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You live in a defended island of freedom, but your life is part of the main. So let me ask you, as I close, to lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today, to the hopes of tomorrow, beyond the freedom monopoly of this city of Berlin.

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Modified Content

1 I am proud to come to this city as the guest of your distinguished Mayor, who
 2 has symbolized throughout the world the fighting spirit of West Berlin. And I
 3 am proud -- And I am proud to visit the Federal Republic with your
 4 distinguished Chancellor who for so many years has committed Germany to democracy
 5 and freedom and progress, and to come here in the company of my fellow American,
 6 General Clay, who has been in this city during its great moments of crisis and
 7 will come again if ever needed.
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 9 Two thousand years ago, the proudest boast was "civis Romanus sum." Today, in
 10 the world of freedom, the proudest boast is "Ich bin ein Berliner."
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 12 There are many people in the world who really don't understand, or say they
 13 don't, what is the great issue between the free world and the Communist world.
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 15 Let them come to Berlin.
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 17 There are some who say that communism is the wave of the future.
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 19 Let them come to Berlin.
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 21 And there are some who say, in Europe and elsewhere, we can work with the
 22 Communists.
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 24 Let them come to Berlin.
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 26 And there are even a few who say that it is true that communism is an evil
 27 system, but it permits us to make economic progress.

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29 Lass' sie nach Berlin kommen. Let them come to Berlin.

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32 Freedom has many difficulties and democracy is not perfect. But we have never
33 had to put a wall up to keep our people in -- to prevent them from leaving us. I
34 want to say on behalf of my countrymen who live many miles away on the other side
35 of the Atlantic, who are far distant from you, that they take the greatest
36 pride, that they have been able to share with you, even from a distance, the
37 story of the last 18 years. I know of no town, no city, that has been besieged
38 for 18 years that still lives with the vitality and the force, and the hope,
39 and the determination of the city of West Berlin.

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41 While the wall is the most obvious and vivid demonstration of the failures of
42 the Communist system -- for all the world to see -- we take no satisfaction in
43 it; for it is, as your Mayor has said, an offense not only against history but an
44 offense against humanity, separating families, dividing husbands and wives and
45 brothers and sisters, and dividing a people who wish to be joined together.

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54 You live in a defended island of freedom, but your life is part of the main.
55 So let me ask you, as I close, to lift your eyes beyond the dangers of today,
56 to the hopes of tomorrow, beyond the freedom merely of this city of Berlin, or
57 your country of Germany, to the advance of freedom everywhere, beyond the wall
58 to the day of peace with justice, beyond yourselves and ourselves to all mankind.

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60 Freedom is indivisible, and when one man is enslaved, all are not free. When
61 all are free, then we look -- can look forward to that day when this city will
62 be joined as one and this country and this great Continent of Europe in a
63 peaceful and hopeful globe. When that day finally comes, as it will, the people
64 of West Berlin can take sober satisfaction in the fact that they were in the
65 front lines for almost two decades.

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67 All -- All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin.

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69 And, therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words "Ich bin ein Berliner."