

## Notes of reply from the three Western Powers (19 November 1970)

**Caption:** On 19 November 1970, the US, French and British ambassadors reply jointly to the informative note relating to the Germano-Polish Treaty, sent to them on that same day by the Bonn Government.

**Source:** Bundesgesetzblatt 1972 II. Hrsg. Der Bundesminister der Justiz. 24.05.1972, n° 27. Bonn: Bundesanzeiger Verlagsges. m. b. H. "Antwortnoten der drei Westmächte", p. 365-368.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE

BONN, le 19 novembre 1970

L'Ambassade de France présente ses compliments au Ministère fédéral des Affaires Etrangères et a l'honneur, sur instruction de son gouvernement, de lui faire la communication ci-jointe.

L'Ambassade de France saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Ministère Fédéral des Affaires Etrangères les assurances de sa très haute considération.

Ministère fédéral des Affaires Etrangères  
BONN

Le Gouvernement français a l'honneur d'accuser réception de la note du Gouvernement de la République fédérale d'Allemagne en date du 19 novembre 1970 contenant le texte du traité entre la République fédérale d'Allemagne et la République Populaire de Pologne sur les fondements de la normalisation de leurs relations mutuelles, qui a été paraphé à Varsovie le 18 novembre. Cette note est ainsi rédigée;

« Le Gouvernement de la République fédérale d'Allemagne a l'honneur de porter à la connaissance du Gouvernement français le texte ci-joint d'un traité entre la République fédérale d'Allemagne et la République Populaire de Pologne sur les fondements de la normalisation de leurs relations mutuelles, qui a été paraphé à Varsovie le 18 novembre.

Au cours des négociations menées en vue de ce traité par les Gouvernements de la République fédérale d'Allemagne et de la République Populaire de Pologne, le Gouvernement fédéral a clairement indiqué que le traité entre la République fédérale d'Allemagne et la République Populaire de Pologne n'affecte pas et ne saurait affecter les droits et responsabilités de la République française, du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord, de l'Union des Républiques socialistes soviétiques et des Etats-Unis d'Amérique, tels qu'ils s'expriment dans les traités et accords que l'on sait. Le gouvernement fédéral a de plus attiré l'attention sur le fait qu'il ne peut traiter qu'au nom de la RFA.

Les Gouvernements des Etats-Unis d'Amérique et du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord ont reçu des notes identiques. »

Le Gouvernement français prend note avec satisfaction du paraphe de ce traité. Il considère lui aussi que le traité n'affecte pas et ne saurait affecter les droits et responsabilités des quatre Puissances, tels qu'ils s'expriment dans les traités et accords que l'on sait.

Bonn, le 19 novembre 1970

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs and on behalf of the Government of the United States of America has the honor to transmit the enclosed Note Verbale.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Bonn-Bad Godesberg, November 19, 1970

The Government of the United States of America has the honor to inform the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany that it has received the Note of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany of November 19, 1970, enclosing the text of the Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of Poland, concerning the Basis for Normalizing their Mutual Relations, which was initialed on November 18, 1970 in Warsaw and reading as follows:

"The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has the honor to inform the Government of the United States of America of the attached text of a Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of Poland, concerning the Basis for Normalizing their Mutual Relations, which was initialed on November 18, 1970 in Warsaw.

In the course of the negotiations which took place between the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the People's Republic of Poland concerning this Treaty, it was made clear by the Federal Government that the Treaty between the Federal Republic of Germany and the People's Republic of Poland does not and cannot affect the rights and responsibilities of the French Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America as reflected in the known treaties and agreements. The Federal Government further pointed out that it can act only in the name of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom have received identical notes."

The Government of the United States of America notes with approval the initialing of the Treaty. It shares the position that the Treaty does not and cannot affect the rights and responsibilities of the Four Powers as reflected in the known treaties and agreements.

November 19, 1970

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