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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer will visit you on Wednesday, November 3, to discuss the OSCE summit in Istanbul, Southeastern Europe, and Greek-Turkish-Cypriot relations. He had asked for a brief meeting with the President, which we were unable to accommodate.

BACKGROUND

Fischer, the leader of the Green Party's "realist" wing, played a major role in Germany's support of NATO actions in Kosovo -- and a crucial one in maintaining the viability of Chancellor Schroeder's government. That support has exacted an growing price. In the wake of a series of humiliating defeats in state and local elections, Schroeder has tried to project a clear direction by espousing a tough austerity program and ignoring the liberal aspirations of his Green coalition partners. Green "fundamentalists" are beginning to chafe at "realist" compromises with the SPD (on issues like nuclear power, human rights in Turkey, taxes and social security) -- leaving Fischer vulnerable to charges of a sellout of Green interests.

OSCE

The Germans share our concern about the possibility of a "split screen" summit, with leaders signing on to the lofty principles of the OSCE Charter and the clear cut requirements of the amended CFE treaty in one screen, while the Russians -- by their actions in Chechnya -- violate both charter and treaty in the other screen. Fischer will be eager to get a readout of the President's meeting with Prime Minister Putin, and your sense of how Chechnya will affect the summit. Other European leaders are struggling with the same question. Blair has announced he will not go to Istanbul, citing the need to stay home for the opening of Parliament. The French have confirmed that Chirac will attend, but may propose doing in Istanbul what we did at the NATO summit in Washington -- cancelling the celebratory aspects and refocus the summit on the problem at hand.

On summit specifics, there is no need to get into a detailed discussion of CFE or Charter language. You might seek Fischer's

support for our efforts to make the OSCE more operational by giving it greater capabilities. The Germans like our REACT initiative: rapidly deployable civil society swat teams. Now, we are trying to build support for giving OSCE police operations under REACT executive authority. This would help fill a large gap in the international community's ability to manage crises, brought into sharp relief by Bosnia and Kosovo. You should ask Fischer to support executive policing authority, and to help us convince the French and Brits to sign on as well.

SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE

Stability Pact

The EC is reportedly energized to develop a new strategy in support of the SP -- an EU initiative under the auspices of the OSCE -- but it is not yet clear if it will be ready for Istanbul. We continue to plan for a robust set of Stability Pact deliverables covering economic, security and democratization issues, which could be presented to leaders for endorsement after a Ministerial meeting. You should tell Fischer:

- The SP process remains very important to President personally. We've been very active this fall, working with the German government and others to get the structures right;
- We expect to showcase at Istanbul some concrete progress, including anti-corruption, investment, infrastructure, security and free media. We also want to confirm date for Regional Donors' Conference in late Jan/ early Feb 2000, which is an important signal for region. (Fischer's support is key.)

Serb Democratization & Sanctions

Serbian opposition leaders are in Washington, and we are strongly encouraging them to work together to build pressure on the Milosevic regime. Pressure for early elections is a potentially fruitful avenue in light of polls that show increasing support for the opposition and Milosevic's evident unease about a vote.

We are working with Germany and our other Allies to craft a differentiated sanctions regime which targets Milosevic and his cronies, but which is flexible enough to provide humanitarian aid and some assistance to Milosevic's opponents in order to

demonstrate to the Serbian people that we are not anti-Serb. Fischer should understand that:

- We are prepared to accept an expansion of the EU's "Energy for Democracy" program if pilot projects work out. We also are willing to suspend the flight ban and the oil embargo when free elections are held.
- We want to continue working closely with you and our other Allies, however, in tightening sanctions aimed at Milosevic and his cronies who control and profit from Serbia's army, police, media, and economy.
- Cushioning Montenegro as much as possible from sanctions helps show that we are at odds with the regime, not the populace.
- We don't support unilateral moves to independence and have told Djukanovic so. However, we understand Montenegro's decision to establish the deutsche mark as a parallel currency and will look at this decision in the context of assisting with economic reforms.

Kosovo

You should praise Fischer for his leadership during the conflict and Germany for its ongoing , especially its work with the Russians and Dutch in Orahovac. Critical steps in the coming weeks include working to ensure the success of the civilian KPC -- both to demonstrate to critics that it is not simply a renamed KLA and to give former KLA fighters other employment. We believe UNMIK Kouchner's initiative to fashion an administrative structure that draws the Kosovars into sharing responsibility for developments on the ground is a critical step towards making Kosovo governable, and we urge you to support his efforts.

TURKEY-EU-CYPRUS

Germany's support is a key to Turkey's hopes to win "candidate" status at the EU summit in Helsinki next month. While the Germans recognize the importance of the EU as a means of keeping Turkey tied to the West, German politicians across the spectrum worry about the social, political, and economic effects of

closer integration with 70 million Turks. Arms sales to Turkey have become a bete noir for Fischer. Prompted by his constituents, Fischer originally opposed transferring a late-model German tank to Turkey -- a test model for a possible arms deal -- on human rights grounds, but backed away under pressure from Schroeder. You should:

- Get his sense of the prospects for and strongly support Turkey's EU candidate status, acknowledging that that negotiations on membership would not begin until Turkey meets the Copenhagen political criteria (democracy and human rights);
- On Cyprus, you can give Fischer a read-out of Al Moses' shuttle diplomacy and convey our cautious optimism that Denktash will come to the table for negotiations without preconditions.
- You might also ask him where Germany stands on Greece's efforts to win support for an EU statement that the absence of a settlement on Cyprus will not block its accession. [We're concerned that issuing such a statement now would give the Cypriots a "free pass" to membership and take away their incentive to be flexible.]

THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

*The Honorable
Samuel R. Berger
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
National Security Council
White House / 1WW
Washington, D.C. 20500*

Washington, October 12, 1999

Dear Mr. Berger,

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my letter of Oct. 12 to President Clinton and would be very grateful if you could back Minister Fischer's request for a meeting with the President.

Sincerely,

Jürgen Chrobog
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Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

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Minister Fischer has asked me to inquire whether it would be possible to arrange a meeting with you. He would like to take the opportunity before your trip to Europe to discuss the OSCE summit, the situation in South Eastern Europe, and Greek-Turkish-Cypriot relations.

As you well know, Minister Fischer plays a central role in Chancellor Schröder's coalition government. He is to be given major credit for the crucial position which the German Government took during the Kosovo conflict.

I would very much appreciate if you could meet with Minister Fischer during his stay in Washington.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ANTONY BLINKEN 

FROM: NICHOLAS KASS *Nk*

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal for Presidential Drop-By in
Your Meeting with German Foreign Minister Fischer

Attached at Tab I is a schedule proposal for a Presidential drop-by during your meeting with German Foreign Minister Fischer.

A quick handshake and hello to thank Fischer for his leadership during the Kosovo conflict would pay dividends with the Germans. Fischer is instrumental to the survival of Schroeder's "Red-Green" coalition. A quick drop-by would underscore the President's respect for and relationship with Fischer to his domestic constituency.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on October 18, 1999.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the schedule proposal at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Schedule Proposal

Tab II Incoming Correspondence

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Schedule Proposal

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TO: Stephanie Street

FROM: Samuel Berger

REQUEST: Presidential Drop-by at my meeting
with German Foreign Minister Fischer

PURPOSE: Thank Fischer for his strong
leadership during Kosovo.

BACKGROUND: Fischer, who was instrumental in
maintaining German support for the
operation in Kosovo, plays a crucial
role in holding Chancellor
Schroeder's coalition together.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President met Foreign Minister
Fischer in Cologne, June 1999.

DATE AND TIME: November 4-5

BRIEFING TIME: 5 minutes

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: WW

PARTICIPANTS: TBD

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Presidential drop-by

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be provided by NSC

MEDIA COVERAGE: No

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Not required

VICE PRESIDENT'S ATTENDANCE: Not required

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC

CONTACT: Nick Kass, x69151

ORIGIN OF THIS PROPOSAL: Mr. Fischer

SECOND LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Not required

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