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June 2, 1993

His Excellency  
Dr. Rudolf Scharping  
Minister-President  
Rheinland-Pfalz  
Mainz, Germany

Your Excellency:

The Atlantic Council welcomes the readiness expressed in your March 19 letter to undertake with us the planning and organization of a series of conferences or workshops to bring together German and American leaders to exchange views on specific problems. We accept with pleasure your invitation to hold the first conference in *Rheinland-Pfalz* by the end of this year. As we develop this program and plan the first conference, I thought it would be useful to outline our understanding of the program and the nature of our cooperation with *Rheinland-Pfalz* and your sister *Land of Thuringen*.

As you know, the Council has several objectives in developing this program. First, we aim to bring together American and German leaders in the rising generations to help ensure continuation of the kind of close and mutually beneficial cooperation that has characterized German-American relations in the latter half of this century. We also wish to further American participation in the process of building a united Germany and hope thereby to help Americans and the new citizens of the *Bundesrepublik* to get to know each other. Finally, we believe that participants in the Dialogue will develop useful ideas for addressing some common problems.

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We see the Dialogue as an equal partnership between Americans and Germans. We regard it as important to include eastern Germans on an equal basis in this partnership and look to you to help ensure that. We would appreciate your undertaking at an early date to invite your compatriots in *Thuringen* to join us both in this program and in planning and organizing the first conference.

We want to focus on specific political, social and economic challenges through people who are actively working on them in each country, to include the hierarchy of executive, legislative and nongovernmental leaders responsible for a given issue at local, state and federal levels. We foresee a series of conferences, including workshops and symposia, as appropriate, two per year--one in each country--for a two-year experimental period. During the course of the second year, we believe we should evaluate the results to date and decide together whether to continue the program in the ensuing years.

Topics addressed would be chosen by agreement among the three participants--*Rheinland-Pfalz*, *Thuringen* and the Atlantic Council. They should be chosen from among problems or questions important to all participants and should have some international aspect. Indeed, where possible and appropriate, and after we have proven we can succeed in this Dialogue, we may consider inviting participation from neighboring countries.

Costs will be shared equally and fairly. A simple formula would be for Americans to pay travel, food and lodging costs of American participants, while Germans do the same for their participants. The conference host would pay all conference costs, e.g. site rental, interpretation, meals on location. If publications result, each side would pay costs of distributing or disseminating information from the conference in its own country. Anticipating that at least one preparatory meeting would be necessary before each conference, we suggest that the venue for that meeting be in the country not hosting the conference itself. Participation in that organizational meeting would be limited, but such an arrangement would help spread the burden of travel costs in each year.

For its part, the Atlantic Council will seek funding from the Ford Foundation and similar institutions, as well as from such organizations as the German Marshall Fund, and, for specific elements of conferences or workshops held in the United States, from the Washington offices of the German political foundations like the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Konrad

Dr. Rudolf Scharping

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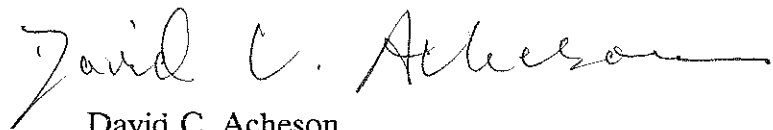
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Adenauer Stiftung. For your information, it is our understanding that the headquarters of those foundations in Germany may be interested in funding portions of the conferences held in Germany. A number of other institutions may be interested in supporting the program, and it is our wish to cooperate with you so that our common efforts to secure funding are mutually supportive. We are assuming that each of us would also seek corporate funds in our own country.

Convinced of the value of the joint enterprise we are about to undertake with you, we are determined to make it succeed. Nevertheless, in entering into such an undertaking, it well to consider the nature of the commitment. We propose that it be agreed that if any partner should wish to suspend or terminate its participation, that partner be allowed to do so upon written notice but only after the completion of a one-year cycle, that is, after conclusion of the return conference, so that the overall costs will have been shared in accordance with our agreement on costs.

All of us here at the Atlantic Council are excited about cooperating with you in this virtually unique endeavor. We believe it will serve to educate our peoples and to bring them together in a meaningful way, giving them a sound appreciation of the importance of international cooperation on the many challenges we face in common as a new century dawns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Acheson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David C. Acheson