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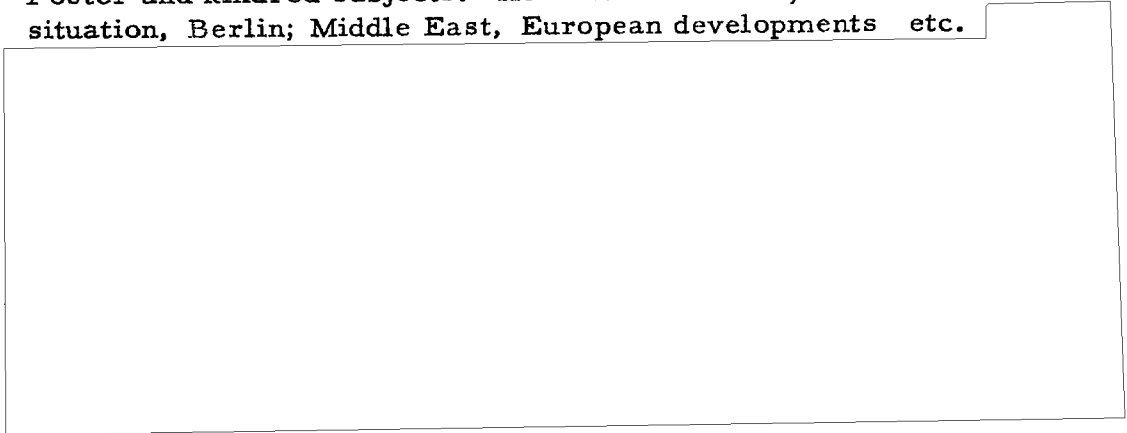
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT



On the evening of May 27, when Chancellor Adenauer was here for the funeral services, he asked me to dine quietly with him at the German Embassy. At the dinner were Brentano, Ambassador Grewe, and Webber, the Chancellor's confidential interpreter.

We spent three hours together dining in the garden. When at 9:00 p. m., I made a move to leave, the Chancellor exclaimed, "What - you are sending me to bed!" - and we went on for another hour.

A good bit of the conversation related to his relationship with Foster and kindred subjects. He asked me for my views of the world situation, Berlin; Middle East, European developments etc.



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Adenauer was unusually relaxed, keen and apparently unworried, but deeply moved at Foster's passing. I have had a number of private conversations with him over the past years, and this was the first time he did not have something a bit querulous to say about our own policy. From what Brentano said, I gather he had been greatly reassured by his talk with you.

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It is clear, however, that he was deeply disturbed about Macmillan's attitude and asked whether there was not something that we here could do about it. It is obvious that he has a deep-seated distrust not only about the Prime Minister's attitude with regard to Berlin, but also in general about his views on European unity and the Common Market. Also, the Chancellor seemed to feel Macmillan was disturbed by the close relationship developing between France and Germany, which of course, Adenauer considers his most important accomplishment.

We covered developments in the Middle East, and I expressed my personal views that the growth of German economic interest in the area would prove a stabilizing influence. He reminisced about his meetings with the Soviet leaders and seemed satisfied with our own position in the present Geneva negotiations.

I mentioned that I had known Chris Herter intimately for 50 years, and that he was a man on whose word and firmness the Chancellor could depend. He seemed to have gained a highly favorable impression from their recent meeting in Bonn.

While I avoided discussion of the German internal politics, one or two remarks he let drop brought out his reservations about Erhard.

From [redacted] who have seen Adenauer alone in the past few days, I learned that Adenauer intends (or des res it to be interpreted that he intends) to put over his own candidate, Etzel, as Chancellor, or failing that to renounce the Presidency himself, and remain on as Chancellor. Of course, it is possible that in the course of the next few weeks he may change his mind, but I believe that his present intention is as indicated.

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