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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions which have taken place between representatives of the Governments of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, the French Republic, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning the Convention on the Presence of Foreign Forces in the Federal Republic of Germany of 23 October 1954 ("the Convention") and to refer to the Exchange of Notes between our two Governments of 21 December 1966 on the Presence of French Forces in the Federal Republic of Germany ("the Exchange of Notes"), and, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, to propose to the Government of the French Republic the following:

- The above-mentioned instruments shall remain in force, subject to paragraphs 2 and 3 below, following the establishment of German unity and the conclusion of the Treaty on the Final Settlement with respect to Germany, signed on 12 September 1990. The existing territorial application of the above-mentioned instruments shall remain unaffected by the establishment of German unity.
- The Convention and the Exchange of Notes will be reviewed by the Parties to those instruments at the request of one of them.
- 3. Like any other stationing Party, the French Republic may withdraw from the Convention upon two years' notice to the other Parties. The Federal Republic of Germany may terminate the Convention in respect of the French Republic or any

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other Party upon two years' notice to the Parties. The Exchange of Notes may be terminated by either Party upon two years' notice to the other Party.

If the Government of the French Republic agrees to the content of this Note, this Note and the Note in reply thereto expressing your Government's agreement shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments.

(The French and English texts of this Note are attached hereto, all three texts being equally authentic.)

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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