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(Ladies and) Gentlemen. Let me begin with a short statement.

It is a pleasure for me to be in Germany and to talk with officials of the Federal Government.

Visits to Bonn by American officials are commonplace these days. These officials come because they realize how important the Federal Republic is as an ally and friend. More particularly, they come because they know Germany is a large, vibrant industrial country with many of the problems we have and also with many good ideas for solutions.

I personally came because I am eager to learn how Germany's industrial sophistication is manifested in the transportation sector. There certainly are transportation problems which both of our countries will have to solve -- problems of land, sea, and air transportation: you all know what these are. If we can work together in seeking solutions to these problems, in developing new techniques and new technology, we will be doing the people of one respective nation a service while further cementing the strong ties which already exist between us.

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