

August 7, 1961.

Dear Milton:

By coincidence the idea expressed in the memorandum that you recently sent me is one I made to a number of people, both in government and out of it. While I have never really pondered the thing deeply nor attempted to go into all of the possible advantages and disadvantages, I still think it is a proposition that could be studied with profit.

As ever,

P. S.: Please let me know when it is time for me to donate to the pictures, silver bowl and so on that we sent to our friends in Wisconsin.

Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower
President
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

MILTON S. EISENHOWER

August 4, 1961

Dear Ike:

Several members of our faculty have discussed a proposed plan for solving the Berlin problem, and it has been put in written form by Professor Joseph Aschheim of the Department of Political Economy.

I have no judgment regarding the suggestion but I thought you might like to glance at it. It is only slightly over a page in length.

Sincerely,

Milton



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August 3, 1961

Memorandum to: President Milton S. Eisenhower
From: Joseph Aschheim
Subject: Suggested Plan for Solving Berlin Problem



I. The Plan

1. Transfer governmental control of East and West Berlin from Allied Occupying Powers to the United Nations.

2. Place under U.N. jurisdiction a triangle with its apex located in Berlin, with its sides consisting perhaps of the two major air lanes or the two principal surface routes into Berlin from the West, and with the base of the triangle consisting of the appropriate portion of the eastern boundary of West Germany. The purpose of this triangle would be the housing of the U.N. police force and of member nations' representatives.

3. Transfer of headquarters of the U.N. from New York to Berlin.

4. Carry out preceding points by agreement between Allied Occupying Powers of Berlin on the one hand and the United Nations on the other.

5. If feasible, stipulate that with eventual unification of Germany, Berlin would revert to all-German jurisdiction as the capital of United Germany.

6. If desirable, have neutral government, such as India, present the foregoing plan to the Allied Occupying Powers and to the U.N.

ii. Some Effects of the Plan

(a) More consideration of plan would make clearer that the Berlin impasse is a world problem, not just a point of conflict between the West and Russia.

(b) The spy and racial problems created for the United States by location of U.N. headquarters in New York City would be eliminated.

(c) Transfer of U.N. to Berlin would meet Soviet overtures to remove U.N. headquarters to Vienna.

(d) Plan would unify Berlin under neutral auspices.

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III. Some Precedents

(1) Internationalization of the City of Jerusalem by the United Nations.

(2) Neutralization of Austria by agreement of Allied Occupying Powers after World War II.

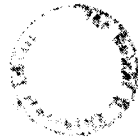
... of the Department of Political Security.



I have an objection regarding the suggestion but I thought you might like to glance at it. It is only slightly over a page in length.

Sincerely,

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