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MEMORANDUM

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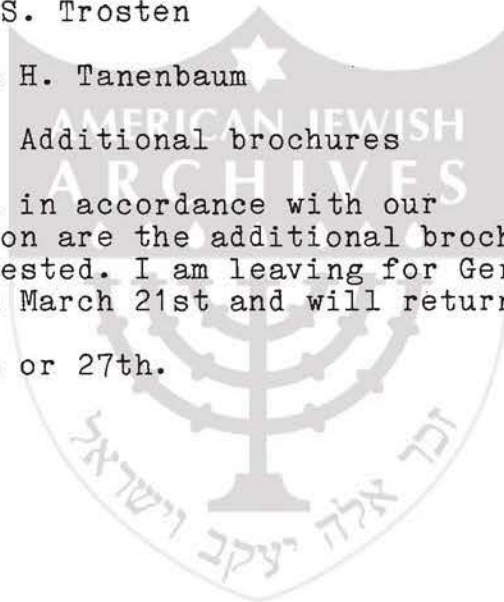
FROM: W.S. Trosten

To: Marc H. Tanenbaum

Subject: Additional brochures

Attached in accordance with our discussion are the additional brochures you requested. I am leaving for Germany again on March 21st and will return around the 26th or 27th.

Regards



About The Armonk Institute...

The Armonk Institute is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 and incorporated in the State of Delaware. The need for such an organization in the view of its founders, who are leaders in both the American and the Jewish communities, rests on the following assumptions:

▶ Recent political developments in both Eastern and Western Europe provide major challenges and opportunities for the furtherance of human rights and the promotion of Jewish security in that part of the world.

▶ An area calling for particular attention at this time has to do with relations between the Federal Republic of Germany and American Jewry, as Germany becomes ever more influential economically and politically on the world scene.

▶ The Jewish community, understandably, has a deep concern about this development given Germany's history and the untold suffering and devastation inflicted upon millions of Jews and others during the Nazi period.

▶ It is a fact that in the 40 years since W.W. II, the leaders and citizens of the Federal Republic of Germany have assumed both moral and financial responsibility for their country's past. At the same time, they have nurtured a vigorous and viable democracy pledged to the protection of human dignity and human rights.

▶ The Federal Republic of Germany has also been a major supporter of Israel economically and a steadfast ally politically. In light of current and anticipated developments in the European community and the Middle East, it is important to Israel for that relationship to be maintained and even enhanced.

▶ Within the Federal Republic of Germany considerable attention is paid to Holocaust commemorations and the activities of some Jewish organizations in the United States; but there is little or no knowledge about American Jews and American Jewish life. At the same time many American

Jews appear to know little about positive developments in Germany since 1945. The resultant skewed mutual perceptions inevitably exacerbate tensions inherent in German-Jewish relations.

In light of the above, the Institute seeks to safeguard the integrity of German-Jewish relations which have been vulnerable to exploitation by private persons and agencies on both sides. Its leadership is convinced that the continued growth of democratic institutions and a strong commitment to human rights in a unified German republic will best serve the interests of American Jewry and the German people.

Toward that end the Armonk Institute will undertake diverse activities both in the United States and in Germany including:

▶ Periodic consultations between Germans and American Jews representing the interests and concerns of the religious, academic, business, civic and cultural communities.

▶ Seminars for American educators, particularly those in Holocaust education, focusing on positive developments within the Federal Republic of Germany since W.W. II.

▶ Development of teaching materials dealing with various aspects of American Jewish life for inclusion in German secondary school and university curricula.

▶ Seminars in conjunction with American Studies Departments in German universities and with German departments of American universities on particular problems and issues inherent in German-American Jewish relations.

As other opportunities develop in Eastern and Western Europe the Armonk Institute will seek to expand its activities in those areas.

The Armonk Institute is funded by private contributions which are tax deductible. Theodore Ellenoff, New York attorney and immediate past president of The American Jewish Committee, serves as Chairman of the Board. William S. Trosten, formerly Associate Director of The American Jewish Committee, serves as President of the Institute. Members of its governing board include leaders of major Jewish communities throughout the country.

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MESSAGE AREA

Dear Bill,

I had two good conversations with her Crystal.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to him. As soon as

I hear from him, I'll let you know. He wants to think
through an approach. Best Holiday wishes to you and Eugene!

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OF THIS FAX. *There*

RESPONSE AREA

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Marc H. Tanenbaum

April 14, 1992

Mr. Lester Crystal
Executive Producer
McNeil-Lehrer News Hour
WNET - Channel 13
356 West 58 Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Les,

What a pleasure being with you and Toby, and twice in a week.

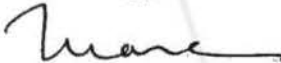
Genevieve and I enjoyed very much our conversations with you, and hope we can continue with them very soon.

In light of our talk about possible programming on German-Israeli and German-American Jewish relations, I am enclosing several pamphlets and articles.

When you are ready to discuss this further, I will be glad to put you in touch with several experts in the field.

Our warmest best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling Passover!

Cordially,



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February 14, 1992

Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum
45 East 89th Street
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Dear Marc,

As you know, the Armonk Institute was founded a little over two years ago to deal with the important but often misunderstood issue of German-American/Jewish relations.

Our work is often complicated by the fact that although it is generally recognized that a unified Germany will play an increasingly important role on the world scene, there has very little substantive discussion in the media about such issues as:

- 1.) German-Israeli relations
- 2.) German foreign policy
- 3.) Immigration and Extremism in Germany
- 4.) The future of German-American relations

In view of your excellent media contacts do you think it might be possible to interest some of your friends in one of these or some other German related subject? The Armonk Institute would be pleased to work with you in this regard.

No subject is off limits and be assured that the German participants - either from the U.S. or Germany - will be highly qualified diplomats, politicians and businessmen.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kindest personal regards

Cordially


William S. Trosten, President

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Jan. 29, 1991

Enclosed for your information is the agenda for our conference with the Atlantik-Bruecke as well as a copy of AB's "Appeal for Solidarity" which I believe will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,


Theodore Ellenoff

AGENDA: AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES
ARMONK INSTITUTE / ATLANTIK-BRUECKE CONFERENCE
February 10-12, 1991

1. General Information:

- A. German participants will stay in the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street, New York, telephone 212-986-0300, FAX 212-986-9385
- B. The opening dinner will take place on Sunday February 10th - 7:00 PM in the Hotel Algonquin, 59 West 44th Street, New York, telephone 212-840-6800, FAX 212-944-1419
- C. On Monday February 11th - 5:00 PM, Lois and Theodore Ellenoff will host a reception for all conference participants in their Manhattan apartment, 1136 Fifth Avenue (95th Street and Fifth Avenue) telephone 212-722-3296
- D. With the exception of the two events listed above, all sessions will take place in the Harvard Club, 27 West 44th Street New York, telephone 212-840-6600
- E. Breakfast will be served in the Harvard Club at 8:00 AM on Monday, February 11th and Tuesday, February 12th. The morning conference sessions on both days will begin at 9:00 AM
- G. Conference Title: "A unified Germany: its future role and responsibilities in the international order; consequences for German-Jewish relations"

2. Sunday, February 10, 1991

7:00 PM Cocktails

8:00 PM welcoming remarks by Theodore Ellenoff and

Walther Leisler Kiep followed by dinner.
9:00 PM Opening remarks by Theodore Ellenoff Chairman,
Armonk Institute
9:30 PM Opening remarks by Walther Leisler Kiep Chairman,
Atlantik-Bruecke e.V.
10:00 PM Discussion
10:45 PM Adjournment

3. Monday, February 11, 1991

8:00 AM Breakfast in Harvard Club
9:00 AM First Session (Harvard Club)

"Issues of concern to American Jews in the aftermath of German Unification"

Co-Chairmen: Walther Leisler Kiep
Theodore Ellenoff
Presentation: Henry Siegman Executive Vice President,
American Jewish Congress
Response: Dietrich Stobbe, former Lord Mayor of Berlin
11:00 AM Coffee Break
11:20 AM Continuation of first session
1:00 PM Lunch (Harvard Club)
2:30 PM Second Session (Harvard Club)

"Looking to the Future: German-Israeli Relations --
German-American/Jewish Relations"

Co-Chairmen: Leo Nevas, Pres. International League for
Human Rights
Dr. Hans-Joachim Queisser, Director
Max-Planck Institute for solid-state physics
Presentation: Stephan Sattler, Executive Editor PAN
Magazin, Burda Verlag
Response: David Sacks, Pres. UJA-Federation of New York
4:00 PM Adjournment
5:00 PM Reception hosted by Lois and Theodore Ellenoff
1136 Fifth Avenue (95th Street and Fifth Avenue) telephone
212-722-3296
7:00 PM Dinner (Harvard Club)
Co-Chairmen: Bernard S. Wallerstein, member of the
American Jewish Committee's Board of Governors
German Participant
8:00 PM "Guest Speaker Norman Podhoretz Editor,
COMMENTARY Magazine"
8:45 PM Discussion
10:00 PM Adjournment

4. Tuesday, February 12, 1991

8:00 AM Breakfast (Harvard Club)
9:00 AM Third Session (Harvard Club)

"Education in the former GDR: from Subject to Citizen"

Co-Chairmen: Miles Jaffe, Detroit Mich. member of
Armonk-Institute

Dr. Karl Kaiser, Director of Research
Institute of the German Council on Foreign Relations
Presentation: Dr. Hanna-Renate Laurien, President of the
Parliament of Berlin
Response: Prof. Henry L. Feingold, Professor of
History CUNY
11:00 AM Coffee Break
11.20 AM Discussion
12:30 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Concluding remarks by Theodore Ellenoff and
Walther Leisler Kiep



List of German participants:

Armonk-Institute/Atlantik-Bruecke Conference Feb. 10-12 1991

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Mr. Thomas Kielinger
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Dr. Joerg von Uthmann
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PRESS RELEASE
January 22, 1991

APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY

Within the framework of the sanctions decided upon by the United Nations, soldiers from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Canada are risking their lives in the Gulf to help restore international law after an act of aggression. Germany would not have been able to maintain its freedom nor regain its unity if these democracies, tied to us in links of friendship, had not given their full support to us Germans.

We appeal to all our fellow citizens to express their solidarity with these soldiers and their families who are now opposing the violation of rules governing civilized relationships between States. Hopes for a more peaceful world that were awakened after the end of the Cold War and the unification of Germany will come true only when the principles of international law, rather than the greed for power of dictators, govern international behaviour.

We therefore wish to show our solidarity with the families who live in Germany of the soldiers fighting in the Gulf. We should do so during the course of the military conflict, but also and especially, after the conflict has been resolved.

All citizens can express their solidarity by offering the families of soldiers stationed in the Gulf their assistance and their advice. The Atlantik-Brücke, 0228/221932, is available for suggestion.

If you want to support our activities for the families and in particular for the children of the soldiers in the Gulf you can transfer a contribution to

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Account number 100 200
at the Deutsche Bank Bonn, banking code 380 700 59.

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Wednesday January 30, 1991 "DIE WELT"

Letter from Dr. Rolf Friedemann Pauls (retired ambassador) *

* Dr. Pauls was the first representative of the Federal Republic of Germany in Israel after the establishment of diplomatic relations.

~~"No blood for oil". A little reflection, a little practical knowledge, is all that is required to convince one that from the very beginning oil was not the issue. Since August 2, 1990, since Saddam's murderous attack upon Kuwait, the issue has been the existence of Saudi Arabia, the Arab Emirates and above all, since that day, the survival or destruction of Israel.~~

Without the far-sighted and courageous decision of George Bush and the Americans, the battle for Israel would be raging since August. That is what this was all about then and that is what it is all about now.

Forty years of foreign policy for a respectable Germany. And then the danger to Israel of an Iraqi poison gas attack - with the help of Germans. Soviet short range rockets, modified by Germans into longer range projectiles are striking Israel. Hitler's curse pursues us. What use is to say: "other countries also delivered planes and helicopters, built this and that, it was 1985 and Saddam was fighting Iran...."?

They are different. They are not emerging from Hitler's curse. We however, bear a special historical responsibility toward Israel which we cannot escape. But in the battle for Kuwait the others are fighting against the new evil. The German allies are standing on the side lines, so far out on the side lines that one has difficulty in recognizing them as allies. Despite the menacing peril of the past weeks, it has not occurred to anyone that they might help the mortally threatened Israelis with their own - German - patriot missiles. Not the government, not the opposition, not the peace movement, which is demonstrating less for peace and more against the Americans. Not even from those who couldn't disarm the "Bundeswehr" fast enough. No one from the peace movement is demonstrating for Israel's security despite the fact that Israel is not taking part in the war and is under attack from Saddam. Other Germans and Jews in Germany pray for Israel. Does anyone still remember the huge demonstrations for Israel before and during the Six Day War?

At the demonstration in Bonn Bishop Forck said: "It is not America that is our adversary but rather the recklessness of American policy and its influence upon the UN which has responded to one injustice with an even greater injustice".

The majority of Americans elected the President and Congress who sustain this policy. Eighty (80) percent of the Americans support this policy, seventy (70) percent of the Germans.

What is the meaning then of the arrogant distinction between America and American policy relative to the UN? An even greater injustice? Doesn't Bishop Forck comprehend that the Americans alone are protecting Israel from Saddam's rockets? He is speaking more than recklessly. Or is it a bit of hypocrisy from a political daydreamer? In any event it is an irresponsible tirade against the Americans and to the detriment of the Israelis.

German delegations are traveling to Israel taking with them that which we always take along when we don't know what else to do - money. The Israelis ask them for "patriots". It will be looked in to. Have we still not understood that in this current situation a fast yes is the only acceptable answer? But they also need effective anti-aircraft systems. Look in to - macabre, painful. When it comes to our own affairs we're not so difficult. Moreover these patronizing commendations - the Israelis have comported themselves with conspicuous restraint.

In a few weeks the credibility of a respectable Germany built up over a period of forty years will be destroyed by those inaccessible peace demonstrators who, drunk with their own lachrymose arguments, fail to recognize that their pacifism serves only those men of violence like Saddam who ruthlessly abuse power. These people who are not even able to prevent gangsters and thieves from ruining their demonstrations.

By the politicians who week after week concerned only with coalition disputes or opposition requirements, lose themselves in their own importance. Unable to recognize the critical necessities of our times, they tack aimlessly back and forth. State politicians who misuse the schools in order to send children to anti-american demonstrations, thereby losing a multitude of young people who are prepared to demonstrate for peace but not against America. Thus the happenings in Bonn.

We are making ourselves into strangers within our own alliance and we will weep and wail and blame others if we no longer find an appreciation of our own security needs. The Americans and our other allies will not forget that during their battle for the survival of Kuwait and Israel we offered nothing but money and aphorisms. The Jews will despise us the way did fortyfive (45)

02/04/1991 09:15

FROM Trosten

TO M. Tanenbaum

P.04/04

years ago and throughout the world we will carry this burden.
Were all of the efforts over the past years in vain?

With our lack of sensibility for the current political
imperative, for what is now decisive for a european commonwealth
we are destining the political union of Europe to seep away into
the Arabian sand.

We are isolating ourselves. The others are Europe because they
are concerned about living up to their responsibility.

Let us be a little less cowardly.

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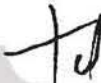
Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum
45 East 89th Street - 18F
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Dear Marc:

I am enclosing the article written by Guenther Gillessen and published on March 9, 1992 in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. I think he got the essence of the conference in a very complete fashion.

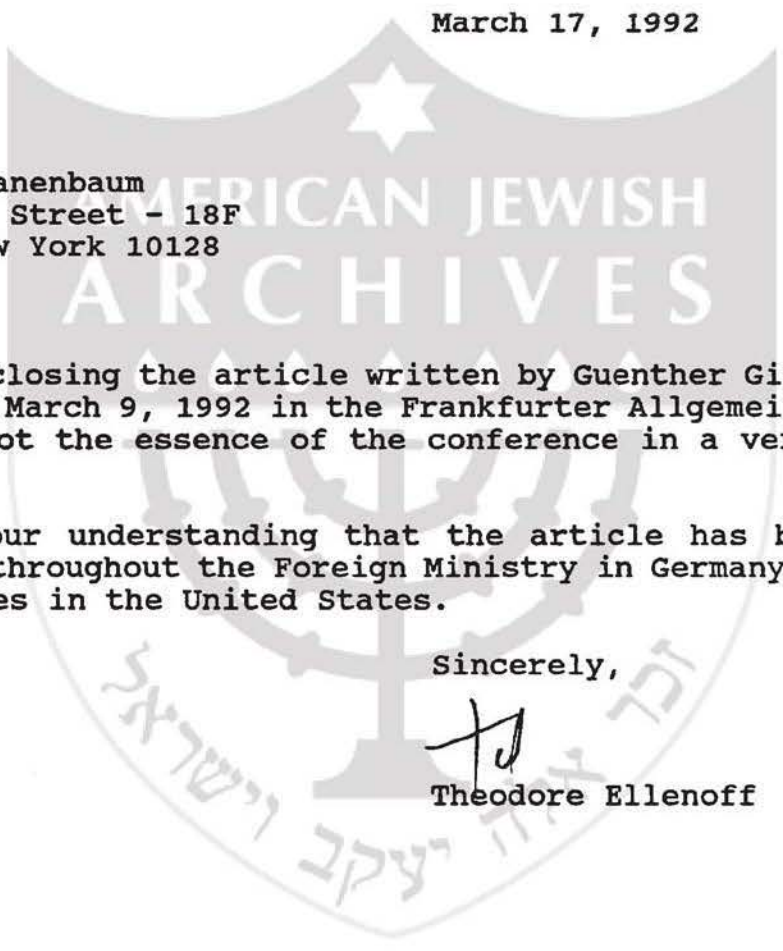
It is our understanding that the article has been widely distributed throughout the Foreign Ministry in Germany as well as the consulates in the United States.

Sincerely,



Theodore Ellenoff

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