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MESSAGE AREA

Dear Ernie,

Enclosed please find the proposed  
resolution with my suggestions. If I can be of  
any further help, please let me know.  
With every good wish, Marc

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RESPONSE AREA

P.S.- You may find the enclosed column on  
Soviet Jewry of interest. Feel free to share it  
with your colleagues if they can find it useful.

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D R A F T

Resolution

*are more than*  
We, ~~over~~ 350 survivors of the once 6,000-member strong Jewish community of Mannheim, *Germany, who have come together* ~~coming~~ from many parts of the world - including Australia, Japan, South America, Europe and all over the United States ~~assembled at~~ *(Rutcher's Country Club)*

*Ellenville, New York from June 14-17, 1990 for our first ever* ~~ever~~ *since World War II.* ~~reunion~~ *we have decided to* issue the following resolution on the subject of the possible reunification of Germany.

We, who have suffered greatly during the Nazi regime, having lost uncountable members of our families, friends, and neighbors, *or who have* ~~having~~ immigrated to other parts of the world before 1939, *while* others suffered the war years in various concentration camps including Auschwitz and Buchenwald, want to voice our concern and doubts in connection with possible reunification of Germany.

*(fundamental human)*  
Having been deprived of our freedom, liberty, and ~~rights~~ *rights* during the Nazi regime, we welcome and support the growth of freedom and democracy in all parts of the world, particularly in Eastern Europe. We especially support and applaud the growth of democracy in East Germany and ~~the~~ *its recent* recognition of the Holocaust as part of German history.

We are conscious of the fact that we are not alone in voicing our anxieties at this critical moment. Other peoples and nations in Europe who suffered destruction at the hands of the murderous Nazi regime are making public their deep anxieties over the race toward unification without assuring adequate safeguards in advance that would prevent any resurgence of the brutal nationalist and expansionist forces of the recent past. We share many of these concerns and affirm they must be heeded for the sake of constitutional democracy and peace between nations.

As singular victims of the Nazi horrors against the Jewish people - one third of whom were cruelly exterminated - we believe that we have particular standing to propose the following ~~issues~~ concerns to the German people, both East and West:

~~However, we are mindful of the past and want to issue this appeal to the German people, both East and West, as they contemplate their desire for reunification.~~

*call upon*

We ~~are asking~~ the leaders of both governments never to forget the horrors of the past by instituting on a permanent basis the throughout the instruments of German culture, and particularly lessons of the Holocaust in the curriculum in all public, private and parochial schools.

We further ask the leaders of the governments to arrange for a nationwide annual observance of the Holocaust on November 10, which has become known throughout history as Krystallnacht, the night when over 1,400 synagogues were destroyed in 1938.

We further call on the governments of both Germanys to guarantee in perpetuity the existing borders with its neighbors and to make it unmistakably clear that Germany will lay no claim to any of these areas for all time to come.

We further urge that a recommitment be made by West and East German leaders to "the special relationship between Germany, the Jewish people, and the State of Israel."



① ~~Furthermore,~~ We ask that the leaders of the government of both Germanys jointly make it clear to its citizens and the world that it will not condone anti-Semitism in any form and be forever vigilant in that respect so that the horrors of the past will never be repeated, ~~again~~.

In the twilight of our years, we, who have been born and brought up in Germany and have felt the wrath of hatred against us because of our ~~faith~~ Jewish religion and peoplehood appeal to the conscience of all Germans to see to it the lessons of the Nazi period will never be forgotten, and that they will remain ever vigilant in upholding the traditions of liberty, freedom and Constitutional democracy.

Signed this day, June 14, 1990, at the concluding session of the Reunion of Jewish Survivors from Mannheim. (~~Kutcher's Country Club~~) Ellenville, New York.