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Dear Sirs and Madams
THE COLD WAR MUSEUM BERLIN

In a reunited Germany, in a Europe without the "Iron Curtain" it would be easy to forget the terrors of the Cold War.

On the 1st of May 1960, an American U2 reconnaissance (spy) plane was shot down over the USSR. The "U-2 Incident" moved the world. The Soviet President, Nikita Khrushchev, seized the opportunity to thwart the Paris Summit thus extinguishing the discussion of the "Germany Question" (May 16, 1960.) Further, the planned Moscow visit of US-President Eisenhower was canceled. The young pilot, Francis Gary Powers found himself at the center of the Cold War crisis. Having survived unharmed from the parachute landing, Powers was arrested, tried and sentenced to ten years custody by the Soviets. On the frosty winter morning of February 10, 1962, Powers was exchanged, unexpectedly, for the high-carat agent Rudolph Iwanowitsch Abel on the Glienicke Bridge (Brücke der Einheit).

In 1996 the son of the pilot, Francis Gary Powers, Jr. and John C. Welsh founded the Cold War Museum. The Museum endeavors to collect, preserve and research the history and to honor the veterans of the Cold War. For further information, visit the home page www.coldwar.org.

For the past five years, I have been the Cold War Museum's official German Representative. In September 2005, the founder of the Museum, Francis Gary Powers, Jr, visited the Harnekop Atomic Bunker Monument. It was there that the initial discussions were made for the collaboration of the two organizations, the Cold War Museum and the Harnekop Atomic Bunker Monument. On the 6th of February 2006 a decision was made by Mr Mehland, the chairman of the non-profit association for Harnekop Atomic Bunker Monument, and I, as Representative of the Cold War Museum's Berlin Chapter, for the construction of a permanent Cold War Museum exhibition in the rooms of the bunker. Together we want to examine the Cold War process in Germany on both sides of the "Iron Curtain". The Cold War Museum - Berlin together with the Harnekop Atomic Bunker Monument will offer students and interested visitors tours, seminars and various exhibitions. The symbolic foundation stone for the Cold War Information Center was placed on November 4, 2006.

2007

I am pleased to announce that Gail Halvorsen USAF Col. Ret, the famous Berlin Airlift Pilot, has agreed to serve on the Museum as Patron and Advisor. It is really for the Berlin Chapter a great honor and a step forward.

The first part of the exhibition is present at Memorial Side Harnekop, since June 2007.

2008

The Cold War Museum - Berlin and the British Berlin Airlift Association have presented in Harnepok / Germany and in Peterborough / England summer 2008

The Berlin Airlift

The special exhibition are presenting by The Cold War Museum Berlin in cooperation with the British Berlin Airlift Association May / June 2008. This exhibition is dedicate to the 60th anniversary of

The First Battle of the Cold War

2009

I am pleased to announce that the Commune Oder-Welse and the Commune Barnim-Oderland in cooperation with The Cold War Museum- Berlin and the Association Monument Bunker Harnepok e.V. took place:

On 1st of May 2009 a SA-2 missile at the Memorial site Bunker Harnepok, corresponds with the 49th anniversary of the shoot down of Francis Gary Powers and the U-2 Incident. The missile is a permanent artifact of the missile museum in Pinnow and the Commune Oder-Welse.

2009 marked the 60th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, I had the privilege of delivering three talks, with Power Point presentation about the Berlin Airlift in the USA, at Nicholls State University, Louisiana, at the EAA Air show, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and at the Rotary Club, Des Plaines, Illinois.

On the 20th of May 2009 we had a special event and opened a small Airlift exhibition at Kettering Library, Northamphshire. The exhibition was on display from the 20th May of until the 30th of June.

We have one hundred photos showing the daily contribution of the Western Allies during the Airlift.

We returned to the United Kingdom on September 24, 2009. The Secretary of State has invited us to the Commemoration of the End of the Berlin Airlift Operation which will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on 26th September.

The Airlift Exhibition was been presented at the Tillington Hall Hotel, Stafford from 24th Sept. to 27th Sept. Best Western Tillington Hall Hotel, Eccleshall Road, Stafford, Staffordshire ST16 1JJ.

On Friday September 25 a conference was held at the Tillington Hall Hotel for High School students from the Staffordshire area to inform them about the Berlin Airlift, fifty students together with their teachers attended. The mobile Berlin Airlift Exhibition was also exhibited at the conference

On 17th of November to 20th of November 2009, we are returning to the United Kingdom because the mobile Berlin Airlift Exhibition created of the Cold War Museum Berlin Chapter will be also present at:

“The Cold War its Legacy” Conference at Churchill College, Cambridge”.

Dec. 2009 I am very pleased to announce that the Cold War Museum / Berlin Chapter has received for the new project 2010, “Als Alles begann – Die Berliner Mauer.”, a federal-grant. The supporter is the “Stiftung Aufarbeitung der SED Diktatur” (a government-funded organization devoted to the examination and reappraisal of the Communist dictatorship in East Germany

<http://www.stiftung-aufarbeitung.de>).

2010

February Geschichtsmesse in Suhl –History Convention in Suhl

March European Union Educational Program High School: Cold War of both Sides of the Wall – High School Neutrebbin / Brandenburg

June The Cold War Museum Berlin hosts high school students from USA; Poland and Germany in Harnekop.

Three nations united – touching history

20 years after peaceful revolution and the collapsing of the Iron Curtain.

Als alles began – Die Berliner Mauer (The development of the Berlin Wall)

The photo exhibition shows with more than 100 photos (taken by Herbert Maschke) who was a Berlin Photographer and USN Commander ret. John A. Fahey, Maryland; USA.. However, the Berlin border photos were never publishing before. In addition presenting life experience and documents of the Western Allies and Military orders of the NVA (National People Army)

We get the right to exhibit the copyrights by C: Maschke and M. Tumler

The exhibition takes place on 12 June 2010 at Harnekop Memorial Site..

2011 The Allied Military Liaison Missions (The MLM's in Focus of the State Security Of the GDR)

The background of the work during the Cold War and the role of the Staatsicherheit (Stasi)

The exhibition will present with photos and documents the background of the Military Liaison Mission.

The Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the former GDR accepted and confirmed my researching application in September 2009.

I have start the deeply researching at Stasi Record Department.

Please help spread the word about the Berlin Branch. Together we can make this vision a reality. If you should have any questions, want additional information, please visit the German Homepage: www.coldwar.org/BerlinChapter/ or give me a call : 030.745.1980

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