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### Introduction

This is a compendium of Helga von Schweinitz trip to Germany in 1990. The main purpose of the trip was to establish a "Sister City" relationship between Koblenz Germany and Austin Texas.

The delegation left Austin Texas on 21 September 1990 to fly to Frankfurt Germany. They did business and tourists things in Frankfurt until 25 September 1990. Then the delegation traveled to Koblenz for more business and tourist events. On 28 September 1990, several members of the delegation traveled back to Austin Texas.

Helga stayed in Germany and went to visit family in her home town of Herford. Then she returned to Koblenz to celebrate . There after she began her journey back to Texas via Wiesbaden/Neuhof/Frankfurt by visiting her husband's family.

This compendium begins with the itinerary for the Major of Austin, Lee Cooke. Then has scans of each page of the album Helga put together after the trip. At the end, scans of her travel diary are included.

Another compendium is more detailed, by using the original photos (scanned in) combined with Helga's diary notes and photo captions. And the other compendium contains scans of the insides of the pamphlets.

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3:00 Leave on Delta 998 to DFW  
4:50 Leave DFW on Delta 26 to Frankfurt

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 A.M. Arrive Frankfurt  
OPEN ALL DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Inter-continental Hotel - Berlin Room

10:00 "How to Do business with the EEC" Prof. Jean Fried  
12:00 Delegation briefing & luncheon

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:15 Bus departs for office opening

State of Texas Office - Bockenheimer Landstrasse 98-100

10:00 Official Department of Commerce Opening/Press  
Conference

11:30 Bus departs to hotel

Inter-continental Hotel - Nymphenburg I & II

4:30 Consulate Briefing

Inter-continental Hotel - Theatersaal I

6:00 Reception



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DEPART TO KOBLENZ (AROUND 10 SOMETIME - RENATA HAS SCHEDULE)

- 11:06 Arrive in Koblenz - Main station
- 11:30 Official welcome by Mayor Willi Horter in the "Schoffenstubchen"
- 1:00 Bus transfer to Hotel

Castle of "Stolzenfels"

- 2:30 Sightseeing at castle
- 4:15 Back to Hotel
- "Weindorf" (Wine-Village)
- 5:40 Bus transport to site
- 6:00 Dinner in honor of guests
- 12:00 midnight transfer back to hotel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 Bus transfer to the "HWK-Technologiezentrum"
- 9:30 Visit to the "Techno-Zentrum"
- 11:00 Visit to the "Hoogoven's Company"
- 12:00 A ride through "Industriegebiet (industrial part of City of Koblenz) Rheinhafen"
- 12:45 Transfer to common lunch in the "Fahrhaus am Strausee", given by the city of Koblenz
- 3:00 Transfer back to hotel
- 5:30 Depart Hotel to a "Moselfahrt" (trip on the Moselle) to "Cochem", dinner at the "Burg Reichsburg" (Castle Reichsburg), given by the City of Koblenz
- 11:00 Transfer back to Hotel



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:45 Depart Hotel to "Wissenschaftlichen Hochschule" (high school of science) for the leading of an enterprise of Vallendar (WHU)

Welcome by Prof. Dr. W. Pfahler, presentation of the WHU, presentation of the double-degree-program

11:30 Depart from WHU

12:00 Visit to the "Deinhard" Company, testing of wine and champagne connected with a snack at noon, given by the "Deinhard" Company

2:30 Walk to the town hall of the City of Koblenz

3:00- Participate in Council Meeting with Council of  
3:45 City of Koblenz

4:00 Transfer back to Hotel

5:30 Bus transfer to the fortress Ehrenbreitstein

6:00 Welcome to the honor of the guests, given by the president of the parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate, Dr. Heinz-Peter Volkert

6:45 Bus transfer to "Theatre of the City"

7:30 Theater for performance of "Die Heilige Johanna" (Saint Johanna Play)  
During the break of the play, the Lord Mayor Mr. Willi Horter wants to say good-bye to his guests with a short reception

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

EARLY MORNING A CHAUFFEUR WILL COME TO HOTEL TO DRIVE MAYOR AND BARBARA TO FRANKFURT AIRPORT

MAYOR NEEDS TO CATCH FLIGHT BACK TO USA FROM FRANKFURT LEAVING AT 9:50 A.M.

3:55 Arrive in Austin



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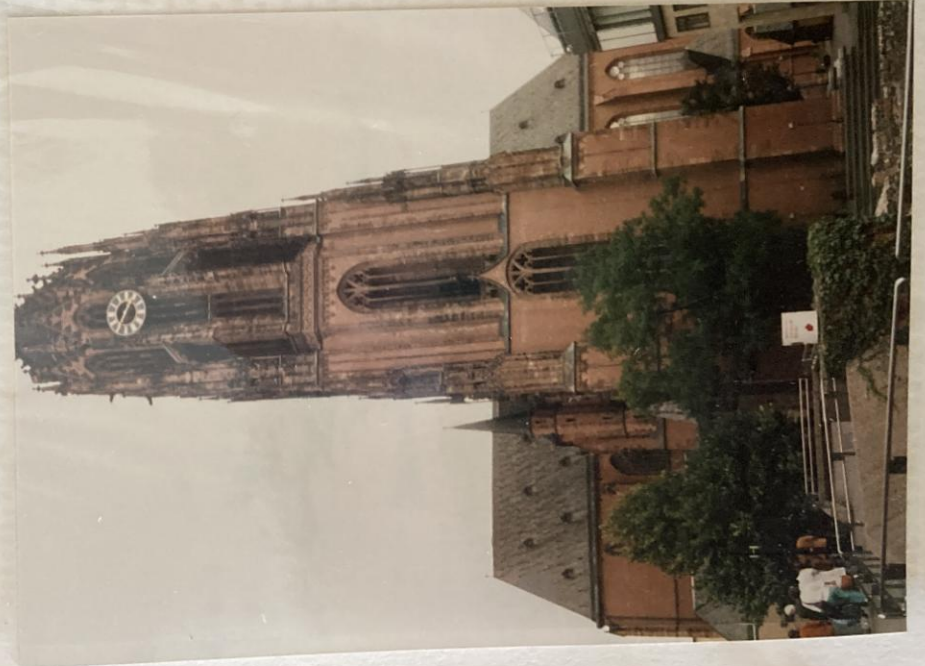




View from Intercontinental Hotel

Frankfurt

Sep 90







*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born in this house*

*Frankfurt, Sep 90*







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Restoring the old  
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Frankfurt  
am Main

Sep 90





## Agenda . . .

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Barnstone, however, argued that the task force was not being asked to decide whether Bergstrom should be the site of the city's airport, but what would be the best use for the facility if the military moves out.

"The study will be how to maximize the value, if the city puts an airport there or if it doesn't," Barnstone said. "There's no reason to say any deck has been stacked. This is not another committee to decide the airport question."

The committee will be headed by **Jim Steed**, an Austin lawyer. Other members besides Reece are East Austin businessman **Fidel Estrada**; **Les Gage**, former city councilmember who worked on the 1987 bond election for a Manor airport; **Jeff Minch**, engineer and former Capital Metro board member; **Gwenn Webb**, a former assistant city attorney; and **Joe Trochta**, a commercial pilot and former Air Force colonel.

One other person, lawyer/lobbyist **Terry Bray**, was nominated but did not get the necessary four votes. Someone pointed out that Bray was the lawyer for the *American-Statesman*, which has editorialized to save Bergstrom.

## German Outreach

Mayor Lee Cooke and wife Barbara

**Vackar Cooke** are members of an Austin group which left Friday for Germany. Cooke is part of the Mission '90 delegation which will open an office of the Texas Department of Commerce in Frankfurt, and later will lead a delegation of Austinites to Koblenz to establish sister city relations with Austin.

Among the Austinites on the trip are Mr. and Mrs. **Don van Stone** (he's chief executive officer of First City, Texas; **Elbert Marcom** of Austin Community College; **Paul Schultze** of TUV Rheinland; Mrs. **Helga von Schweinitz**, and Mrs. **Renate Anderson**, board member and president respectively of the German American Association of Austin; **Mary Ellen Kucera** of the Kucera Company; Professor **Robert T. Green**, director of international programs in business at the UT Graduate School of Business; Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Rodgers** (he's director of international contracts with Tracor Aerospace Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. **Henri Bernabe** of Richter Wine Group-Moyers Champagne; **Patti Berg**; **Karen Kaechler**; Mr. and Mrs. **Herb Cleveland** of Cleveland, Miller and Associates; and **Georgia Strickland** and **Hermann Eisle** of the Texas High Speed Rail Joint Venture.

Besides the sister city relationship, the group will meet industrial and business leaders and develop relationships between UT and ACC and educational institutions in Koblenz.



A A - Statesman

Thursday, September 27, 1990

# Deep in the heart of Deutschland

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AustinTextural Digest ... That's what you could call the September issue of *Architectural Digest*. The magazine features splashy stories on three Austinites.

"Modern Mayan in Texas" spotlights artist, composer and musician **Charles Trois** and the Austin limestone home he designed and built. Did you know that back in the 1960s, Charles, a Philadelphia native, did vocals and was the lead guitarist for the rock and roll group Soul Survivors? Their big hit was *Expressway To Your Heart*. And check out Charles' work at Matrix Gallery in the Republic Plaza at 333 Guadalupe St. Especially don't miss his 10-foot by three-foot *Choo Choo Train Table* that's priced at \$40,000 and includes a working micro-miniature train in a village with houses, trees and a stream with running water!

A home by Capital City architect **Lawrence**



Lee Kelly

the center designed by **Dr. Charles Dodge** served as project consultant with Architecture associate dean **Dodge**.

In case you don't know, known internationally, accepted O'Neil Ford Centennial Chair at UT, in part because it provided his students on field trips. "Even **Whitman** in the UT publication 'Texas is too hot. If I owned I'd rent out Texas and live in he my convertible — a Mustang — far more here with the top down Charles couldn't make the fee he reportedly was on a field trip in Mexico.

And expect the Center to be spot in town. **Barbara Bailey** (ter's director of marketing and says more than 70 events from wedding receptions are booked through December.

Postscript: Folks were happy ter's facility manager, **Jay Wol**ing by Rosemary, at the fee emergency gall bladder surgery to the grand opening.

Laguna Gloria Update ... closed its downtown office last its development staff back to location. You can buy furniture from the office Saturday from at the office, 404 West 5th St.

Seems NCNB, which donated the museum, will be tearing down and making the area into a parking lot. There's not much need for a parking lot there will be no new na Gloria Art Museum, as you **Jack Nokes**, the museum's said the facility was still in town gallery space but "we have thing we could afford. We're lines of free or better."

Anybody out there who can

Austin artist/composer/musician **Charles Trois** poses with a friend in his home, which is featured in the September issue of *Architectural Digest*.

**Speck** receives a two-page color spread. You can visit Larry's own house in Tarrytown during the Fourth Annual Homes Tour Oct. 6 and 7 sponsored by the American Institute of Architects. For more tour info, call **Sharon Rue** at 452-4332. It's part of "Austin Architectural Week 1990" that's Oct. 6-14. For the complete list of special activities, call Laguna Gloria Art Museum at 458-8191.

And "Architect's Forum" profiles **Dr. Charles Moore**, UT professor of architecture.

More on Moore ... The hottest spot in Austin last weekend was the Alumni Center on the UT campus. Texans from all over the state helped the UT Ex-Students Association under its president, NASA's **Humboldt Mandell** of Seabrook, re-christen the \$6.5 million addition to the center.

About 225 attended Friday's black tie dinner.

Saturday, more than 6,000 strolled through

Lee Kelly puts the spotlight on project day and Sunday. Write to her at man, P.O. Box 670, Austin 78767



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Austin artist/com poses with a friend in the September

**Speck** receives a can visit Larry's o





Texas hosts a reception in the  
Intercontinental Hotel for German  
business people and dignitaries, 24 Sep 90



Miss Texas teaches the Mayor of Frankfurt  
a dance (he wears a TX hat)



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*Speeches at the reception  
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A night in Frankfurt,  
Sachsenhausen

Mary Ellen Kucera, Julie  
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Bert Marcom, Don + Renate  
van Stone

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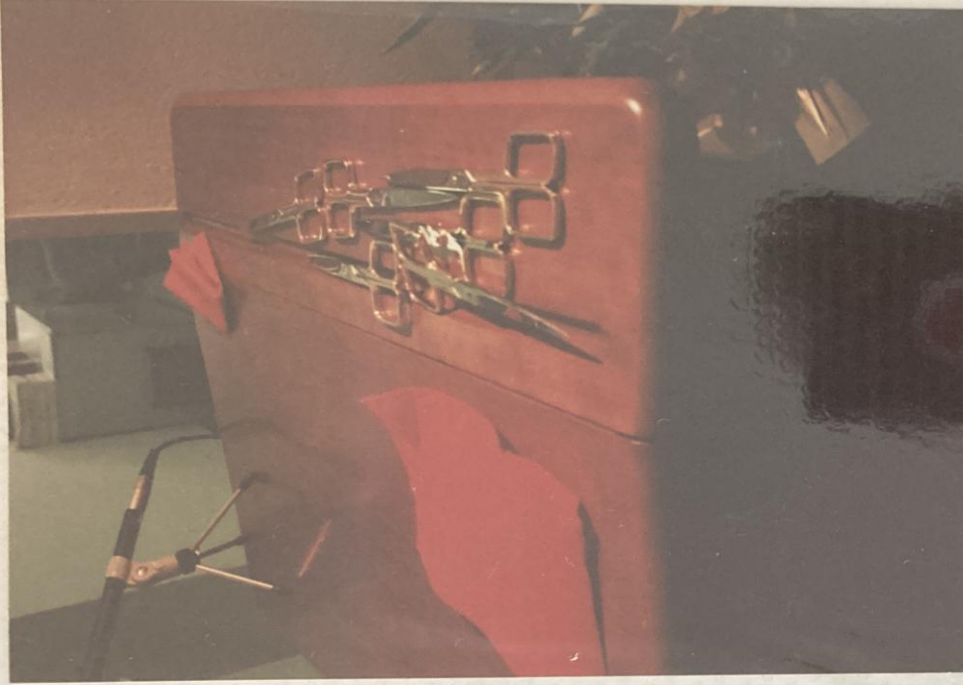
Julie, Barbara + Lee Cooke,  
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Having a "German"  
meal in Sachsenhausen,  
in "Gemalt's Haus"  
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Opening



24 Sept.  
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In preparation - many scissors,  
just in case they are dull



Mayor of Elm. Miss Texas (Susan) Jack Raines



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Ribbon cutting



Mayor  
Lee Cooke  
from Austin



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Sprechstunden: nach Vereinbarung

In der Laach 46

"It's so strange to drive 10 minutes from my hometown, to hear people speaking German. It's like I'm in a wrong movie," said John-son, who came to Texas with her Army husband.

The choir's stop in Austin, as part of an extended tour through the state, was timed to coincide with visits and lectures by Weidenfeld and his wife, Gabriele Kokott-Weidenfeld, a member of the House of Representatives of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

# Austin and its sister city singing in harmony

*Our surprise guest on the couch who also did the recording of the concert.*

Like Dallas, the choir's last stop, I like the scenery here and we all think the people are so unbelievably friendly," Zimmermann said.

Today's agenda includes an early-morning meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel, a visit to a high-tech lab, a lecture at the LBJ School of Public Affairs by Werner Weidenfeld, a professor of political science at a university near Koblenz, and a reception at the Headquarters Club.

"It's my fourth trip here. It's so lovely. My heart is always here and my body in Koblenz," Fey said. He likes the people of Austin "because they are always happy."

As the men tuned up Sunday night in the vestibule of the church, other volunteers put up large color pictures of Koblenz, a picturesque city less than 100 miles northwest of Frankfurt am Main, at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine rivers in the heart of Germany's wine region, von Schweinitz said. The city is about midway between Bonn and Wiesbaden.

A fair-haired man and his wife gazed with a bit of longing and much familiarity at the bright landmarks of their hometown, and in strong German accents told their children or friends, "See, this is where Grandma and Grandpa live, and I used to play along this street."

Monika Johnson, a Koblenz citizen turned Austinite in 1985, inquired about the German-American Association in town and said she was a little homesick and

'90s type of commitment.

The bonding began in 1988 when a Koblenz man, Heinz Fey, whom von Schweinitz described as retired but "very energetic and enthusiastic," took upon himself the task of matching his city with a Texas town.

Fey — now called Texas Henry by his friends from Germany and the Lone Star state — became the official liaison between the Texans and the Germans.

Fey said he heard about Austin after a delegation visited the city to promote German wines, and came home with the word that it had no sister in Europe.

A story in the Koblenz newspaper caught the eye of Renata Anderson, the current president of the Austin German group, who was visiting her hometown.

She said Austin was matched with Koblenz because the cities have similar academic and high-technology interests.

Another reason is that the University of Corporate Management near Koblenz has been working with the University of Texas Graduate School of Business, exchanging students and professors.

Alwine Zimmermann, who arrived in Austin Saturday, was seeing the United States and Austin for the first time. She came with her husband, Raimund, who is a choir member.

Using von Schweinitz as an interpreter, Zimmermann said her first impression of the city was flying in over the Highland Lakes.

"It looked so nice and green, not

A budding, sister-city relationship between Austin and a city in western Germany received an additional boost when Koblenz's men's choir backed up its Sixth Street debut with a booming effort at a northwest church Sunday.

The 70-member choir, called Chorgruppe Lohner, sang several hymns at two morning services at Grace Covenant Church on Research Boulevard. The men, aged 15 through 70, then donned tuxedos for a 1½-hour evening performance for Austin and Koblenz dignitaries.

During a Saturday night dinner at the Pecan Street Cafe on Sixth Street, the Germans had warbled a few tunes for the key players in the Austin-Koblenz connection. At the same time, doors away, bands like the Galactic Cowboys rocked out as part of South by Southwest 91.

"It was really quite wonderful, the mix between the choir and the South by Southwest music," said Helga von Schweinitz, a board member of the German-American Association Inc. in Austin.

Austin's sister cities' events merged people from the cultural, academic, business and political worlds of both cities for a three-day family affair that began Saturday and ends today.

"This link between Austin and Koblenz, which began as a tentative 80s relationship, may be evolving into a more permanent,

By Linda Latham Welch  
American-Statesman Staff



# Liebchen enjoys Germanic songfest

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Austin American-Statesman

Tuesday, April 2, 1991

heard them in Germany in 1989 and sent them a letter of appreciation.

Austin loved 'em, too, from the stirring *Hunter's Chorus* to the endearing *Guten Abend, gute Nacht* — which we know as *Brahms' Lullaby* — to the spirited *Yellow Rose of Texas*, which is cent. Sharing in the several standing ovations the group received was 15-year-old Michael Stallknecht, who absolutely wowed the audience with his handling of the piano accompaniment.

So keyed up were we by the music, we had an impromptu sing-along on the way home from the concert. Yes, we were the ones in the car on Mopac that was vibrating to *Glory, Glory, Halle-lujah!* and *Du, Du, Liebst mir im Herzen*, and we didn't even worry about whether we were singing in German or English, because the melody's the same in both languages.

Next morning, there were some pretty teary well song and boarded buses for San Antonio. The weekend, it turned out, had been much too short. All of us wanted more time with our new friends and they felt the same way. So they insisted we must come to Koblenz so we can continue our friendships, which sounds like a nifty idea to me. Wonder how soon I can get packed?

tled on Liebchen as the nearest translation.

Hans sings baritone in the Chorgruppe Lohner, a 70-voice men's chorus from Koblenz, a lovely city situated where the Rhine and Moselle rivers meet. You don't have to be a professional singer to get into this chorus — a 23-year-old truck-driver and a 70-year-old bank president are among its members — but you must be good enough to learn a difficult repertoire.

Named for the leader, Werner Lohner, the chorus has sung all over Europe. Yesterday, it wound up a 13-day concert tour of Texas which included Austin, because our city and theirs will probably become sister-cities soon. I'm so glad they stopped here — they're not only great to listen to, but they are a barrel of fun.

Audiences in Moscow loved 'em, and so did Pope John Paul II when they sang in St. Peter's, in Vatican City. President and Mrs. Bush

All we knew about the couple spending the weekend with us was that his name was Hans Schmitz, he sang in the German chorus that was coming to town, his wife was coming with him and they were near our age.

"Willkommen!" my husband and I called out as they arrived with the group. They thanked us in German and then there was an awkward pause. "I... uh... you... Sie sprechen Englisch, ja?" I said, hopefully. "Nein," said Herr Schmitz.

"Hmmm," said I. "Well, sprechen Sie Spanisch?" Again the answer was no, and likewise with his Frau, Leonilla. Suddenly the weekend loomed a month long as I contemplated keeping conversation alive among four adults with what little Deutsch I know.

But, hey, not to worry, Liebchen, we got along just fine. To be sure, my little German-English dictionary is now dogeared and frazzled from much use, but it, plus Hans' English, which is better than he admits, plus my bit of Spanish-flavored Deutsch, plus much hand waving and head shaking, got us through in fine style. We even proved to be a couple of very congenial couples.

But I wish you could have heard me trying to explain to Leonilla what I mean by "honey" when I don't mean the stuff bees make. We set-

Kay Powers









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**Altes Kaufhaus und Schöffenhaus:** Das spätgotische Kaufhaus (1419) bildet zusammen mit dem Schöffenhaus (1530) eine der schönsten Baugruppen der Altstadt. Der Augenroller (1724) unter der Turmuhr erinnert der Sage nach an einen 1536 unschuldig hingerichteten Raubritter.

**Altes Kaufhaus und Schöffenhaus:** Built in 1419 and 1530 respectively, they form one of the finest groups of buildings in the Old Town. The figure (1724) beneath the tower clock is said to commemorate a robber knight wrongly convicted and hanged in 1536.





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Spitting Schängeli





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K o b l e n z







Freundeskreis Koblenzer Stadtsoldaten vor seinem Stammlokal, dem Weindorf

25 Sep 90

During a banquet at the Weindorf  
Don van Stone and Lee Cooke teach Willie Hörter the sign







## *Dinner*

in honor of Mayor Lee Cooke & the Austin Delegation  
given Sept. 25th 1990 by the Lord Mayor Willi Hörter

**Welcome:**   Sekt Deinhard Lila - Riesling - trocken  
                  Kir Royal

**Wines:**     1987er   Koblenzer Karthäuserhofberg  
                          Riesling - Qualitätswein - trocken, körperreich  
                  1987er   Metternicher Marienberg  
                          Riesling - Qualitätswein - trocken, kräftig  
                  1989er   Koblenzer Schnorbach-Brückstück  
                          Riesling/Müller-Thurgau - Qualitätswein  
                          Lesegut aus dem Weinberg des Weindorfs  
                          würzig, fruchtig, blumig

1988er   Gülser Bienengarten  
                  Kerner Spätlese - fein, saftig, mild

**Beer:**       Königsbacher Pils vom Faß  
                  Weinhefe (»Mosel-Whisky«)



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**Schloß Stolzenfels:** Vom preußischen König nach Entwürfen von Schinkel, Stüler und Persius 1836-42 wiederaufgebaut.  
Mit Zugbrücke, Torbau, Bergfried und Schloßkapelle charakteristische Burg aus dem 13. Jh., zur widerrechtlichen Erhebung des „Rheinzolls“ erbaut.

**Stolzenfels Castle:** Rebuilt by the King of Prussia between 1836 and 1842 from plans drawn up by Schinkel, Stüler and Persius.  
Typical 13th century castle built to impose illegal "Rhine tolls" with drawbridge, gateway, keep and chapel.



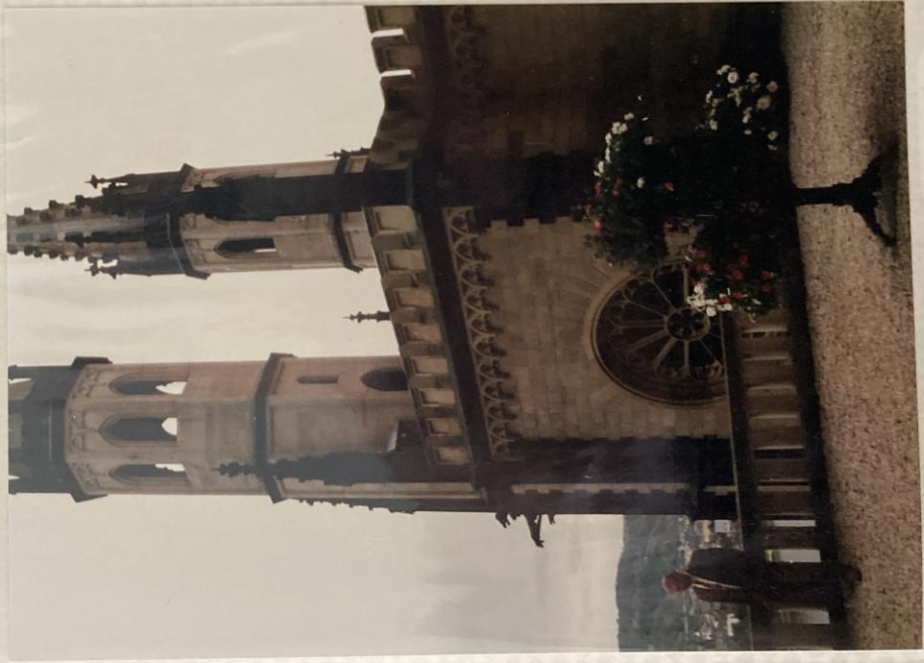
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Paul Schultze



## Gäste aus Austin wollen Partner in Koblenz näher kennenlernen

**KOBLENZ.** Nur zehn Tage nach der Koblenzer Suppvisite im norditalienischen Novara bahnt sich möglicherweise eine weitere Städtepartnerschaft an. Eine Delegation der texanischen Hauptstadt Austin unter Leitung ihres Oberbürgermeisters Lee Cooke (stehend) ist bis Donnerstag in der Rhein-Mosel-Stadt zu Gast. Am Dienststagmorgen wurde die Gruppe von Oberbürgermeister Willi Hörter im historischen Schöffentstübchen willkommen geheißen. Auf dem umfangreichen Besuchsprogramm stehen Kontakte zu vielen Bereichen der heimischen Wirtschaft, der Verwaltung und des Kulturlebens der Stadt. Bei einem Essen, das

Oberbürgermeister Willi Hörter gestern Abend im Weindorf gab, erklärten beide Seiten ihr grundsätzliches Interesse an engeren Beziehungen. Die Kontakte zwischen Koblenz und Austin wurden in den vergangenen Monaten vor allem durch Freundschaftsreise auf beiden Seiten des Ozeans gefördert.

Foto: Frey





Erstes offizielle Treffen Koblenz-Austin

# David von Rhein und Mosel trifft Goliath aus Texas

Das gegenseitige Kennenlernen steht zunächst im Mittelpunkt

-bur- „Freundschaften müssen von den Menschen ausgehen. Verwaltungen können nur die Wege ebnen und die Chancen ausbauen.“ Darin waren sich Oberbürgermeister Willi Hörter und sein texanischer Amtskollege Lee Cooke einig. So dient dieser erste offizielle Besuch einer Delegation aus Austin/Texas in der Rhein-Mosel-Stadt zunächst einmal dem gegenseitigen Kennenlernen, dem Sondieren, dem „Abtasten“. Am Dienstagabend hatte die Stadt zu einem Abendessen ins Weindorf eingeladen.

Außer den amerikanischen Gästen waren zahlreiche Vertreter der Koblenzer Parteien, der Wirtschaft, des Kulturlebens und des Schul- und Hochschulwesens der Einladung gefolgt. Auch die beiden Kammerpräsidenten nahmen die Gelegenheit zur Kontaktaufnahme.

Die Deutschen – so Hörter in seiner Begrüßungsrede – seien in den letzten zwölf Monaten vor allem mit sich selbst beschäftigt gewesen. Sie freuten sich auf eine Zusammenarbeit mit dem Osten, vor allem aber auf die Einheit des Vaterlandes. „Dabei wollen wir aber unter keinen Umständen vergessen, daß uns starke Freunde in den vergangenen 40 Jahren an der Seite gestanden haben.“

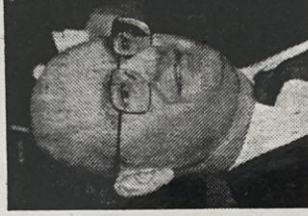
An allererster Stelle die Vereinigten Staaten von Nordamerika.“ Die Entwicklung im Osten wäre ohne die USA und die NATO nicht möglich gewesen.

„Die Bevölkerung unseres Landes wird nicht vergessen, daß wir die Freiheit unseren Freunden, vor allem den USA, verdanken“, so der Oberbürgermeister.

Diese tiefe Bindung werde auch in Kontakten und Freundschaften zwischen Städten beider Nationen dokumentiert. Wünsche und Erwartungen gebe es auch an die Beziehungen zwischen Koblenz und Austin. Hörter machte erneut seinen Standpunkt deutlich, daß offizielle Partnerschaften erst intensiven Kontakten zwischen den Bürgern folgen sollten. Er lobte das Engagement der Vorbereitungsteams, die German-American Association of Austin sowie die Initiativgruppe Koblenz-Austin und den Deutsch-Amerikanischen Club. Der „kleine David von Rhein und Mosel“ freue sich, „den großen Goliath vom Colorado River“ kennenzulernen.

Über die Anfänge und Hintergründe der Kontakte zwischen Austin und Koblenz berichteten Professor Gabriele Kokott-Weidenfeld von der Initiativgruppe Koblenz-Austin und Renate Anderson von der German-American Association of Austin.

In seiner Erwidderung erklärte Austins



Bürgermeister Lee Cooke (Foto), Amerika freue sich über die Entwicklung der deutschen Vereinigung. Er porträtierte kurz die texanische Hauptstadt als eine Stadt der Musik, der Feste, der jungen Leute und der Hochtechnologie. Das Durchschnittsalter

liege bei nur 26 Jahren. Mehr als 100 000 Schüler und Studenten fließen in die Statistik ein. Neben dem kulturellen und rein menschlichen Austausch seien die wirtschaftlichen Kontakte wesentliche Ziele, erklärte Cooke, der bis zu seiner Wahl zum Bürgermeister Präsident der Industrie- und Handelskammer von Austin war. Cooke lobte die bereits bestehenden Austauschprogramme, sowohl für die Studenten als auch für Bankkaufleute und hatte bereits nach wenigen Stunden zwei wesentliche Unterschiede zwischen Koblenz und Austin entdeckt: Der Koblenzer Oberbürgermeister werde für zehn Jahre, er aber nur für drei gewählt. Der Stadtrat tage in Koblenz nur zehnmal im Jahr, sein nur siebenköpfiges City-Council hingegen 50 mal.

Natürlich gab es auch Gastgeschenke: Für Lee Cooke eine Radierung von Koblenz, für Willi Hörter einen Original Statton (Texashut).

Der Besuch des Technologiezentrums der Handwerkskammer sowie eine Betriebsbesichtigung der Firma Hoogovens stand geschildert ebenso auf dem Programm wie – für die Damen – eine Führung durch die Altstadt und durch die Festung Ehrenbreitstein. Außerdem gab es zahlreiche Kontaktgespräche, auch im schulischen Bereich. Heute stehen Besuche bei den Hochschulen, im Hause Deinhard und bei der Ratssitzung auf dem Programm. Landtagspräsident Dr. Heinz Peter Volkert gibt heute abend einen Empfang.





**St.-Kastor-Kirche mit Brunnen:** Im römischen Gotteshaus (836 geweiht), einst Lieblingskirche karolingischer Kaiser, wurde 843 der Vertrag von Verdun und damit die Erbteilung des ersten deutschen Reiches vorbereitet. Der Brunnen erinnert an Sieg und Niederlage Napoleons. Seine Inschrift gehört zu den Kuriositäten der Weltgeschichte.

**St. Castor's Church and Fountain:** in this Romanesque building (consecrated in 836), once the favourite church of the Carolingian emperors, the Verdun compact on the division of the first German Empire was prepared in 843. The Fountain reminds us of Napoleon's rise and fall; its inscription is one of history's curiosities.



**Florinskirche:** Dreischiffige romanische Pfeilerbasilika (12. Jh.) mit gotischem Chor (1350) auf römischem Stadtturm. Ursprünglich flache Holzdecke, 1708 erneuert, ehemalige gedrungene Turmhäuben um 1900 durch die Spitztürme ersetzt. Neben der Kirche das älteste Wohnhaus von Koblenz.

**St. Florin's Church:** triple-naved Romanesque pillared basilica (12th cent.) with Gothic chancel (1350) on Roman tower. Originally flat timber ceiling renewed in 1708 and squat towers replaced in 1900 by pointed ones. Nearby is the city's oldest dwelling-house.



**Liebfrauenkirche:** Romanische Emporenbasilika, um 1180 begonnen, Mitte des 13. Jh. vollendet. Das gotische Chor wurde 1404 - 1430 errichtet, die barocken Zwiebeltürme (nach dem letzten Krieg erneuert) stammen von 1693. Das Gotteshaus ist über einer Römerhalle und früheren Kirchen aus fränkischer und karolingischer Zeit gebaut.

**Church of Our Lady:** Romanesque galleried basilica, begun c. 1180, completed in mid-13th cent. The Gothic chancel dates from 1404-30, the Baroque domed towers (renewed after the war) from 1693. The church was built on the site of a Roman hall and Frankish/Carolingian churches.

# Four of the many pretty sights (sites) in Koblenz



**Vier Türme und Löhrrstraße:** Eingang zur Einkaufszone und zur Altstadt. Die vier Häuser mit den schmuckvollen Erkertürmen wurden zwischen 1689 und 1691 gebaut. Hier war die Hauptwache der Stadt. Im letzten Krieg zum Teil zerstört und wieder aufgebaut.

**Four Towers and the Löhrrstrasse:** Entrance to the Old Town and shopping precinct. The four houses with their ornamental turrets were built between 1689 and 1691. The city's main guard-house stood here. Partially destroyed in the war, it has been rebuilt.



**Deutscherherrenhaus mit Blumenhof:** Von den weiträumigen Bauten des Deutschen Ritterordens ist nur noch das ehemalige Verwaltungsgebäude erhalten. Es ist eingebettet in liebevoll gepflegte Gartenanlagen, zu deren Kulisse die altertümliche Kastor-Kirche gehört. Auf der anderen Rheinseite die imponierenden Festungsbauwerke des Ehrenbreitstein.

**Of the Deutscherherrenhaus and Blumenhof** erected by the Teutonic Order of Knights only the former administrative building survives, surrounded by carefully-tended gardens and with the venerable Church of St. Castor as a background. Across the river is the impressive fortress of Ehrenbreitstein.



**Plan:** Treff- und Kommunikationspunkt am Rande der Altstadt. Früher Fleischmarkt, Hinrichtungsstätte, Turnierplatz. Im 19. Jahrhundert befand sich dort das Rathaus. Der Brunnen in der Mitte des Platzes spendet seit 1806 Wasser und war an die älteste Wasserversorgung von Koblenz angeschlossen.

**"Plan":** a popular meeting-place on the edge of the Old Town; once a meat-market, place of execution and tournament arena. The Town Hall stood here in the 19th century. The fountain, supplied by the city's oldest conduit, has been working since 1806.

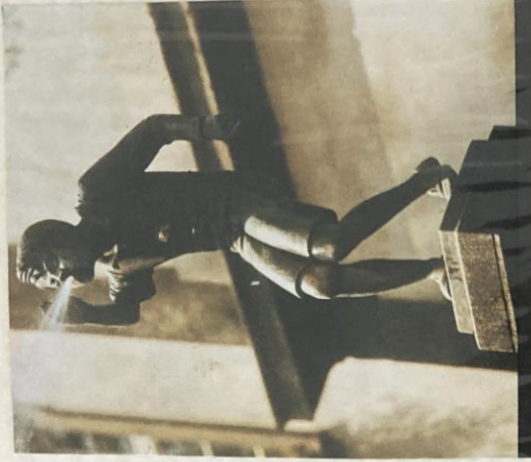


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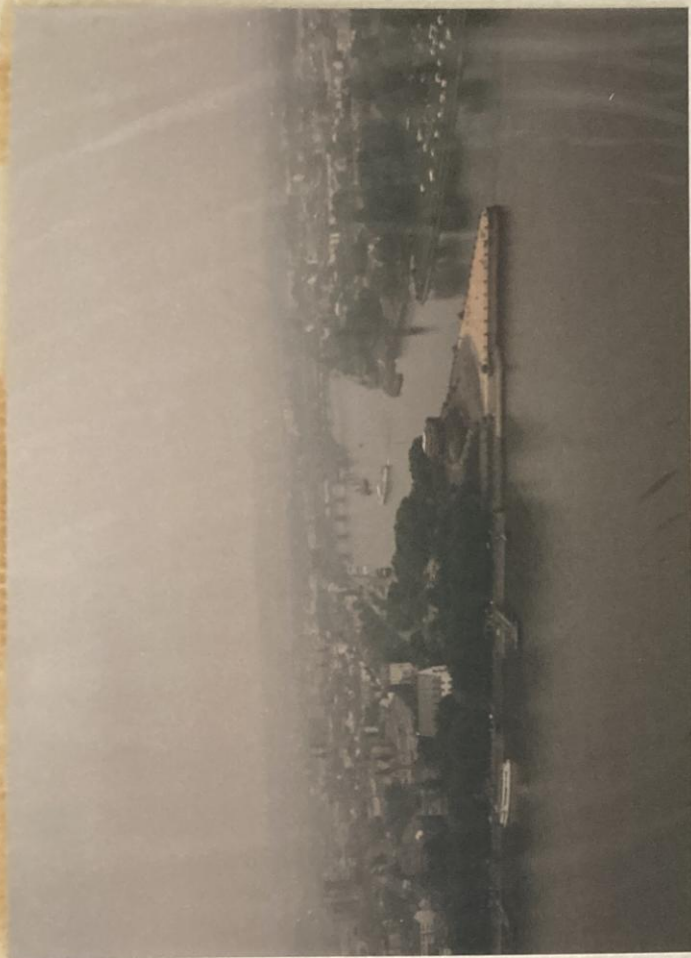
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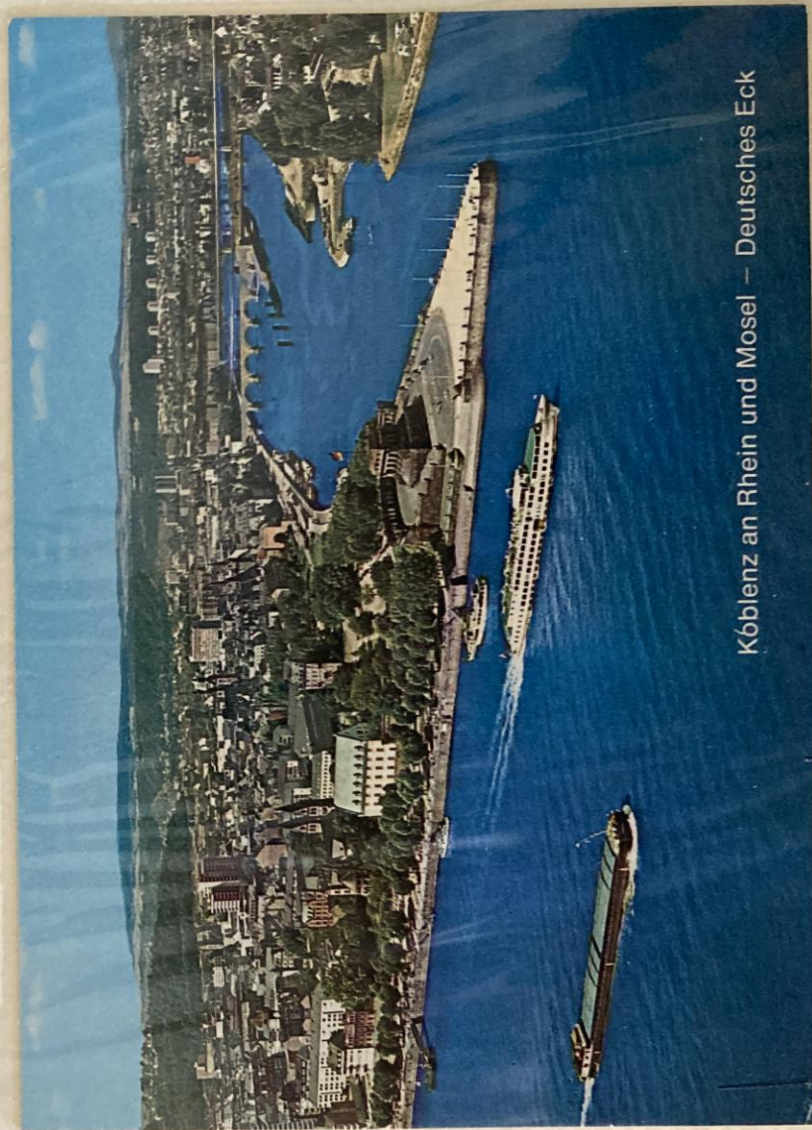
Forever  
restoring  
with great  
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Rhein  
Mosel



View from Ehrenbreitstein - it was hazy every time  
I was up there



Koblenz an Rhein und Mosel - Deutsches Eck



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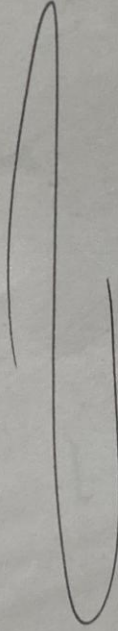
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*Fährhaus am Stausee Mosel*  
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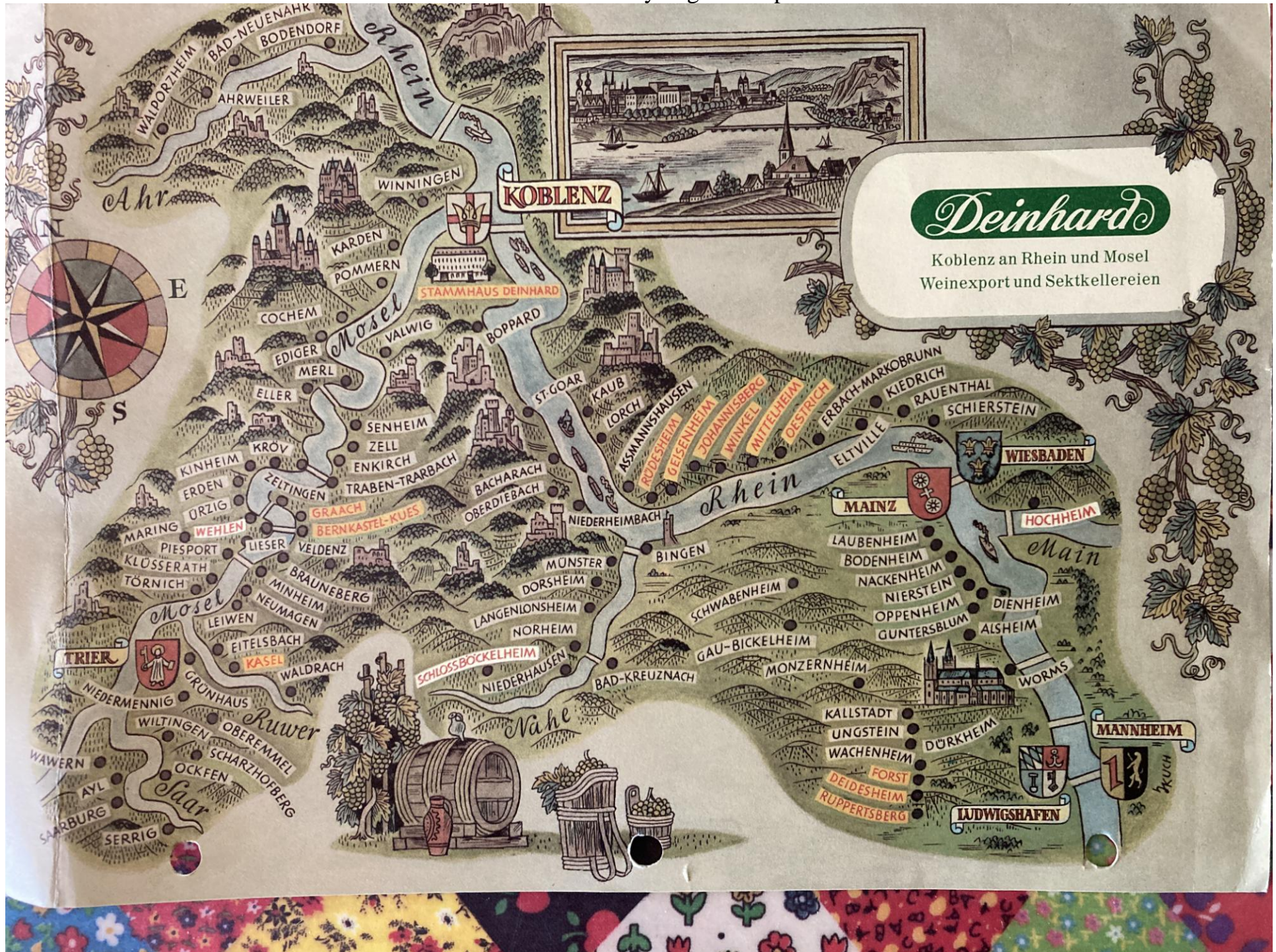
*Heu*



A delicious meal,  
elegantly served, but probably  
the richest one I ever had to eat  
because the two main courses were  
not there to choose from — they were  
both served to every guest.









Renate Anderson  
Mary Ellen Kucera  
Bob Green

Various  
trips

Champagne and  
Wine



Rhein-Zeitung  
covered every day



## Fachkundige US-Gäste

Amerikanische Gäste im Koblenzer Werk der Hoogovens Aluminium: Interessierte Besucher aus der zukünftigen Partnerstadt Austin machten sich ein Bild von der industriellen Leistungskraft unserer Region.

Bernd Großer vom Koblenzer Amt für Wirtschaftsförderung begleitete die Delegation mit Austins Bürgermeister Lee

Unser Foto zeigt die amerikanischen Gäste vor dem Warmwalzgerüst, dem Herzstück des Unternehmens.

Foto: Frey





Festung Ehrenbreitstein  
near Koblenz







Ehrenbreitstein - beautiful brick work



A flag to welcome us,  
the "Amis"

Rhein-  
Zeitung



### Austins Bürgermeister auf der Festung

Zu einem Empfang der Delegation aus Austin hatte Landtagspräsident Dr. Heinz Peter Volkert (links) in den Kuppelsaal auf die Festung Ehrenbreitstein geladen. Gerade in einer Zeit, in der sich der Blick der Deutschen nach Osten wende, komme es darauf an, Zeichen zu setzen, „daß wir eingebunden sind in eine westliche Werte-Ordnung, in der der Freiheitswillen der USA weiterhin eine große Rolle spielen wird“, betonte Volkert. Die Bestrebungen nach einer Partnerschaft zwischen Austin und Koblenz gingen konform mit der Bemühung des Landes Rheinland-Pfalz um engere Beziehungen zum Bundesstaat Texas. Das Foto zeigt neben dem Landtagspräsidenten den Bürgermeister von Austin Lee Cooke und dessen Frau.

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with Gabi Steinhilber  
and Veronika Luggene

meeting students  
and teachers  
to discuss  
future



exchanges  
in the  
Jörres  
Gymnasium



Bert  
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as  
Mayor  
Cooke



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Ritterliches  
Mahl auf  
der  
Reichsburg  
Cochern  
Von dem Stone,  
King Cooke  
Queen Penaten



# Stadththeater Koblenz

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Montag, 1. Oktober 90

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STAD MET FLAIR





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A  
Visit to the  
family of  
Ernie  
Günther  
in Koblenz





Helga, Mrs. + Oberbürgermeisterin Hörter, ? Renate Anderson, Mrs. Volkerst



"Ein deutsches Kind"

Celebrating German  
Re-unification - by  
special invitation of  
Landtagspräsident  
Dr. Volkerst in the dignitary  
area of the Deutsches Eck



Renate A

Veronika



US-Präsident George Bush  
4 Oct. 90  
Bild Zeitung



God save  
the Germans



October 4, 1990, a holiday, we walk  
back to the Deutsches Eck. Veronika  
and wife

This flag was  
supposed to come  
down at midnight,  
but it didn't.  
But the flag of the  
5 new states were  
pulled down again.





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*Celebrations just after midnight  
Oct. 3/4 1990*





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# Deutschland! Mein Gott, ist das schön

Diese Freude, dieses Glück! Deutschland ist wieder ein vereintes, souveränes Land. Punkt null Uhr in der Nacht zum 3. Oktober hörte die DDR auf zu existieren. Die Glocken läuteten, Millionen Menschen jubelten – mein Gott, ist das schön! Alle Deutschen leben jetzt in einem freien, demokratischen Land. Glückwünsche aus aller Welt. Bundespräsident von Weizsäcker: „Wir wollen dem Frieden und der Welt dienen.“

Auch Kanzler Kohl und Lothar de Maizière hielten große, würdige Reden. Die Feiern am Brandenburger Tor und vor dem Reichstag machten deutlich: Berlin ist die Herzmitte Deutschlands. Keist die Hauptstadt. Nur hier kann der Regierungssitz unseres Volkes sein, das seit gestern auch in der UNO nur noch einen Namen hat: Germany – Deutschland! Große Berichte auf den Seiten 2 bis 5.

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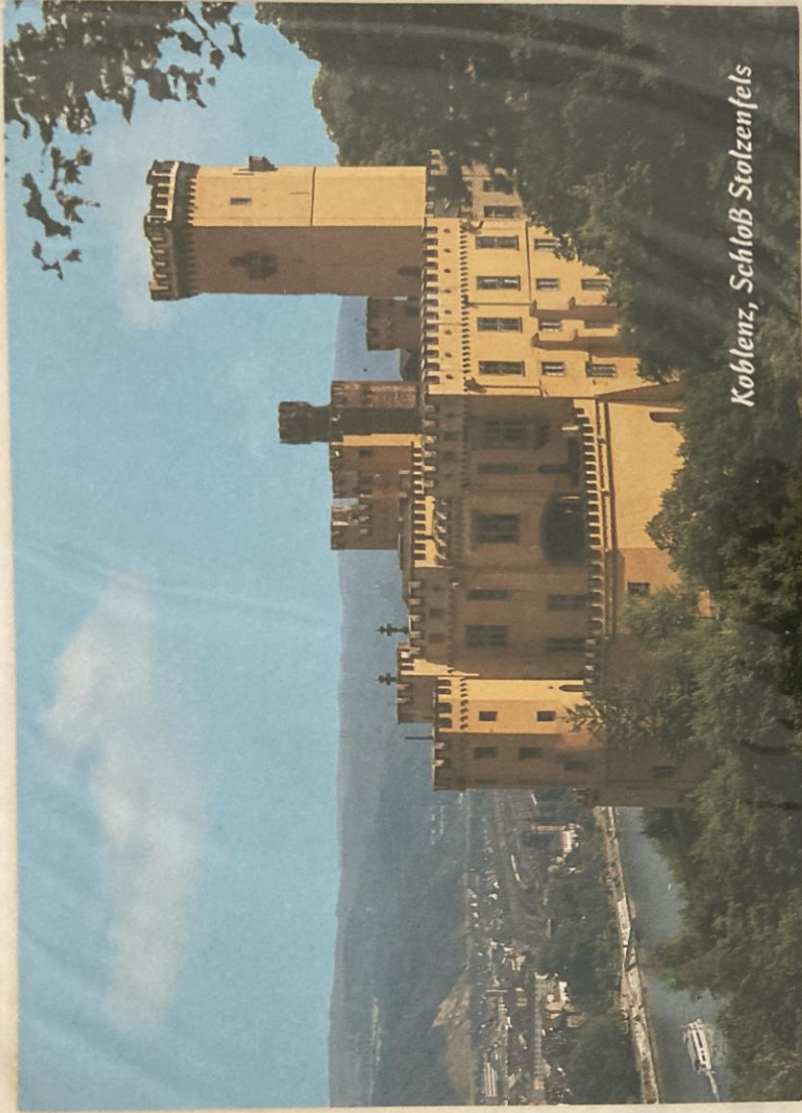


Die Sekunde, in der der größte Traum der Deutschen Wirklichkeit wird: Vor dem Reichstag steigt die Fahne der Einheit empor, die Nationalhymne erklingt, die Menschen vor dem hellerleuchteten Reichstag jubeln, weinen, lachen. Foto: V.

# Carolines Mann to



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Leaving Koblenz by train  
Some local ladies enjoy a glass of champagne  
before boarding the Inter City for a shopping trip



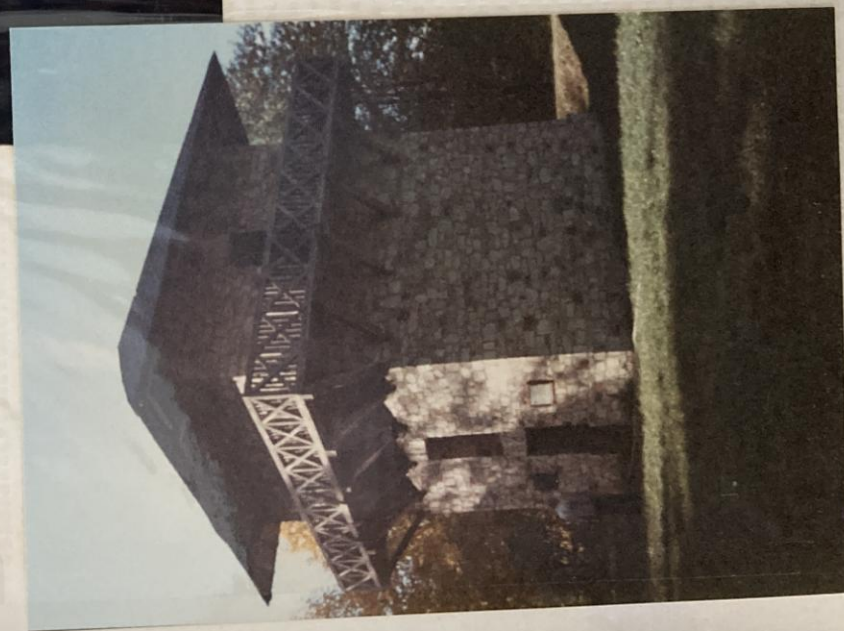
Ich weiß nicht was soll es bedeuten...



## Limes

the northern border  
of the Roman  
Empire in Germany.  
Recently Restored

near  
Taunusstein





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Other parts of the  
Limes remains  
in the Tausen  
Mountains





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Friday, 21 Sept. 90

Austin - Koblenz Trip  
to Germany.

Left on Delta 3 p.m. On the flight were Mayor Lee Cooke & Barbara, Jim + Renata van Stone, Mary Ellen Korman, Elliott Marcom, Dr. & Mrs. Mrs. Cooke flew business class, paid for by Austin American Society. He was in jeans which is remarkable only because Renata van Stone had advised against it.

Arrived in Frankfurt 9:30 next morning, welcomed by Delta representative, some trouble with late luggage. Mary Ellen and I in Renata Anderson's car to Hotel Intercontinental.

By taxi to Sachsenhausen where streets were packed (!) with people due to a Straussenfest. We fought our way through to "Gemalltes Haus", a nice restaurant. Managed to get a table, ordered gemischte Platte to sample all kinds of meat.

Then wandered on to the "Alte Bruckmühle" where we had dessert, all impressive. Until midnight we then strolled through the streets of Sachsenhausen, all buzzing with life. Mayor Cooke always broke away from the group and looked into bars, pubs, laundromats, everything caught his interest. He had spent the afternoon in a museum studying Frankfurt.

First Renata could not find her car, then we got lost in Frankfurt traffic.

Room 245.- for single person. (\$1. = 1.53 DM)

Terrible price, breakfast not included. Across the street is the Intercontinental where restaurant prices are a little lower, still awful.

Had beer and lunch with Bert + Mary Ellen, then tried to sleep. No luck. At 6 p.m. had a cup of coffee in hotel.

8 PM. At around 7 p.m. all seven of us met up with Luther + Julie Regan + friends of the van Stones. He is a Lufthansa pilot.

Stood in "König in Sachsen" near the closed guesthouse.

Sunday, Saturday, 23 Sep 90  
Continental breakfast (14. DM)  
Then talk by Prof. Fried of EEC about EEC sponsored by the Texas Department of Commerce.

Afternoon Elliott, Mary Ellen and I walked through Frankfurt, had lunch, visited Jim, Pankiewicz, Alte Oper and the many pedestrian areas, especially the Römer, which is beautifully restored with all the medieval houses.

So many people were crowding the restaurants and cafes. It was overcast,

beautiful to walk.

Evening we, as a group, took taxis to Sachsenhausen again, had dinner in the Alte Bruckmühle, strolled around again for several hours. Stumbled into a "Texas Bar" with a Texan owner called Cook. Mayel Cooke promised him a care package from Austin with Austin mementos to add to all the Texas decorations in the joint.

We took the subway to the Hauptbahnhof. Everything just for the experience. Smith ride, clean, but at the Hauptbahnhof there were some shady characters, bums, drinkers, addicts,

exchange of business cards, small talk, trying to learn faces and names (hopless). Mayor Cooke was often mistaken for Don van Stone and vice versa. Talked to Miss Texas, so poised, pretty, obviously intelligent. He is studying music therapy.

Back to hotel. Lunch with Elliott + Mary Ellen in the Galleria in BfG Building, Italian, smothered but good food. Then Bert and I walked to the Zeil canal strolled around in Kaufhof. He is in Germany for the first time. At Rossmarkt people were well dressed, in other parts one is afraid to get

a sorry sight, some asked us for money. This walking around in a group (we were joined by some aggie from the Dep. of Commerce) was fun.

Monday, 24 Sep 90

A bus packed us up to the new Deutsche Chamber of Commerce Texas has in Europe. The official ribbon cutting was done by Miss Texas (Susanne). A lot of dignitaries were there, TV cameras etc. Unfortunately it took place in the hallway, and it was very crowded. Champagne afterwards, meeting people,

close. A brisk wind sped up our pace.

4:30 meeting sponsored by Dep. of Commerce with 2 speeches on doing business in Germany, good, but very general. (2 held)

6:30 Big reception with lots of German dignitaries and business men. A magnificent spread of meats, veggies, dips, etc. and all flown in from Texas, and fantastic German pastries. Some speeches, meeting people, exchange of cards, Miss Texas sang. Food was really great.



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- I finally called Dietrich (Sage) and Ina and told them I might be by soon.
- I have not made any plans for the week after Koblenz.
- Talked for a while with Bürgermeister Mrog of Frankfurt.

Yesterday morning a guy walked into the lobby of the Intercontinental and poured ketchup over a gentleman sitting there. He jumped up and took off his jacket in total surprise. Then the guy grabbed it, took out the contents of inside & outside pockets and ran. The gentleman had lost all his money, flight tickets etc.

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- persons around a center table (von Stosch, Renate A., the two Lockes, Fey, Hörter).
- Bus to Hotel Dieck.
- Mary Ellen Korum and I room together again. View on the Rhine.
- Bus to Belsky Schloss Stolzenfels, walk uphill from Street. A guided tour in English. The Schloss was rebuilt for the king of Prussia around 1843 when Koblenz became part of Prussia after having been French for a while, not for personal or permanent residence but more to show a promise.
- Evening: official reception with dinner at city owned

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- It was late when we finally were turned home. Food (buffet style, Eisbombe mit Robert etc.) had been more than great.
- Wednesday
- The hotel seems to be built right over the railroad tracks.
- 9 a.m., gentlemen to Industriegebiet, ladies by bus to Deutsches Eck, Altstadt, Festung Ehrenbreitstein, Gärten, from Marien and Herr Schmidt. Sehr beeindruckend alles. Am Deutschen Eck we were told that on the 24th the flag on the monument will be taken down with a great ceremony after having been hoisted there by Kempf to

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- where we had a good, funny tour through the castle and then a medieval dinner with Don, the mayor and Renate dressed as knights and lady, all very funny.
- They served a rustic dinner without potatoes or spions (turkey legs from Texas as main course) lots of beer & wine. Great time. On the way down the hill Renate A. and Renate van St. Pat Berg and I hoisted arms and marched singing German Kinderlieder, ~~loud~~ loud and much too happy. We were impressed by the musicians that had entertained in the castle. We sang in

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- Tuesday
- Taxi to Bahnhof. Ina was upset about short ride. Group travel 1st class (nothing special) to Koblenz where were greeted by a band and 2 men and 1 woman in military uniform of 1840-1870 (woman in Biedermeier, some people from the city and German American Society (Mr. Fey & a.)).
- Bus to official reception hall to meet Bürgermeister Hörter. Sauer wine was served with open sandwiches, both excellent. Both mayors gave a talk. An American Colonel (Army) translated. We sat around tables and chatted. The most official

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- restaurant
- Bürgermeister Hörter brought his wife. He speaks fairly good English. There were a lot of Koblenz dignitaries from the administration, Industrie u. Handelskammer, business, education, press. Invitation had come from the office of the <sup>also</sup> Bürgermeister and his selection was endorsed by three Germans I overheard. They were always criticizing this & that when they talked amongst themselves, bitching about party politics as well. But we met interesting people, for example I had a long talk with the head of the green faction in the city council and a rapid

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- hang there until Germany is reunited. It might be nice to go back to Koblenz for that night.
- Lunch at another wonderful place.
- They served soup, salad, fish delicacies, then 2 main entrees, then Eisbombe with coffee, and wine of course. We were so stuffed! But every bite was delicious.
- Then quickly by bus to Don Jones school where teachers & students we assembled to discuss student exchange. Mrs. Locke (he was not there) offered to take a student for 3 weeks.
- Hotel then quickly into bus for ride to Lichem, castle

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- German to make sure the "Amis" would not be blamed by the disturbed brown people (It was almost) midnight.
- Thursday
- Bus to Deinhart, Schilf in wine mit Fährweg und Pöhlen. Man took aus jedem der 7 Gläser nur 1 Schluck und gabs den Rest in einen Appellnapf.
- Nachmittags zum Stadtrat. Ich interessierte offgeell für einen Beamten, der uns vorher über das Verwaltungssystem unterrichtete.



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Beim Stadtrat (da treffen sich nur ~10 mal im Jahr, haben aber 50 Abgeordnete) ging es gemütlich zu. Nach unserer Begrüßung wurde es für die meisten von uns langweilig, zumal wir alle heimisch waren (mit wem es nicht langweilig). Schnell zum Hall, auf Klo, dann im Bus zur Festung, wo wir vom Präsidenten des Rhe.-ff. Landtages empfangen wurden. Man traf wieder (man schon) bekannte Leute; es gab Gulaschsuppen und Schmitten, Wein, Sekt, Kaden. Monika Leberer lud mich ein, bei ihr zu wohnen, wenn ich nächste Woche noch nach Koblenz komme. Ich erhielt

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in Austin by 1972 and (1993?). This followed when I made the day before that the American love for trees might be second to that of the German's love for trees. I hope he was joking, but nevertheless I had immediate volunteers.

Friday. Everybody departs or will depart after day of rest. Books were taken to Tfm airport at 6:30, still exhausted.

At breakfast Don von Stone commented that our group was so congenial, that we could actually on an Amazon cruise

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auch hinterher von Entwürfen Karte zur Orientierung für die Festlichkeiten am 2. - 3. Okt. Dann zum Brauereischiller für ein leichtes, gemütliches Beisammensein. Diebstahl - meiste kam auch. Eigentlich war ein Theaterbesuch geplant. Die heilige Johanna aber das wäre ja schrecklich langweilig gewesen für Leute, die kein Deutsch verstehen. Der Plan wurde kurzfristig abgeändert. Wir talked about (illegible) idea) to have an exchange of teachers before we exchange kids.

Mayor Booke told me that he would put me in charge of the project to plant 1000 obo trees

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together. This is really amazing since most of us had never or hardly met before.

Left Koblenz by train at 10:08, but like so many trains nowadays, it was late. (DM 72)

Inge picked me up at Krefelder Bahnhof. Stayed in Krefeld at Dierhard's house until Monday. Dierhard, Otto, Ralph + Barbara were there too. Had dinner with them at Dierhard's Schinkenhaus.

Sunday in Kempen and Palmengarten Bad Pyrmont. Wonderful trees and landscaping!

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Monday, 1 Oct. 90  
Katarina to Koblenz. Veronika Leggerer picked me up. I am staying at her place. Her apartment is centrally located, all rooms are spacious, ceilings high, quiet heat, big windows, so much better than our average house in the US. Afternoon Stadtkommunal with coffee + cake in Café, evening's Rigolotto. The Koblenz theater is very pretty, light colors and decor, not big. The opera was done in German, but Rigolotto sang Italian because he was a quick substitute (an American, Wayne - they got for Heidelberg

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Afternoon with Renate Anderson to Mr. Stadtkommunal in Mühlheim-Karsche (Kaffee, Kuchen, andere Gäste, toller Wein) zur Begrüßung eines Männerchores beizugleich dem Beisein in 1990, im kommenden Jahr. 65 Sänger + Frauen u. z. d., 165 Personen. Ein großes Projekt für uns - Berufsberatung etc. Evening was reserved for the big event: the celebration and festivities concerning reunification.

Renate A., Veronika, Don von Stone and I strolled the few hundred yards to the Deutsche Eck at around 8:30 p.m. Gervols made it difficult for us to reach the Denkmal

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He sang better than all others except for R's daughter. In Koblenz you can walk everywhere, much nice town.

Tuesday 2 Oct. 90  
Monika Daught (Realschule) until 1 p.m. I spent some time shopping (mostly looking) but mostly in the 2 Landeshauptstädte. I had to be met by some higher up archival find who questioned me about how I had heard of this building of Texas German files. Finally he ordered 4 files to be brought to me (I had to come back later). They were in terrible, brittle condition but contained precious material (see also notes).

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area where we had tickets from the Landtagspräsident Volker in a special off area. There were all kinds of dignitaries there, e.g., Volker Ministerpräsident etc. Renate and I made sure we were seen and recognized by many. TV cameras and lights. Local rock music was played live until almost a quarter to 12, the young crowd clapped and moved in rhythm, but many would have preferred and expected a different type of music. Then several people dignitaries said a few sentences into loudspeakers, but no speaker was directed towards the



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invited guests, so we couldn't hear them. Then the first flags of the new states (formerly DDR) were hoisted with applause. The "Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit" verse of the national anthem was played by an army band and solemnly sung by everybody — and that was it, except for a meagre fireworks from the Festung Ehrenbreitstein. What happened to the schwarz-rot-gold flag that — we had been told by many — would be unanimously lowered because former Bundespräsident Kemp had put it there once, after which Germany reunited.

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Feintag, everything closed. Wednesday 3 Oct. 90 Alfred Bue picked me up at 10 a.m. His mother is one of Ernie Gruenther's sisters. I had called them a few days earlier to deliver greetings from Ernie, who is too sick by now to write or phone. Two sisters of Ernie were there, several other relatives, Kaffer, Kaden, Erzählen, Tränen der alten Damen. I took a few pictures. Distance is a terrible concept when one gets too old to travel.

Lunch mit Veronika at outside in Hays, somewhere in a restaurant on one of the many beautiful squares.

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Thursday, 4 Oct. 90 Spent several hours in Hauptlandesarchiv with the files on emigration. It ordered some "micos" (20 Pf. pro Stück) to be mailed to me. Possible articles to be written, sehr hilfreich dabei. Had the worst day of a bad cold. Around 1 p.m. Veronika took me to the train for Mainz where Uchi picked me up. Kaffer, Kaden, Erzählen. Alexandra is almost my height, Christian was on a school trip. Evening: Moschi took us to an Italian restaurant in Gonsenheim, very good. Moschi said they watched the owner make a payment to the Mafia.

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Market, etc. That was actually very nice. The short time in Kastadt and other stores was spent mainly looking for things Alexandra wanted. She still has that stubborn demanding she had as a little girl. Very nice scabiosa, actually, they gave me so much attention. We picked me up late in the afternoon and took me to Neuhof. Evening with family. The newest arrival, 9 months old, Göttinger or something like that, is the cutest baby, Bella's tint and eyes. Quite friendly. Peter wore "auf der" something

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The flag was not lowered. Was it the mechanism that didn't work? It never found out, worked about it for a minute, and one talked about plans for Sunday afternoon, the weather and the price of rice in China, etc. Big enthusiasm. Only drinks sang fractions of the Deutschland Deutschland, etc. There was no closing hour for Bars that night, all of them were filled into the streets until early morning. A few men + kids had been around with a flag.

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Afternoon with Veronika to Nemmel (part 1!) to performance of Bürgermusikanten, wunderschöne Lieder (Schulort etc.).

Abends, meeting at Veronika's Haus mit Frau Brödermanns u. Frau Steinbach, grüßte Lehrer, losschickte Austausch. They talked mostly about personal or their student related subjects. I had a hard time returning then to their own planned subject. They stayed till 1 a.m.

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Late evening: looked at photos and videos from their recent trip to Xunmi in Yunnan. Dunderstern! They also visited Moschi's mother Ulla, of course, and that led to Moschi telling me all kinds of family goings on and about children, affairs, etc. that I didn't know about. Rumor, truth? Both?

Friday, 5 Oct. 90

Mainz, Stadthimmel mit Uchi + Alexandra. I had hoped to finally find some leisurely shopping time, but the two wanted to show me the Dom,

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anthropological to find himself. Another family drama

Saturday, 6 Oct. 90

This was my last chance to spend a day browsing in town, i.e. Wiesbaden. But winter and Iri had decided to dedicate the whole day with me. So we went together to Kastadt and Herbie. I brought a few things, but really could not look around much. But they meant so well. In the afternoon, again glorious weather, no coal necessary, we drove through the Taunus, trees lightly changing colors.



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Beautiful. Stopped at a place where you can still the "limes" from Roman days (in this place restored with palisades).  
Evening at Uli's.  
He had invited some friends. Bettina had cooked. Lovely evening.  
The two are hoping for a baby and plan to get married, but Iri is not supposed to know that because "he does not get along with Bettina" too well. Another family drama. Bella is also close to leaving the clan. They are all living too close together. I had thought Uli's house was the house

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in the lazy boy and know that Hans is smoking on the couch with whisky sleeping on the love seat.

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limit partially with money from grandparents, but Iri said that he "doesn't even pay the rent" to her. Another family drama, because he also uses his parents' studio & equipment. Bettina told an fascinating details of her job at a porno magazine.

Sunday, 7 Oct. 90

Uli took me to the Ffm airport at seven in the morning. Delta flight home. My suitcase was so heavy, I think I bent my elbows. I am ready to get home and fall asleep

Bursingen Monday, 8 Oct. 1990  
Don Bursman on developing  
business relationships with Germany

Political Environment:

Ger. will welcome economic growth, will be by market.  
Very few trade barriers.  
US exports to Germany up this year by 14% 86% (1986).  
European Community has free movement through all Europe (300 mill. people).  
Distribution channels available, but good agents hard to find.  
Trade fairs are very important for world market.

Foreign Commercial Services. Have to be contacted after contact with local Commerce departments.

Agent Distributor Service (\$125-) available.

Credit Report Service available.

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Kind of Trade Opportunities and Minimum Market Services available.

Good US products in demand in Germany?  
Hi-Tech

Hardware, Software  
Telecommunication

Have data sheets in com, not riding

Have sales persons speak local language.

Dep. of Commerce in Austria has consultation to financing help available.