

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The American delegation to the commission of experts for the Allied Museum in Berlin would like to bring to your attention some of our concerns with respect to the future of the Allied Museum project.

As you may recall, the German Bundestag voted in the Fall of 1993 to establish a museum to commemorate the role of the Western allies in Berlin after World War II and to provide initial funding for the project. It was also decided, after consultation with a commission of experts drawn from the United States, United Kingdom, France, and the Federal Republic of Germany, to inaugurate this project with a temporary exhibition to be held on the occasion of the departure of the Allied garrisons from Berlin in September 1994.

This exhibition, which ran from September through December 1994, was a huge success -- far exceeding the expectations of its organizers. Pe