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Dear Adrian:

After having returned to Germany I would like to thank you once again for taking time out to join us briefly at the board meeting of the Institute for Foreign and International Trade Law inspite of the problems that had arisen with the dedication ceremony on Friday, September 17. Fortunately you succeeded to keep the whole problem under control: it was a very impressive and inspiring dedication ceremony and I enjoyed the main speech by the chief justice on the problems of change and stability in law.

On the afternoon of September 16 I had the opportunity to talk to Father Henle on the further development of the Institute, the German Chair at Georgetown University and related projects. Father Henle was kind enough to indicate to me, that Georgetown University would honour its commitment to financially support the Institute in the framework we had agreed upon last year. This reiteration of Georgetown University's commitment will permit me to continue raising support for the financing of the Institute Exchange Program and other academic endeavours of common interest to both the Frankfurt and the Washington Institute.

Since you were not able to participate fully in the board meeting I would like to take this opportunity to briefly restate what I have said at the board meeting pertaining to the policy of the Association and to the further support on the Institute's activities through the Association.

Mr. Schulte zur Hausen, Professor Kronstein and the other sponsors of the Frankfurt Association including myself have - some of us for many years - supported the academic exchange program and academic cooperation between the Frankfurt Institute and the Georgetown University Institute for basically three purposes:

- 1) to promote scholarly exchange between the Frankfurt Institute and Georgetown University in the area of trade law, political and economic relations between the United States and Europe and other related subjects of relevance to US-German relationship and to the Atlantic Community.
  
- 2) to assist in common academic endeavours focusing on the areas in which Professor Kronstein has worked and is working both in the United States and in Germany and thus establishing and maintaining a working relationship between the two academic institutions. The direct investment in the United States-study which will shortly be completed is but the last example of such cooperation and at the same time the first major effort to continue this cooperation after Professor Kronstein has retired as Director of the Washington Institute. We have agreed at our board meeting, that this project aside from the significance it has supplies us with the opportunity to improve the working relationship between the two Institutes and the mechanics of cooperation in common academic endeavours.

3) to supply within the framework of academic cooperation and exchange a platform for informal yet highly efficient exchange of ideas in and development of solutions for questions of political, economic and social relevance that arise within US/German/European relationship and the solution of which through official channels may present difficulties. The Institute in the past years has repeatedly served as a vehicle for the solution of such problems. The settlement of the coal crisis, the Swiss wathh case, problems of German investment in the United States, the fiscal measures of the Johnson administration are but a few of the activities the Institute was engaged in.

The German sponsors of the Institute would very much like to continue supporting this institution in the future along the lines drawn out by these objectives. In addition they would like to help expand the academic relationship between Georgetown University and Germany. Plans by the University to establish at the Main Campus or within the Foreign Service School a German Chair and to associate with it what is presently referred to as a German Forum therefore find the strong support of both German Government officials and German foundations. It is within this general context that we would like to see that part of the Institute for Foreign and International Trade Law operate that is supported by the Association and its sponsors.

In my conversations with Don Wallace as well as at the board meeting we agreed, that an expansion of the Institute's activities into other areas such as exchange student orientation, legal and administrative problems of under-developed areas etc. is fully within the context of the Institute's purpose. The board expressed its approval of such expansion and looked upon it as an expression of the vitality of the Institution and the imagination and resourcefulness of its director. As Don Wallace stated it in the board meeting, such expansion will serve to better integrate the Institute for Foreign and International Trade Law into the general framework of academic activity invisioned

by the Georgetown University.

On the other hand the board agreed with Don Wallace, that the maintenance of the Frankfurt-Washington exchange program and related academic activity should always remain one of the major endeavours of the Institute. I should like to take this opportunity to reiterate this desire and to express our hope, that it will be possible to develop both future Institute activity and the project of a German Chair and a German Forum at the Main Campus into an integrated effort. Such a development, we are sure, would best serve the objectives that have motivated Georgetown University to support Professor Kronstein's and the Institute's activities in the past and to continue to do so in the future.

Don Wallace and I will continue to correspond on the details of the budget and other questions of common interest. The purpose of this letter was to restate in brief what unfortunate circumstances prevented me from telling you personally.

With all good wishes, I am

sincerely yours,

Prof. Biedenkopf