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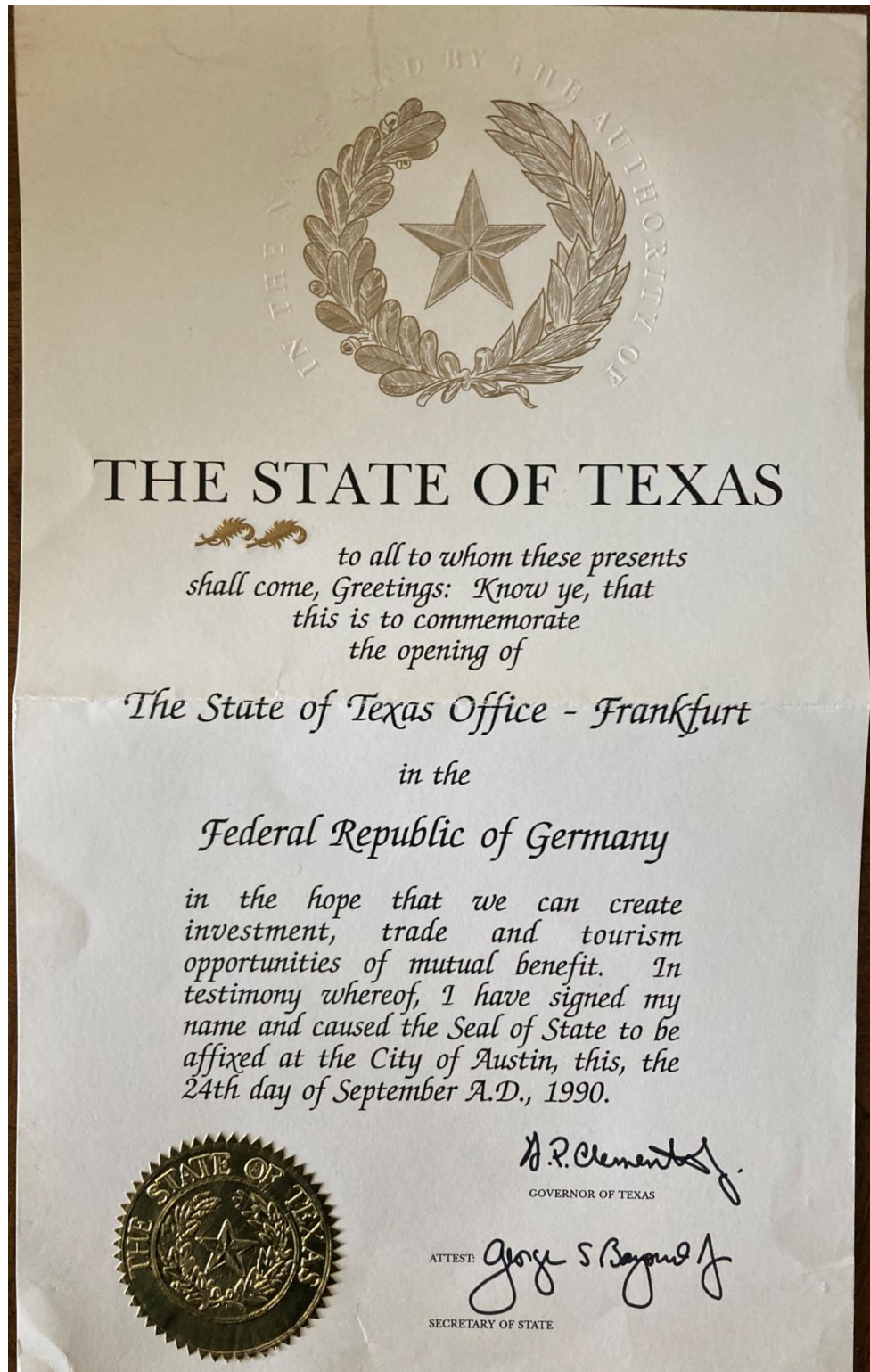
Introduction

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 the Re-unification of Germany festival. There after she began her journey back to Texas.

This compendium begins with the itinerary for the Major of Austin, Lee Cooke. Then combines Helga's diary notes and with the photo and their captions.



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MAYOR LEE COOKE
GERMAN/AUSTIN ASSOCIATION, INC.
OFFICIAL DELEGATION

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Wilhelm-Leuchner-Str. 43
Phone: 49-69-26050
FAX: 49-69-26067
FRANKFURT, GERMANY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

SAUNDAY, 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
Conference

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 - TheaterstraBe I
6:00 Reception

Itinerary for Mayor Cooke for entire trip Koblenz and Frankfurt

KOBLENZ: HOTEL DIEHL
Phone: 49-261-72010
FAX: 49-261-72011
Am Pfaffendorfer Tor 10
Koblenz D-5400
West Germany

DEPART TO KOBLENZ (AROUND 10 MORNING - REMATA HAS SCHEDULE)

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

Castle of "Stolzenfels"

2:30 Sightseeing at castle
4:15 Back to Hotel

"Weindorf" (Vine-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 "HK-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) Rheinshafen"
12:45 Transfer to common lunch in the "Fährhaus am Struensee", given by the city of Koblenz
3:00 Transfer back to hotel
5:30 Depart Hotel to a "Wasserschiff" (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
3:00-3:45 Participate in Council Meeting with Council of 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 Rheinland-Pfalzinate, Dr. Heinz-Peter Volpert
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, Willi Hörter 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

Stadtverwaltung Koblenz

Press- und Fremdenverkehrsamt
Rathaus Jussufstraße
Koblenz
20.9.1990

129 21 28 Frau Stein-Hoppe

Unter Zuhilfenahme
13 stc/hü

Dear Mr. Cooke,
we are glad to send you the final visiting program.

Tuesday, September 25

Arrival: 11:06 hours Koblenz, main station, short welcome with music, bus-transfer to the "Schiffenstübchen"
11:30 hours Welcome by the city of Koblenz in "Schiffenstübchen"
given by our Lord Mayor Willi Hörter, (snack)
13:00 Uhr Bus transfer to the Hotel Diehl, Ehrenbreitstein, Pfaffendorfer Tor.
14:30 Uhr Bus transfer to the castle of "Stolzenfels" and guided sightseeing of the castle
16:15 hours Transfer back to the Hotel Diehl
17:40 hours Bus transfer to the Wine-Village
18:00 hours Dinner to the honor of our guests, given by Lord Mayor Willi Hörter. The dinner is a good chance meeting the press and to contact our representatives of economy, industry, culture, universities and politicians.
Our Lord Mayor intends to give a gift to you and to your wife.

at about 23.30 hours Transfer back to the Hotel

Itinerary based on original, but modified by Chamber of Commerce in Koblenz

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

at about 14.30 hours Walk to the town hall of the city of Koblenz

15.00 - 15.45 hours Participation in the meeting of the council of the city

16.00 hours Transfer back to the Hotel "Diehl"

17.30 hours Bus transfer to the fortress Ehrenbreitstein

18.00 hours Welcome to the honor of the guests, given by the president of the parliament of Rheinland-Palatinate, Dr. Heins-Peter Volkert

18.45 hours Bus transfer to the "theatre of the city"

19.30 hours Visit to the theatre. On the program: "Die heilige Johanna" (Saint Johanna, Play)

During the break of the play, the Lord Mayor Mr. Willi Hörter wants to say good-bye to his guests with a short reception.

Afterwards: Transfer back to the hotel

Friday, September 28

Early morning: One of our chauffeurs comes to Diehl's Hotel to drive you and your wife to Frankfurt airport.

We are looking forward to your visit, your's truly

Dorothea Stein-Hoppe M.A.
Dorothea Stein-Hoppe
Manager of the Press- and Tourist Office

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Wednesday, September 26

Gentlemen's program:

9.00 hours Bus transfer to the "HMG-Technologiezentrum"

9.30 hours Visit to the "Techno-Zentrum"

11.00 hours Visit to the "Hoogoven's Company"

12.00 hours A ride through "Industriegebiet (industrial part of the city of Koblenz) Rheinhafen"

12.45 hours Transfer to common lunch in the "Führhaus am Saasee", given by the city of Koblenz

Ladies' program:

9.00 hours Transfer to the "Deutsches Eck", guidance to the "Alte Stadt" (old part of the city of Koblenz), end: 10.45 hours

Meeting at the starting-point of the "Deutsches Eck" for a ride to the "Festung Ehrenbreitstein" (fortress of Ehrenbreitstein) connected with sight-seeing

13.00 hours Common lunch in the "Führhaus am Saasee", given by the city of Koblenz

at about 15 hours Transfer back to the "Diehl's Hotel"

17.30 hours Departure from the hotel to a "Moselfahrt" (trip on the Moselle) to "Cöchem", dinner at the "Burg Reichsburg" (Castle Reichsburg), given by the city of Koblenz

at about 23.00 hours Transfer back to the hotel

Thursday, September 27

9.45 hours Departure from the hotel to the "Hilfenachhilfe Hochschule" (High-School of Science) for the leading of an enterprise of Vallendar (VHO), welcome by Prof. Dr. W. Pfehler, presentation of the VHO, presentation of the double-degree-program

11.30 hours Departure from the VHO

Three pages of business cards

Handwritten: theatergemeinde Koblenz e.V. Vorstand: Winfried Richard
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Fax 0261 14281
Handwritten: 0261 0261-14281

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View from Intercontinental Hotel in Frankfurt

Friday 21 September 1990

Left on Delta 3pm. On the flight were Mayor Lee Cooke & Barbara, Don & Renata van Stones, Mary Allen Kocura, Elbert Marcom. Mr & 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.

Saturday 22 September 1990

Arrived in Frankfurt at 9:30am next morning, welcomed by Delta representative, some trouble with late luggage. Mary Ellen and I in Renate Anderson's car to Hotel Intercontinental. First Renate could not find her car, then we got lost in Frankfurt's traffic. Room DM 245.- for single person. (\$1 = 1.53DM) Terrible price, breakfast not included. Across the street is the Intercontinental where restaurant prices are a little lower, still awful.



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Frankfurt

By taxi to Sachsenhausen, where streets were packed (!) with people due to a Straßen fest. We fought our way through to "Gemaltes Haus", a nice restaurant. Managed to get a table, ordered "genischte Platte" to sample all kinds of meat. Then rambled on to the Alte Brickenmühle" where we had dessert, all impromptu. Until midnight we then strolled through the streets of Sachsenhausen, all bussing with life. Major 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 Frankfurter's history.

Had beer and lunch with Bert & Mary Ellen, then tried to sleep. No luck. At 6pm had a cup of Keinchen coffee in hotel, 8DM. At around 7pm all seven of us met up with Lothar & Julie Regenbogen, friends of the van Stones. He is a Lufthansa pilot.

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Frankfurt

Sunday 23 September 1990

Continental breakfast (14DM). Then talk by Professor Fried of EEC about EEC, sponsored by the Texas Department of Commerce.

Afternoon Elbert, Mary Ellen and I walked through Frankfurt. Had lunch in "König in Salzhaus" near the closed Goethehaus. Excellent Saltbar. visited Dom, Paulkirche, 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 Brückenmühle, strolled around again for several hours.

Stumbled into a "Texas Bar" with a Texan owner called Cook. Mayor 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. Smooth ride, clean, but at the Hauptbahnhof there were some shady characters, bums, drunks, addicts, a sorry sight, come asked us for money. This walking around in a group (we were joined by some Aggies from the Department of Commerce) was fun.



Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born in this house, Frankfurt

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Frankfurt



Frankfurt

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Frankfurt market place



Frankfurt, restoring the old



Frankfurt trolley

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Römer, Frankfurt



Römer Frankfurt



Frankfurt

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

Deep in the heart of Deutschlan

A A - Statesman

Thursday, September 27, 1990

Austinites take a trip to Germany to open Texas European office

Due back shortly from the land of wurst, bread buns, beer halls and Oktoberfest are 30-plus Texans.

Many are members of a city delegation headed by Austin Mayor Lee Cooke with wife Barbara, Vacker Cooke and a group representing the Texas Department of Commerce.

The purpose of the Commerce delegation's trip was to open the State of Texas' European office in Bonn, Germany, and to establish and support the ceremonies were board members.

Ernesto Anzola Jr. and **Jack Rains** and executive director **Bill Taylor** were among the first to arrive. They are to complete a sister city relationship with Koblenz, Germany, develop a relationship between the University of Texas and the University of Koblenz, and establish a relationship between Austin Community College and a similar school in Bonn.

Participants **Dr. Robert T. Green** of UT, German-American Association president **René Schmitt**, and **Walter W. Stens** are also attending as are meeting business leaders and politicians.

Footnote: While First City Bank head **Donald W. Stens** is leading home, wife **Barbara** is in charge of the reception through the Oct. 3 "Unification Day" when East and West Germany become one country.

Ernst was born in Bonn, now divided Munich.

Austin's **Texan Digest**... That's what you want to read. It's the only magazine published on three Austinites.

Comedian **Wayne** in **Texan Digest**... It's the only magazine published on three Austinites.

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A name by Capital City architect **Lawrence**

Lee Kelly

the center designed by **Dr. Chai**, a Chinese architect who served as project consultant with Architecture associate **Dodge**.

Dodge says you don't know much internationally, accept **O'Neil** Ford Centennial Chair at UT, in part because it's private. "I'd say it's a good thing," he said. "I'd say it's a good thing," he said. "I'd say it's a good thing," he said.

And expect the Center to be far more here with the top dog **Chai** couldn't make the trip to Mexico.

Postscript: Folks were bopped by kosenary, at the fee of surgery.

Laguna Gloria Update... Its development staff back to location. You can buy furniture at the office, 404 West 5th St. **Sims** **NGNE**, which will be tending and making the house.

Jack Nokes, the museum said the facility was still in the thing we could better. We're lines of free or better."

Lee Kelly paid the spotlight on his new art by at the museum, P.O. Box 670, Austin 78713

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

Spack receives a two-page color spread. You can visit **Larry's** own house in **Turkeytown** district, 7 sponsored by the **Art** **Home** Tour Oct. 6 and children. For more tour info, call **Sharon** **Rue** at 453-8191.

Charles Moore UT professor of architecture. More on Moore... The hottest spot in Austin last weekend was the hottest spot in Austin last weekend. Texas from all over the state is in the **UT** **Students** Association under the **Sabrook**, re-christen the \$65 million addition to the center.

Saturday: more than 6,000 strolled through

Deep in the heart

Austinites take a trip to Germany to open Texas European office

Due back shortly from the land of wurst, brass bands, beer halls and Oktoberfest are 30-plus Texans.

Visiting Germany are members of a city delegation headed by Austin **Mayor Lee Cooke** with wife **Barbara Vacker Cooke** and a group representing the Texas Department of Commerce under chairman **Ed Vetter**.

The purpose of the Commerce delegation's trip was to open the State of Texas' European office in Frankfurt. That they did Monday, and enjoying the ceremonies were board members **Ernesto Ancira Jr.** and **Jack Rains** and executive director **Bill Taylor**.

The Austin group's goals are to complete a sister city relationship with Koblenz, Germany; develop a relationship between the University of Texas' Graduate School of Business and the Koblenz School's corporate management; and establish a relationship between Austin Community College and a similar school in Koblenz.

Participants **Dr. Robert T. Green** of UT, German-American Association president **Renate Anderson** and **Herb and Karen Cleveland**, also are meeting business leaders and politicians.

Footnote: While First City Bank head honcho **Donald Van Stone** is heading home, wife **Renate Van Stone** is extending her stay through the Oct. 3 "Unification Day" when East and West Germany become one country. Renate was born in a town outside Munich.



Austin artist/composes with a friend in the September

Speck receives a can visit Larry's

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Texas hosts a reception in the Intercontinental Hotel for German business people and dignitaries. 24 September 1990



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



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Austin Mayor Cooke



Speeches at the Reception

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Miscellaneous paperwork. Baggage claim ticket, Hotel paperwork, room key.

A night in Frankfurt, Sachsenhausen.



Mary Ellen Kucera, Julie Regenbogen, Helga v.S., Bert Marcom, Don & Renate van Stone. 22 Sep 1990

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Julie, Barbara & Lee Cooke, Helga, von stones, Pilot Regenbogen



Having a "German" meal in Sachsenhausen, in "Gemaltes Haus"
Gemischte Platte. Combination/Sample plate.

Texas Chamber of Commerce in Germany. 25 Sept 1990
Opening Ceremonies

Monday 25 September 1990

A bus picked us up to the new 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, exchange of business cards, small talk, trying to learn faces and names (hopeless). Major Cooke was often mistaken for Don Van Stone and vice versa. Talked to Miss Texas, so poised, pretty, obviously intelligent. She is studying music therapy.



In the hall way

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Opening instruments



Major of Frankfurt, Miss Texas (Susan), Jack Raines.



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Getting ready



Miss Texas at Opening

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Ribbon cutting



Bruno Remy, TX Dept of Commerce. Jack Reines TX Gubernatorial Candidate etc.

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Bus back to hotel. Lunch with Elbert & Mary Ellen in the Galleria in BofG Building, Italian, snobbish but good food. Then Bert and I walked to the Zeil and strolled around in Kaufhof. He is in Germany for the first time. At Roßmarkt people were all dressed, in other parts one is afraid to get close. A brisk wind sped up our pace.

4:30pm meeting sponsored by Department of Commerce with two speakers on doing business in Germany, good, but very general. (In hotel).

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

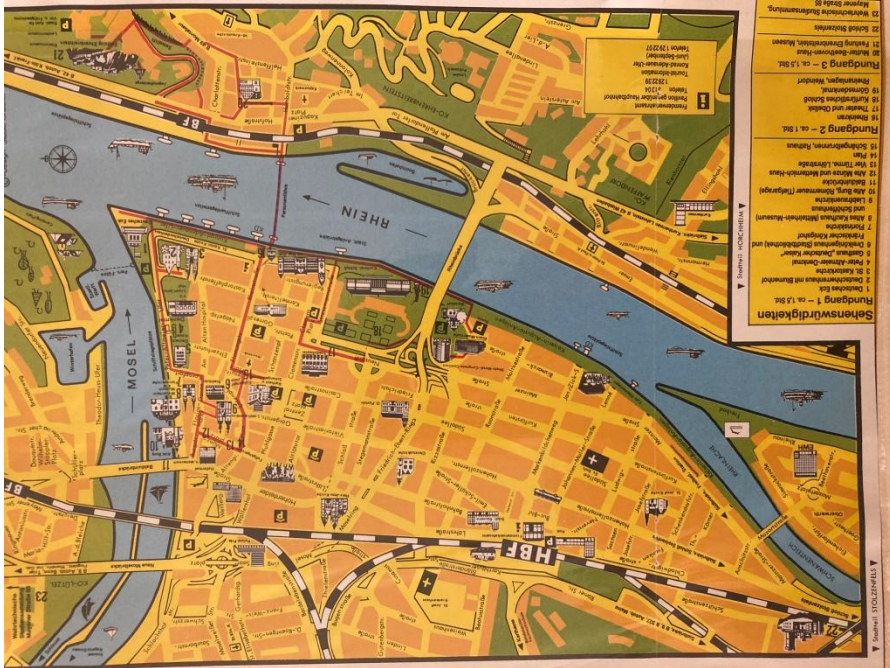
I finally called Diethard (& Inge) and Ini and told them I might be by soon. I have not made any plans for the week after Koblenz. Talked for a while with Bürgermeister Moog of Frankfurt.

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.



Mayor Lee Cooke from Austin

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Map of Koblenz where Deutsches Eck is, the two rivers meet

Tuesday 26 September 1990

Taxi to Bahnhof. Driver was upset about short ride. Group traveled 1st class (nothing special) to Koblenz where we were greeted by a band and 2 men and 1 woman in military uniform of 1840. (woman in Biedermeier), some people from the city and German American Society, (Mr Fay)



Departure from Frankfurt Hauptbahnhof 25 Sept 1990



Departure

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Arrival in Koblenz. The couple on left are dressed in 1840 outfits.

Bus to official reception hall to meet Bürgermeister Hörter. Saar wine was served with open sandwiches, both excellent. Both Majors gave a talk. An American Colonel (Army) translated. We sat around tables and chatted. The most official persons around a center table, Van Stones, Renate Anderson, the Cookes, Fey, Hörter. Bus to Hotel Diehls. Mary Ellen Kocun and I room together again. View on the Rhine.



Walking tour



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Koblenz



This was a great walking tour of Koblenz , 25 Sept 1990

Bus to 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 presence.



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Spitting Schängele



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Freundeskreis Koblenzer Stadtsoldaten vor seinem Stammlokal, dem Weindorf.

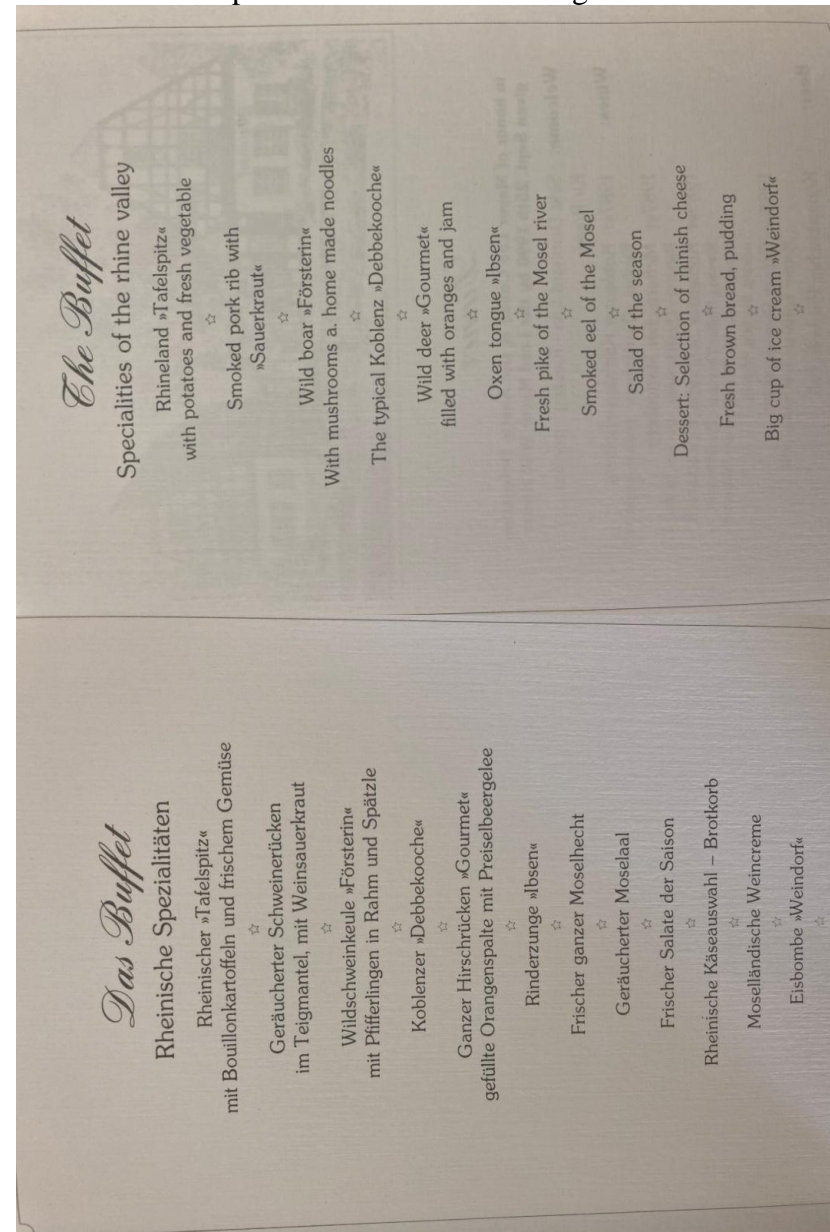
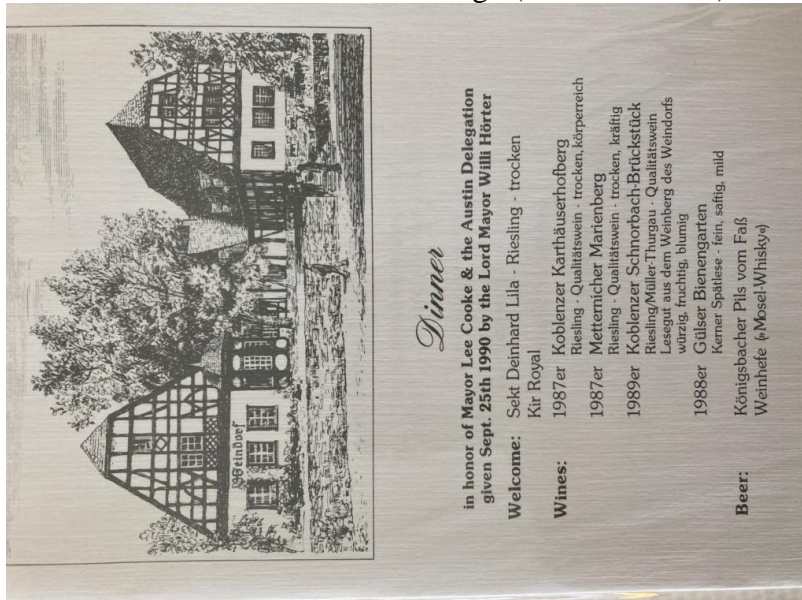
Evening: official reception with dinner at city owned restaurant. Oberbürgermeister Hörter bought his wife. He speaks fairly good English. There were a lot of Koblenz dignitaries from the administration, Industrie Handelskammer, business, education, press. Invitation had come from the office of the Oberbürgermeister and his selection was criticized by those Germans I overheard. They were always criticizing this or that when they talked among themselves, bitching about party politics as well. But we met interesting people, for example I had a long talk with the head of the Grüne faction in the city council (Ingrid). It was late when we finally were bused home. Food (buffet style, Eisbombe mit Raketen, etc) had been more than great.

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Menu on 25th Sept 1990 In German and English



25 Sept 1990 During a banquet at the Weindorf. Don van Stone and Lee Cooke teach Willie Hörter the sign (Hook'em horns)



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On one of many bus trips.



Visit by bus to Schloß Stolzenfels.



Helga and Tom Rogers

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Schloß Stolzenfels



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Paul Schultze

rhin und Mosel

NR. 234 - MITTWOCH, 28. SEPTEMBER 1990

Gäste aus Austin wollen Partner in Koblenz näher kennenlernen

KOBLENZ. Nur zehn Tage nach dem Ende des ersten Teils der Koblenzer Südpalast im nord-italienischen Norcia haben sich die Koblenzer Gäste am Freitag (18. September) bis Donnerstag in der Rhein-Mosel-Stadt zu Gast. Am Dienstagmorgen wurde die Gruppe von Oberbürgermeister Willi Hörter (SPD) im Rathaus begrüßt. Der Oberbürgermeister erklärte, dass die Koblenzer ein großes Interesse an einer Partnerschaft mit Austin haben. Er erklärte, dass die Koblenzer ein großes Interesse an einer Partnerschaft mit Austin haben. Er erklärte, dass die Koblenzer ein großes Interesse an einer Partnerschaft mit Austin haben.

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Koblenz – aktuell

Erstes offizielle Treffen Koblenz-Austin

David von Rhein und Mosel trifft Goliath aus Texas

Das gegenseitige Kennenlernen steht zunächst im Mittelpunkt

Die Deutschen – so Hörer in seiner Begrüßungsrede – seien in den letzten Jahren sehr viel mehr mit den USA verbunden. Sie freuen sich auf eine Zusammenarbeit mit dem Osten, vor allem aber auf die Erweiterung der Handelsbeziehungen. Auch die beiden Kamerapredigten waren eine Gelegenheit zur Kontaktaufnahme.

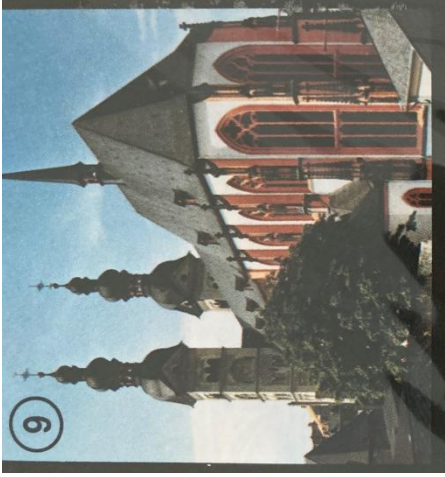
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Many of the pretty sights (sites) in Koblenz

St.-Kastor-Kirche mit Brunnen: Im römischen Gotteshaus (836 geweiht), einst Lieblingsskirche 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. Kastor's Church and Fountain: in this Romanesque building (consecrated in 836), once the favourite church of the Carolingian emperors, the Verdun compact on the divi-empire 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.



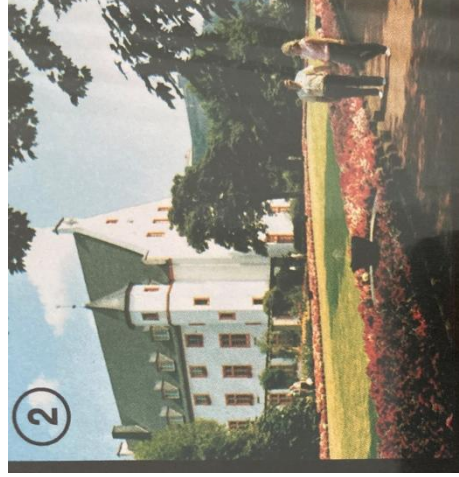
Liebfrauenkirche: Romanische Emporenbasilika, um 1180 begonnen, Mitte des 13. Jh. vollendet. Das gotische Chor wurde 1404 – 1430 errichtet, die barocken Zwiebeltürme (nach dem letzten Krieg erneuert) stammen von 1693. Das Gotteshaus ist über einer Römerhalle und früheren Kirchen aus fränkischer und karolingischer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



Florinskirche: Dreischiffige romanische Pfeilerbasilika (12. Jh.) mit gotischem Chor (1350) auf römischem Stadtturm. Ursprünglich flache Holzdecke, 1708 erneuert, ehemalige gedrungene Turmhauben 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.



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 altherwürdige Kastorikirche 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



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

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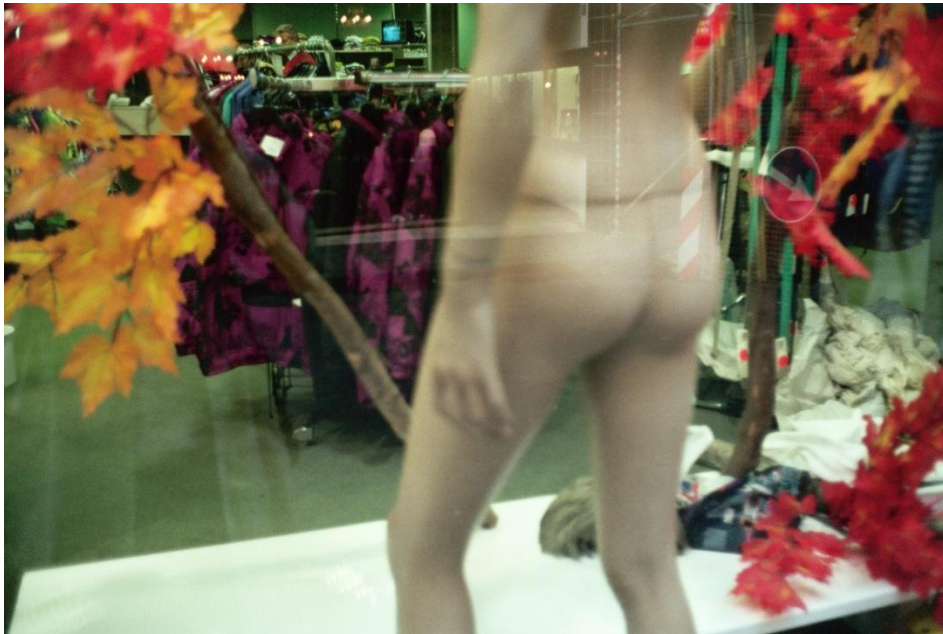
Plan: Treff- und Kommunikationspunkt am Rande der Altstadt. Früher Fleischmarkt, Hinrichtungsstätte, Turnierplatz. Im 19. Jahrhundert befand sich dort das Rathaus. Der Brunnen in der Mitte des Platzes spendet seit 1806 Wasser und waran die älteste Wasserleitung von Koblenz angeschlossen.

"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.

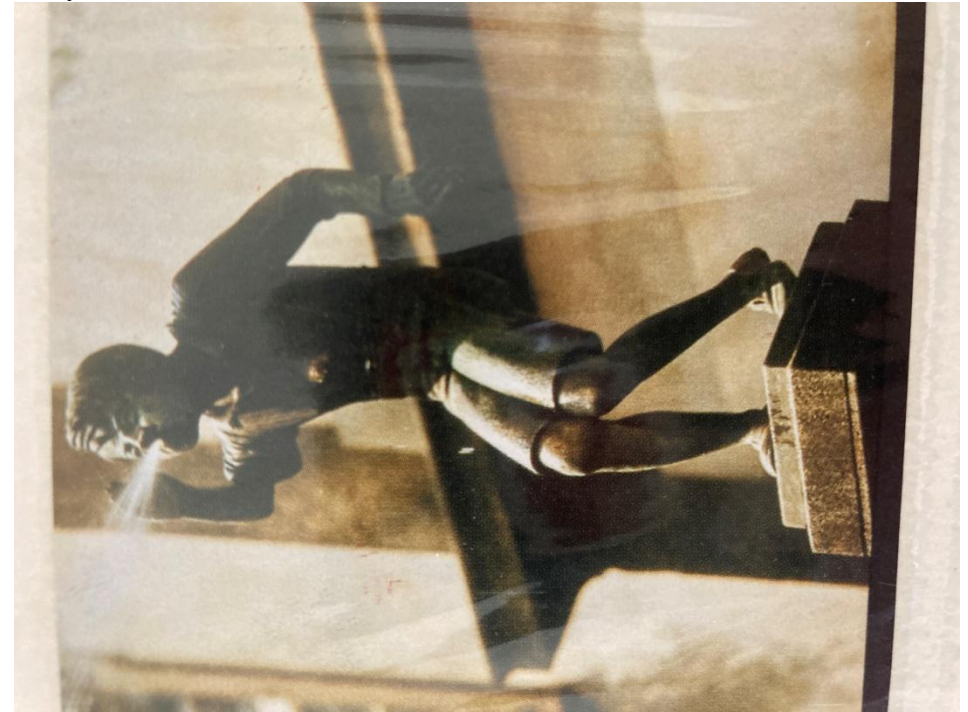
Sehr beeindruckend alles. Am Deutschen Eck we were told that on the 2nd/3rd the flag on the monument will be taken down with a great ceremony after having been hoisted there by Heuß to hang there until Germany is reunited. It might be nice to go back to Koblenz for the night.

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.



Window dressing



Schengel

Wednesday 27 September 1990

The hotel seems to be built right over the railroad tracks.

9am, gentlemen to Industriegebiet, ladies by bus to Detches Eck, Altstadt, Festung Ehrenbreitstein. Guides Fau Mai and Herr Schmidt.



Street music



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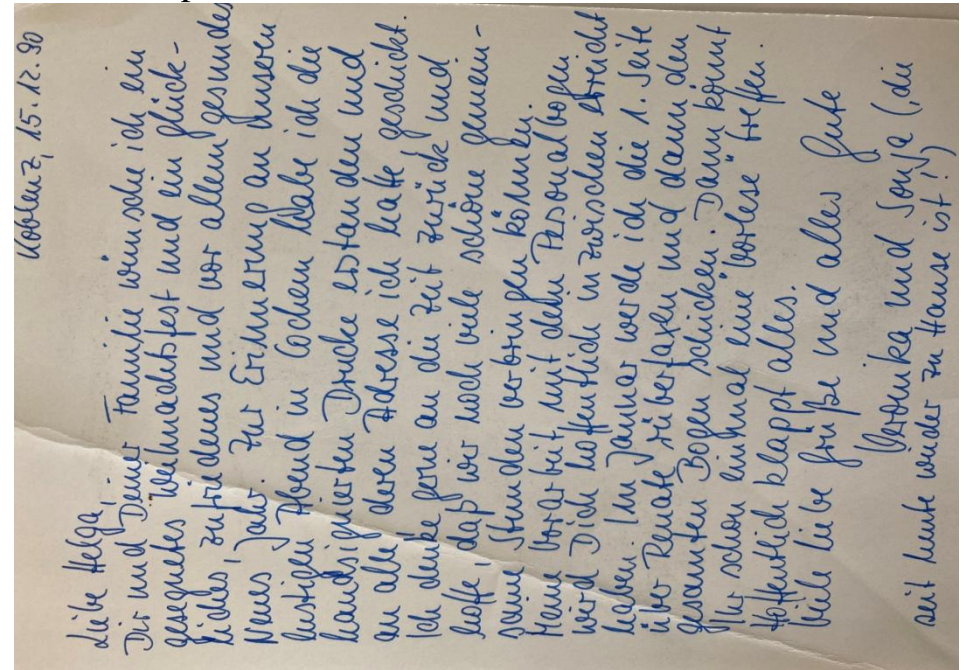
Doing and selling needlepoint



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Bus back to hotel. Major Lee Cooke, Barbara Vackar Cooke.



Nice note from Veronika and Souja in 15 Dec 1990 to Helga



Museum

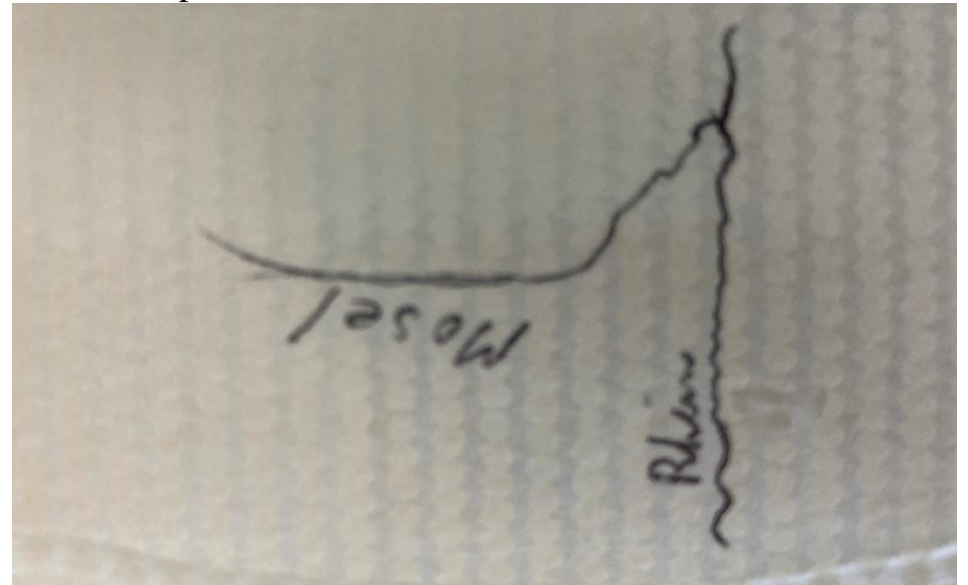
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Forever restoring with great care



Koblenz on the river



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

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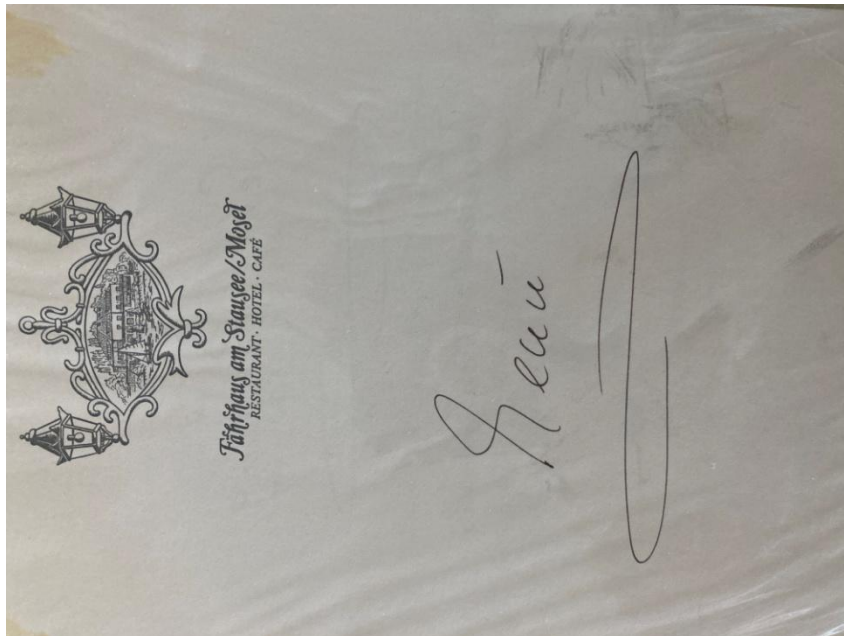
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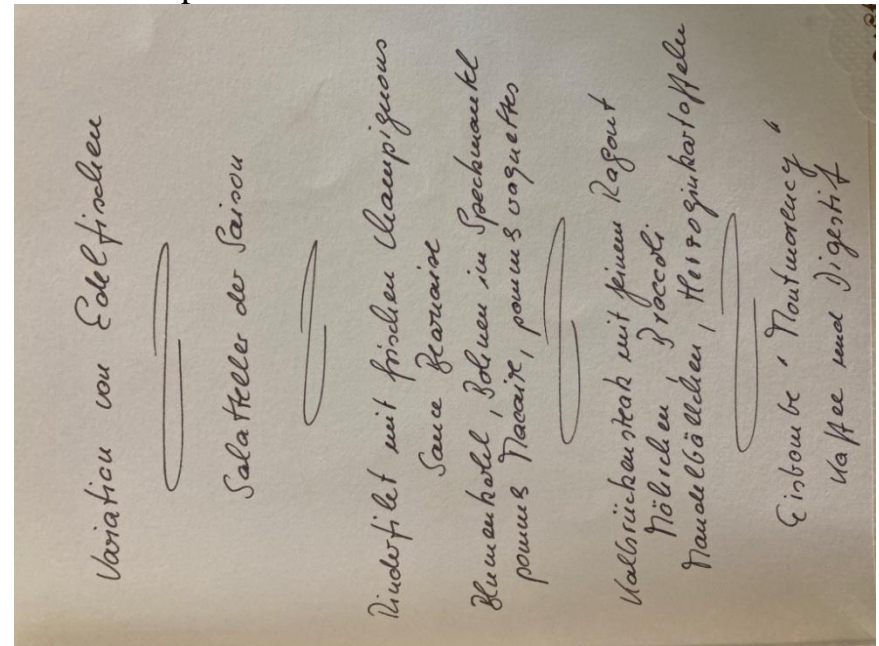
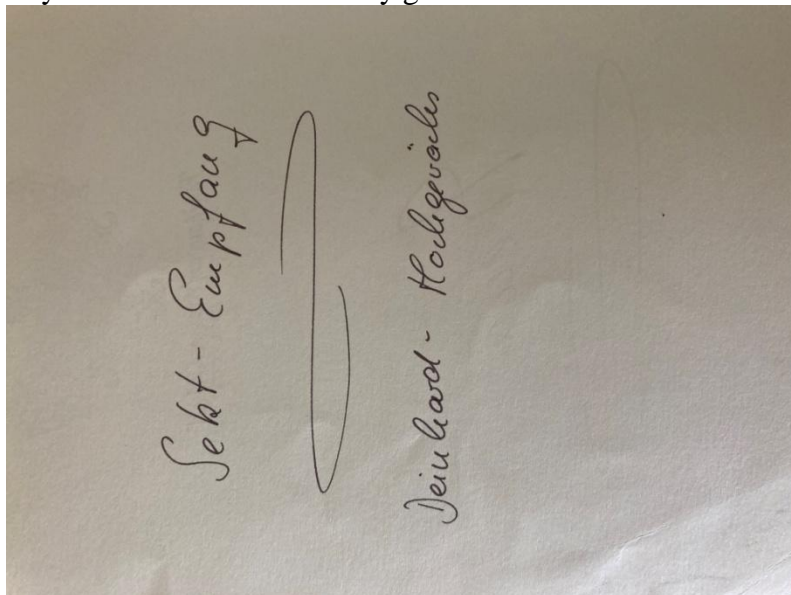
Kóblenz an Rhein und Mosel – Deutsches Eck



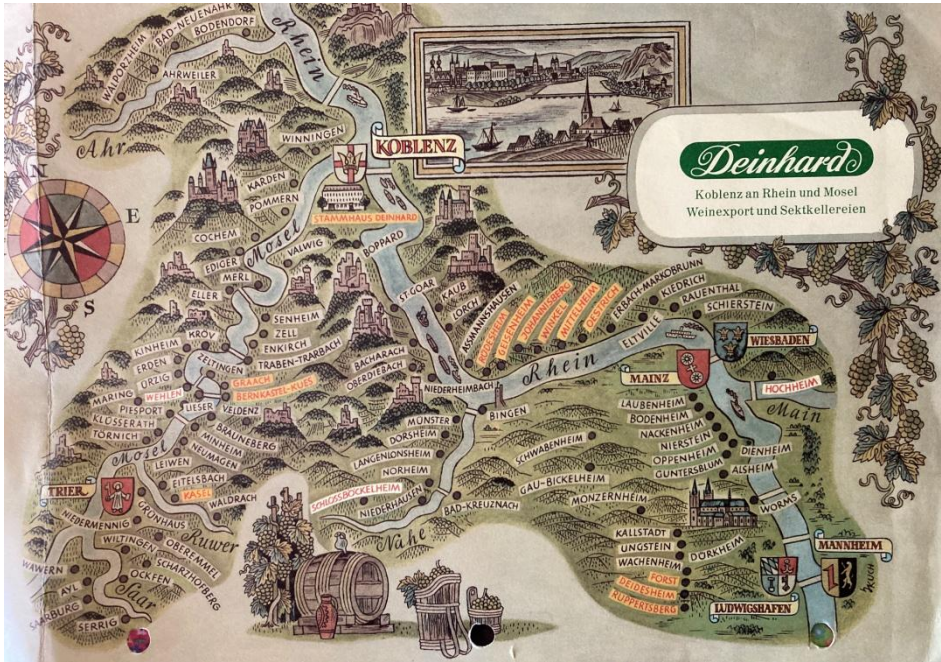
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A delicious meal, elegantly served, but probably the richest one I ever had to eat because the two main courses were not there to choose from - they were both served to every guest.



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Map of Koblenz

TASTING
of a selection of Rhine and Moselle wines
arranged for
Delegates from Austin, Texas and Koblenz,
Members of the Austin-Koblenz Initiative Group
at the House of Deinhard
on Thursday, 27th September, 1990

1988	DEINHARD GREEN LABEL Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Estate bottled Erzeugergemeinschaft Deutsches Eck
1989	DEINHARD RIESLING DRY Qualitätswein Rheinhessen
1988	DEINHARD GREEN LABEL Qualitätswein Mosel-Saar-Ruwer
1989	DEINHARD HANNS CHRISTOF Premium Liebfraumilch Qualitätswein Rheinhessen
1987	RÜDESHEIMER BERG ROTTLAND Riesling Spätlese Rheingau Estate bottled Weinger-Deinhard

With wine list printed on back



Miss Texas (Susan)



Renate Anderson, Mary Ellen Kucera, Bob Green

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Rhein-Zeitung covered every day.



Champagne and wine



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Festung Ehrenbreitstein near Koblenz

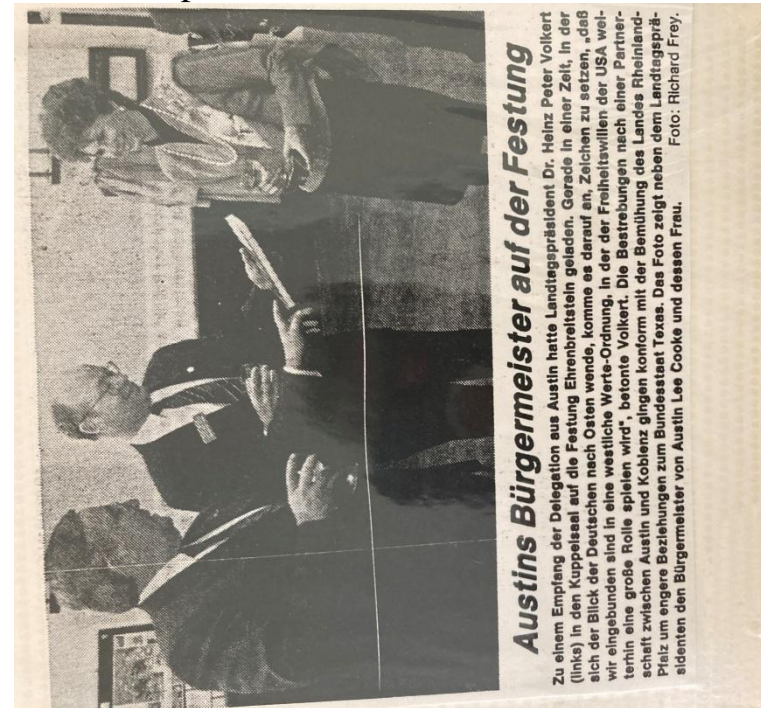


Ehrenbreitstein - beautiful brick work

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A flag to welcome us, the "Amis" at Ehrenbreitstein



Rhein-Zeitung, another coverage

Meeting with students and teachers to discuss future exchanges in the Görres Gymnasium

Then quickly by bus to Görres School where teachers and students were assembled to discuss student exchange. Mrs Cooke (he was not there) offered to take a student for 3 weeks

Hotel - then quickly into bus for ride to Cochem, the castle where we had a good, funny tour through the castle and then a medieval dinner with Don, the Major and Renate dressed as knight and Lady, all very funny. They served a rustic dinner without forks, knives or spoons (turkey legs from Texas as main course). Lots of beer & wine. Great time. On the way down the hill Renate A and Renate van Stone, Pat Berg and I hooked arms and marched singing German Wanderlieder, loud and much too happy. We were inspired by the musicians that had entertained in the

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castle. We sang in German to make sure the "Amis" would not be blamed by the disturbed towns people. (it was almost midnight).



with Gabi Steibuch and Veronika Leggewie



Bert, Patti, Don van Stone (going a Major Lee Cooke since German's were confusing the two, and Lee was too exhausted to attend)

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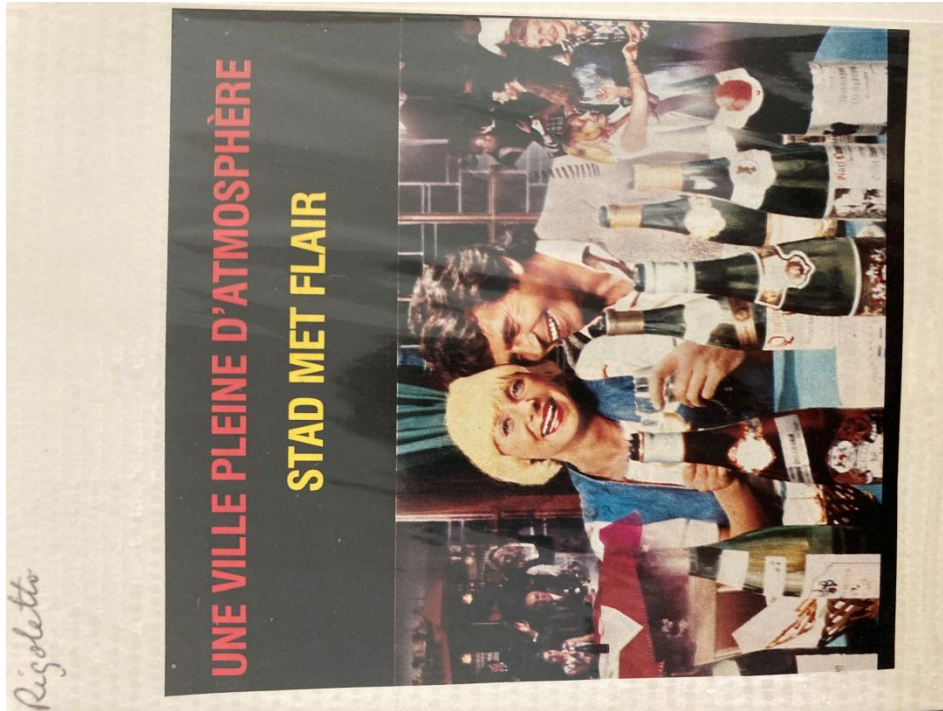


Ritterliches Mahl auf der Reichsburg Cochen. Don van Stone, King Cook with Queen renata.



Rigoletto

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Thursday 28 September 1990

Bus to Deinhart, Sekt und wine mit Führung und Proben. Man trank aus jedem der 7 Gläser nur 1 Schluck and goß den Rest in einen Apfallnapf. (You only drank 1 sip from each of the 7 glasses and poured the rest into an apple bowl.)

Nachmittags zum Stadtrat. Ich übersetzte offiziell für einen Beamten, der uns vorher über das Verwaltungssystem unterrichtete.

Beim Stadtrat (die treffen sich nur ~10 mal im Jahr, haben aber 50 Abgeordnete), ging es geräuschvoll zu. Nach unserer Begrüßung wurde es für die meisten von uns langweilig, zumal wir alle totmüde waren (mir war es nicht langweilig).

Schnell zum Hotel, aufs Klo, dann im Bus zur Festung, wo wir vom Präsidenten des Rhein Pf. Landtages empfangen wurden. Man traf wieder (nun schon) bekannte Leute; es gab Gulaschsuppen und Schmitten, Wein, Sekt, Reden. Veronika Lebbesie lud sich ein, bei ihr zu wohnen, wenn ich nächste Woche wieder nach Koblenz komme. Ich

erhielt auch hintenrum eine Eintrittskarte zur Ehrentribüne für die Feierlichkeiten am 2,3 Oktober.

Dann zum Brauereikeller für ein letztes gemütliches Beisammensein. Oberbürgermeister 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. We talked about (Elbert's idea) to have an exchange of teachers for we exchanged kids.

Mayor Cooke told me that he would put me in charge of the project to plant 1,000,000 trees in Aust by 1992 (or 1993?). This followed a remark I had made the day before that the Austinites' love of trees might be second to that of the Germans' love for trees. I hope he was joking, but nevertheless I had immediate volunteers.

A visit to the family of Ernie Günther in Koblenz



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Friday 29 September 1990

Everybody departs or will depart after a day of rest. Cookes were taken to Frankfurt airport at 6:30am, still exhausted.

At breakfast Don van Stone commented that our group was so congenial, that we could actually go on an Amazon cruise together. This is really amazing since most of us had never or hardly met before.

Left Koblenz by train at 10:08am, but like so many trains now a days, it was date. (DM 72).

Inge picked me up at Herforder Bahnhof. Stayed in Herford at Diethard's house until Monday. Onkel Otto, Ralph & Barbara were there too. Had dinner with them at Schinkenikrug.

Sunday in Kurpark and Palmengarten Bad Pyrmonth. Wonderful trees and landscaping!

Monday 1 October 1990

Train to Koblenz. Veronika Leggewie picked me up. I am staying at her place. Her apartment is centrally located, all rooms are spacious, ceilings high, quiet heat, bit windows, so much better than our average house in the US. Afternoon Stadtlummul with coffee & cake in Cafe, evenings Rigoletto. The Koblenz theater is very pretty, light colors and decor, not big. The opera was done in German, but Rigoletto sang Italian because he was a quick substitute (an American, Wayne ...) they got from Heidelberg. He sang better than all others, except for Ri's daughter. In Koblenz you can walk everywhere, nice town.

Opening day stamp sheet commemorating 2 October 1990, "Fest der Einheit" Festival of Unity

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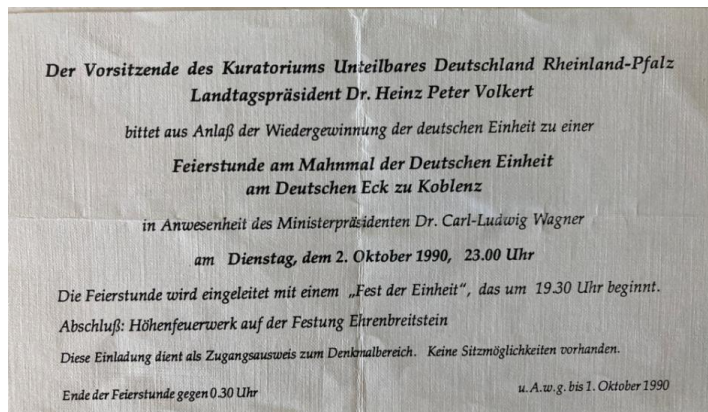
Tuesday 2 October 1990

Veronika taught (Realschule) until 1pm. I spent some time shopping (mostly looking) but mostly in the Landeshauptarchiv. I had to be met by some higher up archivist first who questioned me about how I had heard of their holdings of Texan-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 extra notes). Afternoon with Renate Anderson. To Mr Stallknecht in Mühlheim-Kärche (?), Kaffee, Küche, andere Gäste, toller Neubau, zur Besprechung seines Märnerchors bezüglich deren Besuch in Texas im kommenden Jahr. 65 Sänger & Frauen u.s.w. 165 Personen. Ein größeres Projekt für uns - Burse Unterbringung etc. Evening was reserved for the big event.: The celebration and festivities concerning reunification.

Renate Anderson, Veronika, her Mother and I strolled the few hundred yards to the Deutsche Eck at around 8:30pm. Crowds made it difficult for us to reach the Denkmal area where we had tickets from the Landtags

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president Volkert in a roped off area. There were all kinds of dignitaries there, O. B., Vokart, Minister president, etc. Renate and I made sure we were seen and recognized by many. TV cameras and lights. Loud 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 dignitaries said a few sentences into four speakers, but no speaker was directed towards the invited guests, so we couldn't hear them. Then the five flags of the new states (formerly DDR) were hissed 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 meager firework from the Festung Ehrenbreitstein. What happened to the schwarz-rot-gold flag that - we had been told by many - would be ceremoniously lowered because form Bundespräsident Heuß had put it there once "until Germany is reunited". The flag was not lowered. Was it the mechanism that didn't work? We never found out, wondered about it for a minute, and one talked about plans for Sunday afternoon, the weather, and the price of rice in China, sto to say. No big enthusiasm. Only drunks sang fractions of the Deutschland Deutschland, etc. There was no closing hours for Bars that night, all of them were filled into the streets until early morning. A few men and kids had been around with a flag.



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



Helga, Mrs & Oberbürgermeister Hörten, ?, Renate Anderson, Mrs Vokert



Renate Anderson, ?, ?, Veronika

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"Ein Deutsches Kind"



Celebrations just after midnight 3/4 October 1990





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

Wednesday 3 October 1990

Feiertag, everything closed.

Alfred Bur picked me up at 10am. His mother is one of Ernie Guenther'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. Kaffee, Kuchen, 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 outside in blazing sunshine in a restaurant on one of the many beautiful squares. Afternoon with Veronika to Neuwrech (fast!!!) to performance of "Bürger musizieren", wunderschöne Lieder (Schubert etc).

Abends, meeting at Veronika's Haus mit Frau Brudermanns und Frau Steinbach zwicks Lehrer, bzw, Schüleraustausch. They talked mainly about personal or their student related subjects. I had a hard time returning then to planned subject. They stayed till ~1am.

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



Deutsches Eck



Bild Zeitung, 4 Oct 1990

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Thursday 4 October 1990

Spent several hours in Hauptlandesarchiv with the files on emigration. Ordered some "micros" (70 Pfg pro Stück) to be mailed to me. Possible articles to be written, Sehr behilfliche Leute. Had the worst day of a bad cold.

Around 1pm Veronika took me to the train for Mainz, where Uschi picked me up. Kaffee, Kuche, Erzählen. Alexandra is almost my height, Christian was on a school trip. Evenings Mischi took us to an Italian restaurant in Gonsenheim, very good. Uschi said they watched the owner make a payment to the Mafia.

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



Kurfürstliches Schloß

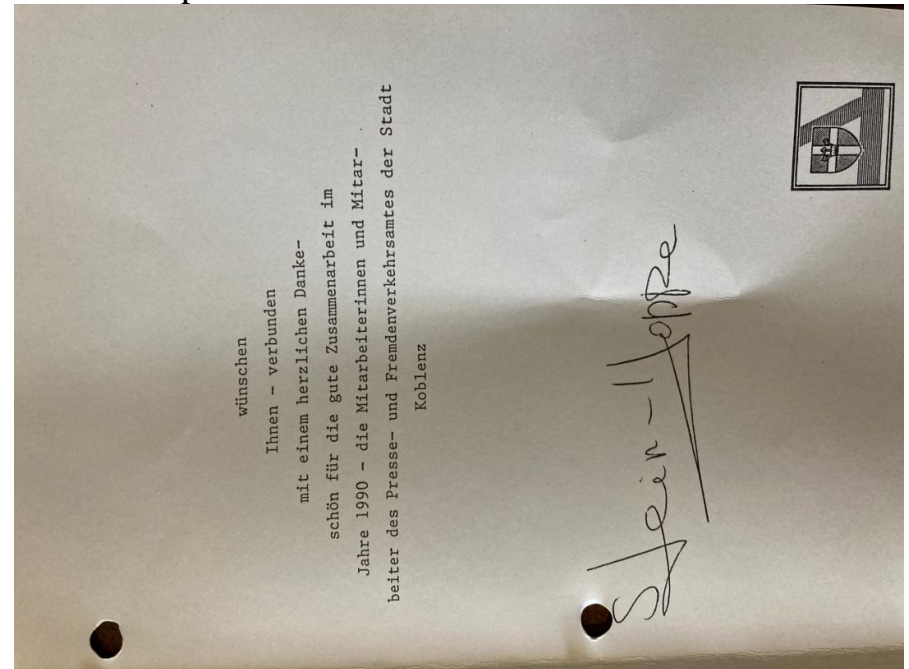
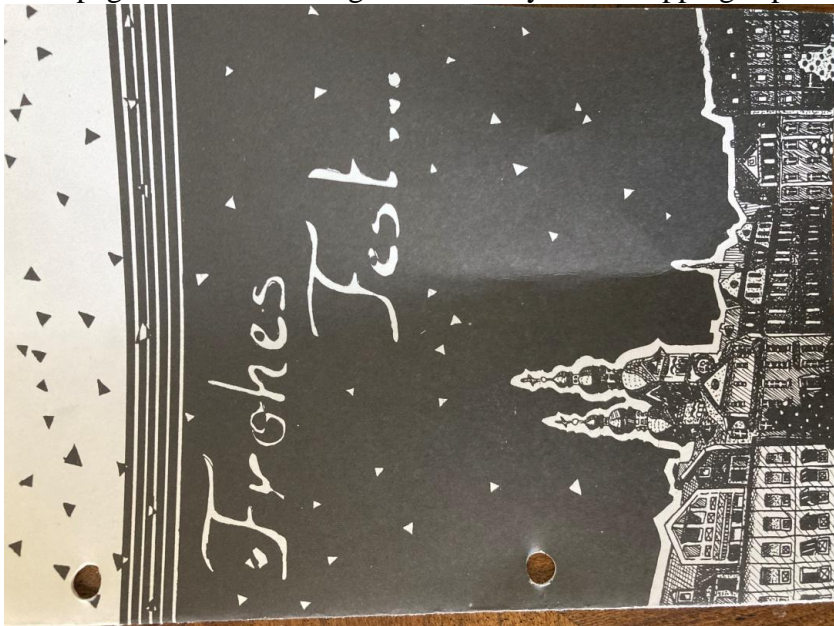


Ich weiß nicht was soll es bedeuten.. Helga took this photo, but cannot remember why or what it is.

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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.



Trip to some Lime (frontier border)

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



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Some parts of the Lime remains in the Taunus Mountains.



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Postcards from Koblenz and Frankfurt

US Products in demand in Germany: Hi-Tech, Hardware, Software, Telecommunication
Have data sheets in cm not inches.
Have sales persons speak local language
Department of Commerce in Austin has consultation to financing help available.



Notes:

Monday 25 September 1990

Don Bussingen on developing business relationships with Germany.

Political Environment:

- Germany will continue economic growth, will be big market.

- Very few trade barriers

- US Exports to Germany up this year by 86%

- European Community ties, free movement through all Europe (300 million people)

- Distribution channels available, but good agents hard to find.

- Trade fairs are very important for world market.

Foreign Commercial Services.

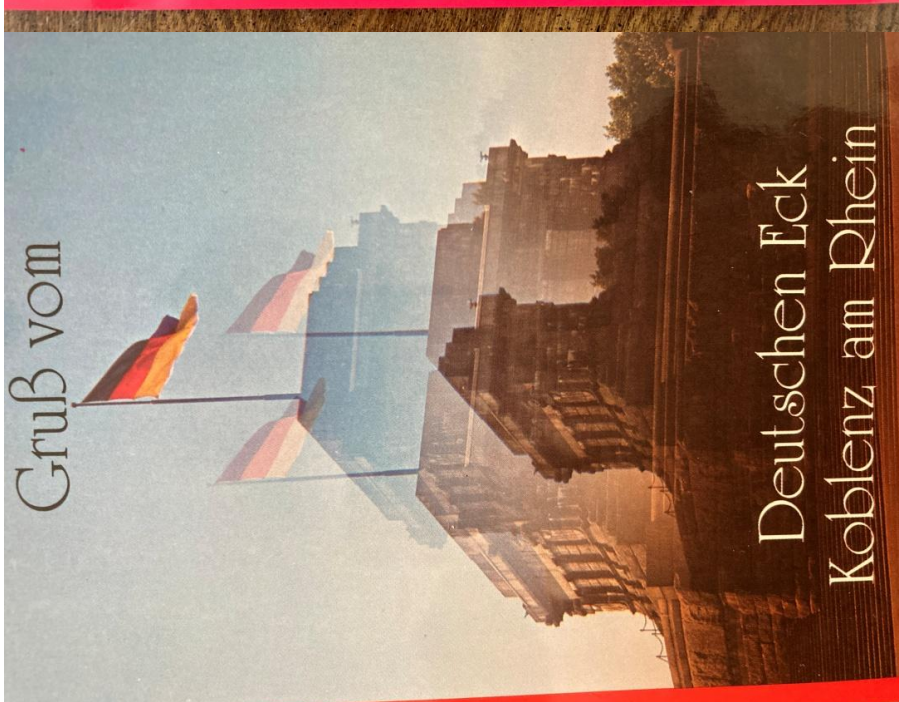
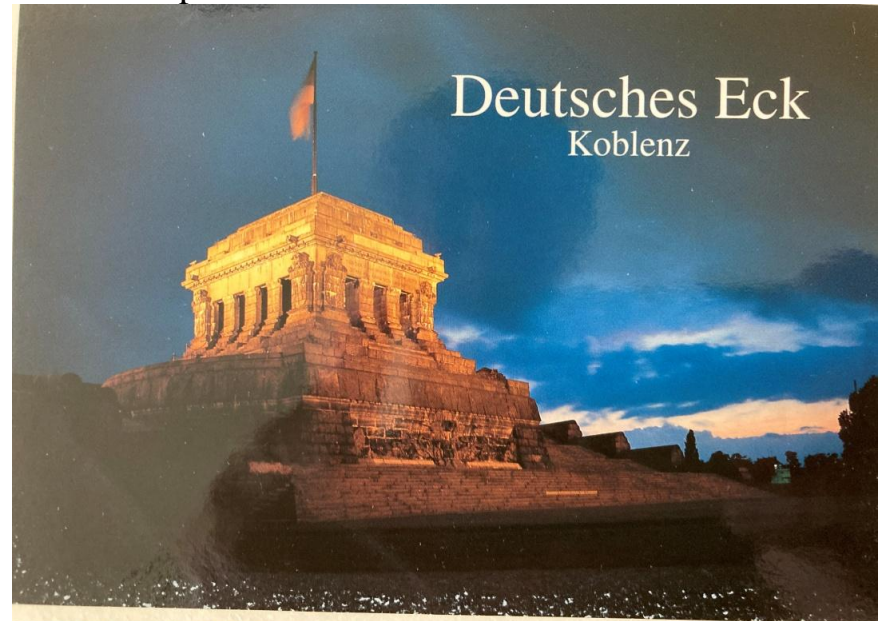
- Have to be contacted with district offices of US commerce departments.

- Agent distributor service (\$125) available.

- Credit report service available.

- List of Trade Opportunities and Mini Market services available.

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