

November 28, 1969

State Department Telegram 199360 to US Embassy Bonn, 'FRG and Swiss NPT Signatures'

Citation:

"State Department Telegram 199360 to US Embassy Bonn, 'FRG and Swiss NPT Signatures'", November 28, 1969, Wilson Center Digital Archive, NARA, RG 59, Subject-Numeric Files 1967-1969, DEF 18-6. Contributed to NPIHP by Bill Burr. <https://digitalarchive.umd.edu/document/177813>

Summary:

On 28 November 1969, West German Ambassador to the United States Rolf Pauls signed the NPT at the State Department and delivered a statement and a detailed note. At the signing Secretary Rogers spoke about the treaty's value, the "historic" importance of the West German signature, the U.S. understanding that the UN Charter "confers no right to intervene by force unilaterally in the Federal Republic of Germany," and a reaffirmation of U.S. security guarantees to NATO and the Federal Republic.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY)

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan



Department of State
TELEGRAM

48B

28 Nov 69 20 55Z

INDICATE:
 COLLECT
 CHARGE TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION: Amembassy BONN
" BERN
USUN
INFO: ~~USMission~~ NEW YORK
USMission NATO
USMission GENEVA
Amembassy LONDON
" MOSCOW
" HELSINKI (~~FOR SALT DEL~~)
USMission EC BRUSSELS
Amembassy VIENNA

STATE _____

DISTO/IAEA TOSALT-76

SUBJ: FRG and Swiss NPT Signatures

REF: State 198187

1. FRG Ambassador Pauls signed NPT in Washington Nov 28.
~~Swiss~~ Swiss Ambassador Schnyder also signed NPT in Washington
Nov 27. Number NPT signatories now 93; 22 countries have
deposited instruments of ratification.

2. FOR BONN: Ambassador Pauls delivered Note and
Government Statement on NPT to Secretary at time of signing
and made written reference to Note above his signature. ~~in~~
~~Texts~~ ~~Texts~~ (Texts contained Bonn 15293 and 15265 NOTAL).

After signing, Pauls made several brief remarks, to]

199360

(11)

DRAFTED BY: ACDA/IR:HSMalin	DRAFTING DATE 11/28/69	TEL. EXT. 29289	APPROVED BY: ACDA/IR - Culver Gleysteen
--------------------------------	---------------------------	--------------------	--

CLEARANCES:
EUR/GER - Mr. Barkley RB
PM - Mr. Martin (subs) n
EUR/AIS - Mr. Trinkka (subs) H

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Classification

Department of State
TELEGRAM

-2-

Authority AND 76708
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION:

which Secretary responded with following statement:

BEGIN TEXT Mr. Ambassador, your signature today of the NPT here in Washington, and that of your colleagues in London and Moscow, is an event of historic importance.

The United States Government has pursued the goal of a Non-Proliferation Treaty because we are convinced this will be an effective measure to reduce the chances of nuclear war. We recognize that other measures are necessary to achieve this objective, not the least of which are restraints on the part of those countries which have gone down the path of nuclear armament. Apart from our interest in doing so, we shall be committed by treaty obligation to seek such restraints when the NPT comes into force.

We are not waiting for the entry into force of the NPT to pursue this responsibility. The strategic arms limitation in Helsinki talks/have already begun.

DRAFTED BY:

DRAFTING DATE

TEL. EXT.

APPROVED BY:

CLEARANCES:

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Classification

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Classification

Department of State
TELEGRAM

-3-

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION:

We are deeply conscious that your nation remains divided. We respect the decision of the Government of the Federal Republic to sign the NPT under circumstances of a divided Germany, a divided Europe, and a divided world; which almost 25 years after World War II leaves the great city of Berlin under the responsibility of Four Powers.

Your signature today is yet further evidence of the strong ~~and~~ desire of your Government to play a positive and central ~~xxxxxx~~ role in the important work facing the nations of the world, in shaping the future of a Europe without divisions and in ensuring the preservation of peace. We are convinced that this signature, far from jeopardizing your country's position, will improve it.

Peacemaking, as we are all aware, is an international undertaking which can succeed only when nations pledge themselves to respect the rights of their neighbors. In this regard it is clear that Articles 53 and 107 of the United

DRAFTED BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
-------------	---------------	-----------	--------------

CLEARANCES:

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Classification

Classification

Department of State
TELEGRAM

-5-

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION:

During hearings on the NPT before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last February, I reaffirmed the understandings of the previous U.S. Administration, among other points, about the effect of the NPT on our existing defense alliances. I can reaffirm that this position remains that of the U.S. Government.

Mr. Ambassador, I quote the pronouncement of President Nixon on the 20th Anniversary of NATO: "The American commitment to NATO will remain in force and remains strong. We in America continue to consider Europe's security as our own." END TEXT

END

[ROGERS]

DRAFTED BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
CLEARANCES:			

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Classification

Department of State

TELEGRAM

-4-



TO

DISTRIBUTION

ACTION:

Nations Charter confer no right to intervene by force unilaterally in the Federal Republic of Germany. For their part, the Three Powers, the United States, the United Kingdom and France, have formally declared that in their relations with the Federal Republic they will follow the principles set out in Article 2 of the United Nations Charter. All the other parties to the North Atlantic Treaty have associated themselves with that declaration. Moreover, as a full and equal partner in the North Atlantic Treaty, the Federal Republic is of course protected by that treaty, under which an armed attack upon any party would be met by an immediate Allied response in the form of self-defense measures pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty.

When the NPT was opened for signature, our Government formally acknowledged that confidence in our solemnly concluded treaties of mutual security constituted a vital factor in consideration of the NPT by our Allies.

DRAFTED BY:	DRAFTING DATE	TEL. EXT.	APPROVED BY:
-------------	---------------	-----------	--------------

CLEARANCES:

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

Classification