

But the ~~first~~ <sup>2</sup> message is one of warning.

The second ~~message~~ is one of hope. It is nearly 40 years since Greater Berlin was divided. Recently, your City has not escaped the effects of economic recession. Few have.

But Berlin has strong vitality.

Free Berlin has flourished.

It is a centre of excellence in the arts.

It is renowned for scientific endeavour.

It is a living proof of what <sup>man can achieve when he will</sup> ~~can be achieved by determination~~ and resolve.

This success is a tribute to the character of the people of Berlin. In circumstances which <sup>are</sup> ~~must often have seemed~~ vulnerable and exposed you have <sup>remained</sup> ~~been~~ steadfast, calm and confident over many years. That is why I and other Western leaders come to this City, not just as your guarantors, but as your admirers.

#### THE WALL

Mr. Mayor, this afternoon, for the first time in my life, I saw the Wall. <sup>in all its menacing reality</sup> ~~I am repelled.~~ <sup>a wall</sup> It is a grim monument to pitiless <sup>and densely used</sup> ~~oppression and cruelty, but also to futility.~~ ~~It seeks,~~ <sup>living start beams</sup> ~~hopelessly, to stifle the ideal of liberty.~~ ~~It succeeds only~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~in demonstrating~~ <sup>to</sup> the moral bankruptcy of the society which <sup>it</sup> ~~conceived it.~~ <sup>built</sup> ~~The longer it endures, the longer the world~~



Dr. Rapp, this afternoon, for the first time in my life, I saw the Wall. I am repelled. ~~No other~~ It is a monument to oppression, and cruelty, but also to fidelity. It speaks, hopefully, to still the ideal of liberty. It succeeds only in demonstrating the moral bankruptcy of ~~a system and the apt~~ the society which conceived it. The longer it ~~lasts~~ endures, the longer the world will know how desolate and constricting that system is.

But I am not just repelled. The wall also reminds us of something else — that the powers which continue to ~~span~~ repress the liberties of our Eastern neighbors could one day be diverted towards encroaching on ours. For that reason, Dr. Rapp, I am not just repelled. Having seen the wall, I, ~~am the more determined to~~ ~~protect those~~ like many others before me, am the more determined to protect those liberties which we cherish. We must defend our freedom.

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~~— defend it~~

~~— and seek to extend it~~

And we must also use ~~our freedom~~ wisely. We must beware of those in our own societies who use the language and the opportunities of freedom in order to destroy it. There is an enemy within as well as an enemy without.