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THE VALUE OF BILATERAL CONSULTATION AND CULTURAL RELATIONS

An Exchange of Letters between His Excellency Walter Scheel, Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, September 28, 1973.

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The following letters were sent on September 28, 1973, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany:

Ottawa, CANADA
September 28, 1973

Excellency,

During our exchanges on the occasion of your current visit to Ottawa, we had the opportunity to review the pattern and extent of the bilateral consultations in many forms and in various fields which take place between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada. We noted with satisfaction that many of our common interests are already reflected in various agreements on Science and Technology, Defence Research and Production, Social Security and other areas.

We also noted that bilateral discussions on matters of common concern provide an effective method of improving the scope and quality of our relations. To this end, we agree that, without prescribing any particular form, bilateral consultations should be held, normally at the senior official level, or at the ministerial level, as circumstances warrant and allow. The time, place and topics for any such meeting may be proposed by either side.

Irrespective of such meetings, we expressed our desire to continue to encourage a greater exchange of visits between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mitchell Sharp

His Excellency Walter Scheel,
Vice-Chancellor and
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
The Federal Republic of Germany.

Ottawa, CANADA
September 28, 1973

Excellency:

I refer to our conversation during your present visit to Canada, during which we agreed on the desirability of further development of cultural relations between our two countries. I am sure that co-operation in this field will reinforce the existing friendship and mutually beneficial exchanges between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany. To this end we will, for our part, be prepared to pursue with all despatch, in accordance with our constitutional requirements, discussions aimed at the conclusion of a cultural agreement between the two countries which would encourage and facilitate the development of these relations.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mitchell Sharp

His Excellency Walter Scheel,
Vice-Chancellor and
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
The Federal Republic of Germany.

Mr. Scheel replied as follows to both Mr. Sharp's letters separately:

Ottawa, September 28, 1973

Excellency:

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which in German translation reads as follows:

(German translation of Mr. Sharp's letter)

I have the honour to state that I am in agreement with the contents of this letter.

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

(signed) Walter Scheel

His Excellency,
Secretary of State for
External Affairs,
Mr. Mitchell Sharp.

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