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Bonn/Bad Godesberg.
September 14, 1964.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I must draw your attention to a most serious incident which took place during the early hours of September 13, at the United States - Soviet Sector border in Berlin. Uniformed personnel in the Soviet Sector opened fire and inflicted several wounds upon a young German, Michael Meyer, who was attempting to enter the United States Sector. Only the quick, humane action of several bystanders made it possible to bring the young man to safety, and provide emergency medical care in the United States Sector.

In the course of this dangerous incident numerous shots were fired into the United States Sector, endangering the lives of residents and police, as well as those of United States military personnel in the area. Two residents of the United States Sector received injuries from glass splinters. Due to the disciplined and carefully controlled actions of the Berlin police forces in the United States Sector a dangerous situation threatening peace and order in Berlin was brought under control.

In the light of our joint responsibilities, I most strenuously urge you to take the necessary measures to prevent recurrence of such highly irresponsible and inhumane actions by Soviet Sector personnel, which have so often in the past led to dangerous incidents and increased tension in Berlin.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency
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