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Dear Charles,

You wrote on 7 November enclosing, with a letter from Sir John Hoskyns, a letter and paper from a Mr Laurent Murawiec of the Schiller Institute in Wiesbaden.

We have made some enquiries both through our Embassy in Bonn and elsewhere about the Schiller Institute and its founder, Mr Lyndon Larouche, who is an American. The Schiller Institute is closely connected to the small extreme Right Wing 'European Workers' Party', which is led by Larouche's German wife. I have to say that these enquiries lead us to the conclusion that one should sup with Mr Larouche only with a very long spoon.

The contents of the Schiller Institute paper would seem to confirm the wisdom of this. It is a farrago of prejudiced and unsubstantiated propositions. We would not wish to attempt to comment on it in detail, but would simply draw attention as an example to the paper's comment on Lord Carrington: "the attitude of Henry Kissinger's business partner Peter Carrington has played a decisive role in convincing many pro-Western German policy-makers that nothing but a repeat of the performance of Neville Chamberlain and Edouard Daladier would be forthcoming from beyond the Rhine".

The description of Herr Brandt is equally eccentric. As an example of the Schiller Institute's judgement of international politics one might cite its description of the Reagan Administration's posture towards the Soviet Union as "equivocal" and such as to encourage the Soviets to proceed with their "planned strategic confrontation".

/ I enclose a draft reply to Sir John Hoskyns.

Yours ever,

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*for your subsequent letter of 12 November*

Thank you for your letter of 6 November with which you enclosed a letter and paper from Mr Laurent Murawiec of the Schiller Institute in Wiesbaden, ~~and~~ <sup>*we also share Alfred Scherer's assessment of the Schiller Institute and are unable to take*</sup> The Schiller Institute from which Mr Murawiec writes is known to our Embassy. It has close connections with a tiny fringe political party of the extreme Right wing, led by a Mrs Larouche, whose husband Lyndon Larouche, an American, is mentioned in the literature sent to you.

It is difficult to know where to start in commenting on Mr Murawiec's paper, since the 'unpalatable facts' it purports to describe are so far outside our experience. Frankly I am unable to take this document seriously. The references to Western 'appeasement', 'moral weakness', and the 'New Yalta outlook' prevailing in Britain are clearly wide of the mark. ~~now in the paper very wrong on facts.~~

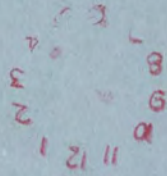
The paper reveals not only a disturbing sense of insecurity and ~~extremism~~ <sup>*extremism*</sup>, but also a startling ignorance of facts. We have made our commitment to the defence of the Federal Republic absolutely clear.

*In general the paper is a good deal stranger as unsubstantiated propositions than it is on facts. It is hard to take it seriously.*

Enclosures—flag(s).....

*CR.*

I think the best answer, if you feel you have to reply, is a polite acknowledgement giving Mr Murawiec no occasion to continue to press his views.



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