  
pragmatic way we are working for peace.

Some of our Congress will say cut off relations  
because of Jewish envy, built missiles,  
etc. But Jewish envy went from hundreds  
to \$5,000.

Denish you a best.

S We have electric coming up

P you many

S Of course

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