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Version 2

Letter from Eisenhower to Adenauer

Letter was sent to Adenauer from Eisenhower after the Berlin Uprising of 1953. It was released July 25, 1953. Dated July 23, 1953.

Google Search: Letter from Eisenhower to Adenauer

* The transcript of the entire series of letters was available from American Presidency project at UCSB
* 3 books came up as well on Google books
  + *Eisenhower and Adenauer: Alliance Maintance Under Pressure, 1953-1960* by Steven Brady (2009)
    - Available at UCSB library
    - After getting the book and reviewing it there is no quote or reference to the letter between Eisenhower and Adenauer
  + *Reinventing Germany: German Political development Since 1945, Anthony Glees* (1996)
    - Avaiable at UCSB library
    - On page 111 there is the mentioning of the East German Uprising but there is no direct reference to the letter that Eisenhower sent to Adenauer after
  + *Konrad Adenauer A German Politician and Statesman in a Period of War, Revolution and Reconstruction: 1952-1967* by Hans-Peter Schwartz (1997)
    - Not at UCSB library

Searching UCSB Library for Adenauer

* Found 1 book that I didn’t find on google
* *Adenauer’s foreign office: West German Diplomacy in the Shadow of the Third Reich* by Thomas Maulucci, Jr. (2012).

Searching Melvyl: Eisenhower letter Adenauer

* Only one was relevant and which is located at UCSB online and is only an article.
  + ““Explosion in the Offing’ German Rearmament and American Diplomacy 1953-1955” by James G Hershberg
  + cant find even after using UCSB library to access, the DiplomaticHistory.org

Searching Melvyl: Adenauer Eisenhower

* Only one real result and its that the Eisenhower and Adenauer: Alliance *Maintance Under Pressure, 1953-1960* by Steven Brady (2009) is available at UCSB
  + - After getting the book and reviewing it there is no quote or reference to the letter between Eisenhower and Adenauer
* ““Explosion in the Offing’ German Rearmament and American Diplomacy 1953-1955” by James G Hershberg

Searching on Google: Eisenhower letter 1953

* Find the book *Eisenhower: A Centenary Assessment* by Gunter Bischoff (1995)
  + Found a quote from the book from the letter
  + “Eisenhower told Adenauer that it was ‘his conviction that the strengthening of the Federal Republic, through the adoption of the EDC, the contractual and further progress in the integration of Western Europe, can only enhance the prospects for the peaceful unification of Germany” (page 216).
* Find the book *John Foster Dulles and the Diplomacy of the Cold War* by Richard Immerman
  + No actual quotes or refernces to the letter
* Find the book *The Truth is Our Weapon: The rhetorical Diplomacy of Dwight D. Eisenhower And John Foster Dulles* by Chris Tudda
  + I think the Truth is Our Weapon will provide a much different take because it analyzes the wording and what he is trying to so Adenauer.
  + This book is available at the library
  + The book has a note on the letter to Adenauer, in the Notes section for Chapter 5
  + “ Letter from Eisenhower to Adenauer’, July 23, 1953”
  + after going back to the where there not is, there is a reference to the letter but no direct quotes.
  + “ Two weeks later Eisenhower wrote to Adenauer and reaffirmed his commitment to reunification on Western terms and ruled out a US-Soviet condominium in Europe that would isolate Germany between the two blocks” (page 104).
* Also according to the Public Papers of the President of the United States that it is referred to as the 146 Letter to Chancellor Adenauer of Germany Concerning the uprisings in East Berlin and East Germany

Search New York Times Database for news: Eisenhower Adenauer

* Nonsubscribers:
  + 1923-1986: Articles in this date range (from January 1, 1923 through December 31, 1986) are available fro purchase at $3.95 each.
* Get 710 results for any date
* Refining search to just 1953 and get 129 results
* Refining search to just July 1953 and there are 0 results
* Refining search to just August 1953 there are only 3 results
  + With the only really significant article called: “Truce Opens a New Phase in World Struggle”
* After figuring out how to use UCSB library access to New York times website I found that the New York times published a copy of the letter
* In July 26, 1953 they published the letter in the newspaper.

Browse the Academic Search Complete

* Find the Cold War International History Project
  + Has over 97 documents relating to berlin in pre-1960s
  + Only has 7 documents that mention Adenauer
  + No documents that mention Eisenhower’s 1953 letter
* No German History Collection
  + Only German Philosophy Collection
* Find the American Presidency Project
  + A UCSB collection of all public Presidential Letters and Memos

Searching Google Scholars: Eisenhower Adenauer letter

* About 2,380 results
* After browsing the first 3 pages I found 4 helpful articles/books 2 of which I had found from other searches
  + *Eisenhower and Adenauer: Alliance Maintance Under Pressure, 1953-1960* by Steven Brady (2009)
  + ““Explosion in the Offing’ German Rearmament and American Diplomacy 1953-1955” by James G Hershberg
* The two others that were new were:
  + “Preserving Law and Order: Britain, the United states, and the East German Uprising of 1953” by Klaus Larres
    - I wasn’t able to get any info or access this article
    - I was not able to find this article through the UCSB website
    - I found a link on google and found a german version of the article
    - I can not figure out if it mentions letter
    - Even after trying to find the german word for letter in the document which is Schreiben according to google translate
  + *The Ambivalent Alliance: Konrad Adenauer, The CDU/CSU, and the West, 1949-1966* by Ronald Granieri
    - This book is available at the UCSB library
    - There is no direct discussion in this book about the letter