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EMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips, or similar events undertaken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make the second page of this form publicly available as soon as possible after it is filed.

Name of Traveler (print or type): Noah Jacobson

I certify that the information contained on all pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:

DATE: November 20, 2009

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on this form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

Erik Paulsen

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

Erik Paulsen

DATE: 11/20/09

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1. Name of Traveler (print or type): Noah Jacobson
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A
 - b. Relationship to Employee: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 11-8-09, 11-13-09
 - b. Dates at personal expense (if any): CS
4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington, DC to Berlin
to Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): U.S. Association of former
Members
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Itinerary Attached
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by the trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the employee; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
- b. If not, explain: _____

9. TRAVEL EXPENSES: Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

| | Total Transportation Expenses | Total Lodging Expenses | Total Meal Expenses |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| For employee: | <u>1,352.60</u> | <u>944.38</u> | <u>510.27</u> |
| For accompanying family member: | | | |
| | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) | |
| For employee: | <u>58.51</u> | <u>Tour Guide, Museum Entrance</u> | |
| For accompanying family member: | | | |

Jacobson, Noah

From: Esra Alemdar [EAlemdar@usafmc.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 2:00 PM
To: Andel, Michael; Boling, David; ifergusson@crs.loc.gov; Hittos, Elizabeth; Hughes, Sean;
Jacobson, Noah; Osborne, Beth
Cc: Sudha David-Wilp
Subject: RE: Costs for the Disclosure Form

Dear All,

Sorry for the delay. Please find below the breakdown of costs for your disclosure forms, and let me know if you have any questions.

Disclosure Form Costs:

Total Transportation Costs - \$ 1,352.60

Total Lodging Costs - \$ 944.38

Total Meal Costs - \$ 510.27

Other Expenses (Tour Guide and Museum Entrance) - \$ 58.51

I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Best,

Esra

Esra Alemdar

Junior Program Officer

U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

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Washington, DC 20005

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E-mail: eaalemdar@usafmc.org

From: Sudha David-Wilp
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 11:21 AM

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

October 30, 2009

Mr. Noah Jacobson
Office of the Honorable Erik Paulsen
126 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Germany scheduled for November 8 to 13, 2009, sponsored by the United States Association of Former Members of Congress' Congressional Study Group on Germany.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Zoe Lofgren
Chair

Jo Bonner
Ranking Republican Member

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. *You must answer every question on the form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)'s Congressional Study Group on Germany.

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):

This conference is intended for senior Congressional staff from the United States Congress; FMC invited senior Congressional staff from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, whose offices have previously expressed interest in Germany and U.S.-German relations.

6. Dates of travel:

Departure Date: Sunday, November 8, 2009 - Return Date: Friday, November 13, 2009

7. Cities of departure – destination – return:

Washington DC – Berlin – Washington DC

8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*):

9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: or

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:

a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above:

b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or

c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:

If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted:

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education.

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Germany is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings and inviting expert speakers to address the group. FMC oversees the budget for the 2009 Senior Congressional Staff Tour to Germany.

13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):

All senior Congressional staff will be traveling economy class in commercial aircraft on the transatlantic flights. Ground transportation in Germany will be provided by a local car service company in Berlin.

b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: N/A

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

Approximately \$50 per diem for lunch, and \$100 per diem for dinner. * SDW Oct. 29, 2009

16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Berlin is the capital of Germany, and the U.S. delegation will meet with government officials there.

17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Hilton Berlin (November 9-13, 2009)

18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided):

The Hilton Berlin – approx. \$231 for single

19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel listed above was selected for its proximity to the events and comfort of

accommodations.

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates* | Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant |
|--|--|---|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | approx. \$1000 | approx. \$1000 | \$200 \$600 |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | Other Expenses (dollar amount) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)** |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | approx. \$25 | * |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A |

*Please see program for tour details.

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 



10/29/09

Name and title: Sudha David-Wilp, Director of International Programs

Organization: U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress

Address: 1401 K Street, NW, Suite 503, Washington DC 20005

Telephone number: (202) 222-0972

Fax number: (202) 222-0977

Email Address: sdavid-wilp@usafmc.org

The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

Sunday, November 8, 2009

5:50 pm Departure on Lufthansa 419 to Frankfurt, Germany
(please check in at least two hours prior to departure, and proceed to the gate where Ms. Esra Alemdar will be waiting with a CSGG sign. Her cell number is 202-476-9101.)

Monday, November 9, 2009

7:30 am Arrival in Frankfurt

9:00 am Departure on LH 202 to Berlin

10:05 am Arrival in Berlin and transfer to hotel

2:00 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting
(business casual) *(please have your passport with you and warm clothing for the Freedom Festival, which takes place outdoors)*

2:15 – 4:30 pm Meeting with **Deidre Berger** of the American Jewish Committee Berlin to discuss **Jewish Life in Germany Today**, followed by a visit to the Holocaust Memorial – November 9, 1938 was “Kristallnacht” or the Night of Broken Glass in Germany

American Jewish Committee Berlin Office
Leipziger Platz 15
Tel.: +49 (0)30 22 65 94 0

5:00 – 6:00 pm **Country Briefing** with **Dr. Constanze Stellzenmueller**, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and **Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel**, Depaul University

Aigner Gendarmenmarkt (Billiard Room)
Französische Str. 25
Tel.: +49 (0)30 203 75 18 50/51

6:00 pm Walk to the corner of Ebertstrasse and Scheidemannstrasse

7:00 – 8:30 pm **Festival of Freedom** at the Brandenburg Gate to mark the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, with speeches from Chancellor Angela Merkel and visiting heads of state

8:30 pm Attend **Festival of Freedom Reception** organized by the German federal government and the state government of Berlin

Allianz SE Representative Office/Eugen-Gutmann Haus
Pariser Platz 6

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

- Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
- 9:00 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting
(business attire)
- 9:30 – 10:30 am *Ostologie Today: Real Life in the GDR*
with the **Honorable Markus Meckel (SPD)**, former Foreign Minister of the GDR (1990) and Member of the German Bundestag (1990-2009)
- The Berlin Wall Foundation
Bernauer Strasse 111
Tel.: +49 (0)30 464 10 30
- 10:30 – 11:45 am Visit the exhibition at the Berlin Wall Foundation with **Axel Klausmeier**, Foundation Director
- 12:30 – 1:30 pm *German-American Relations*
with **Philip D. Murphy**, U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany
- BOCCA DI BACCO
Friedrichstraße 167/168
Tel.: +49 (0)30 20 67 2828
- 2:00 pm *Foreign Policy Goals of the New German Government*
with Minister of State **Werner Hoyer (FDP)**
- German Federal Foreign Office
Werderscher Markt 1
Tel.: +49 (0)30 5000 0
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Historical tour of Berlin
- 4:45 – 5:45 pm *On the Ground in Afghanistan*
with **Almut Wieland-Karimi**, Director of the Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF)
- Zentrum für Internationale Friedenseinsätze (ZIF)
Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4
Tel.: +49 (0)30 5200565 10
- 5:45 pm Return to hotel
- 7:30 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner
(casual)

Restaurant Horváth
Paul-Lincke-Ufer 44a
Tel.: +49 (0)30 612 899 92

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel

8:30 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting
(business attire)

9:00 – 10:30 am ***Immigration and Integration Roundtable***
with **Özcan Mutlu** (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen), Member of the Berlin State Parliament and **Mekonnen Mesghena**, Head of Migration Policy Department at the Heinrich-Böll Foundation

The Heinrich-Böll Foundation
Schumannstrasse 8

11:00 am – 12:00 pm ***Germany's Economic Outlook***
discussion with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW)

DIW Berlin
Mohrenstraße 58
Tel.: +49 (0)30 897 89 0

12:30 – 1:30 pm ***Energy Politics in Europe***
Luncheon discussion with **MdB Guenter Krings (CDU/CSU)**

North Entrance (Nord Eingang) of the Bundestag

1:45 – 2:30 pm Visit the Cupola of the Reichstag

3:00 pm ***Relations with Russia***
with **MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose (SPD)**

4:00 pm Visit Museum Island

5:30 pm Return to hotel

6:30 pm Meet in the hotel to depart for dinner discussion
(business casual)

7:00 pm ***Turkey and the EU***
with **MdB Ruprecht Polenz (CDU/CSU)**, Chairman of the Bundestag's Foreign Relations Committee

Restaurant Hasir
Oranienburger Strasse 4
Tel.: +49 (0)30 280 41 616

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
(business attire)

9:00 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for the Chancellery

The German Federal Chancellery
Willy-Brandtstrasse 1

10:00 – 11:00 am Meeting with **Rolf Nikel**, Deputy National Security Advisor

11:00 am – 12:00 pm *The Future of Europe*
with **Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut**, Deputy Director General for European Affairs

12:30 pm Lunch

FACIL
Potsdamer Strasse 3
Tel.: + 49 (0)30 59 005 1234

1:45 pm Depart for Potsdam

2:30 pm Visit Sanssouci

4:15 – 5:30 pm *The Road to Copenhagen*
discussion with scientists from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
Telegraphenberg A 31
Tel.: +49 (0)331 288 2500

5:30 pm Return to Berlin

7:45 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner
(casual)

Alpenstueck
Gartenstrasse 9
Tel.: +49 (0)30 217 516 46

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:00 am Depart hotel for the airport
 (please be checked out and have luggage ready to board bus)

10:45 am Departure on LH 205 to Frankfurt

12:00 pm Arrive in Frankfurt

1:00 pm Departure on LH 418 to Washington Dulles Airport

3:50 pm Return to the United States

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Noah Jacobson

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature]

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Rep. Paulsen

Office address: 126 CHOB

Phone number: 5-2871

Email address of contact person: Noah.Jacobson@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Noah Jacobsen
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): U.S. Association of Former
Members
3. Travel destination(s): Berlin, Germany
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Nov 8 - Nov. 13
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (*i.e.*, the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (*indicate that form is attached by checking box*):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
I am responsible for the Congressional Trade and Foreign
Affairs legislative work.
9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:
I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.
Date: 10/23/09 Ezra Taft
Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

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1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):

The United States Association of Former Members of Congress (FMC)'s Congressional Study Group on Germany.

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):

This conference is intended for senior Congressional staff from the United States Congress; FMC invited senior Congressional staff from both the House of Representatives and the Senate, whose offices have previously expressed interest in Germany and U.S.-German relations.

6. Dates of travel:

Departure Date: Sunday, November 8, 2009 - Return Date: Friday, November 13, 2009

7. Cities of departure – destination – return:

Washington DC – Berlin – Washington DC

8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities) (*Signify "yes" by checking box*):

9. I represent that (*check one of the following*):

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: *or*
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: *or*
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (*i.e.*, if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:

- a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above:
- b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: *or*

c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:
If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted:

11. Check one:
a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*): or
b. N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education.

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

FMC's Congressional Study Group on Germany is responsible for organizing the program, arranging meetings and inviting expert speakers to address the group. FMC oversees the budget for the 2009 Senior Congressional Staff Tour to Germany.

13. a. Describe the mode of travel (air, rail, bus, etc.). For air travel, also indicate the type of aircraft (commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):

All senior Congressional staff will be traveling economy class in commercial aircraft on the transatlantic flights. Ground transportation in Germany will be provided by a local car service company in Berlin.

b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: N/A

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*Signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
b. The trip involves events that are arranged *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

16. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Berlin is the capital of Germany, and the U.S. delegation will meet with government officials there.

17. Name of hotel or other lodging facility:

The Hilton Berlin (November 9-13, 2009)

18. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided):

The Hilton Berlin – approx. \$231 for single

19. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

The hotel listed above was selected for its proximity to the events and comfort of accommodations.

20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates* | Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant | Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant |
|--|--|---|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | approx. \$1000 | approx. \$1000 | \$200 |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A | N/A |

| <input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates | <i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)** |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | approx. \$25 | * |
| For each accompanying family member | N/A | N/A |

*Please see program for tour details.

21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):

22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Draft Program

2009 Senior Congressional Staff Study Tour to Berlin 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Wall and Germany after the elections Sunday, November 8 to Friday, November 13, 2009

In case of an emergency in Germany, please call: 001-202-492-6821 (Sudha David-Wilp)

Hotels:

The Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstrasse 30
Berlin, Germany 10117
Tel. + 49 30 2023 0
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Sunday, November 8, 2009

5:50 pm Departure on Lufthansa 419 to Frankfurt, Germany
(please check in two hours prior to departure and proceed to the gate)

Monday, November 9, 2009

7:30 am Arrival in Frankfurt
9:00 am Departure on LH 202 to Berlin
10:05 am Arrival in Berlin and transfer to hotel
1:30 – 2:45 pm **(business casual)** Luncheon *Briefing on U.S.-German Relations* with **Dr. Constanze Stellzenmueller** of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and **Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel** of Depaul University
3:00 – 4:15 pm Historical tour of Berlin
4:30 pm Meeting with the **Jewish Community of Berlin** and **Deidre Berger** of the American Jewish Committee Berlin – November 9, 1938 was “Kristallnacht” or the Night of Broken Glass in Germany
5:30 pm Return to the hotel
6:30 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for Festival of Freedom
7:00 – 9:00 pm **Festival of Freedom** at the Brandenburg Gate to mark the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, with speeches from Chancellor Angela Merkel and heads of state from all over the world
Viewpoint from the offices of Allianz SE on Pariser Platz

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
9:00 am **(business attire)** Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting
9:30 – 10:30 am *Ostalgie Today: Real Life in the DDR*
with **Alexander Osang** of *der Spiegel* magazine
11:00 am – 12:00 pm Visit the exhibition at the Berlin Wall Foundation

The Berlin Wall Foundation
Bernauer Strasse 111

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| 12:30 – 1:45 pm | <i>Foreign Policy Goals of the New German Government</i> Luncheon discussion with MdB Werner Hoyer (FDP) |
| 2:30 – 3:30 pm | <i>Cooperation in Afghanistan</i> with MdB Eckart von Klaeden (CDU/CSU) |
| 4:00 pm | <i>The German-American Partnership</i> Meeting with Phil Murphy , U.S. Ambassador to Germany |
| 5:00 pm | Return to hotel |
| 6:30 pm | Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for dinner |
| 7:00 – 8:30 pm | Dinner discussion on <i>Turkey's Prospects for EU Membership</i> with MdB Ruprecht Polenz (CDU/CSU) , Chairman of the Bundestag's Foreign Relations Committee |

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

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| Starting at 7:00 am | Buffet breakfast at the hotel |
| 9:00 am (business attire) | Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for first meeting |
| 9:30 – 10:30 am | <i>The Road to Copenhagen</i> with MdB Juergen Trittin (Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen) , former Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety |
| 11:00 am – 12:15pm | <i>Germany's Economic Outlook</i> Discussion with Dr. Werner Schnappauf of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) |
| 12:30 – 1:30 pm | <i>Energy Politics in Europe</i> Luncheon discussion with MdB Guenter Krings (CDU/CSU) |
| 1:45 – 2:30 pm | Visit the Cupola of the Reichstag |
| 3:00 pm | <i>Relations with Russia</i> with MdB Hans-Ulrich Klose (SPD) |
| 4:00 pm | Return to hotel |
| 6:00 pm | Meet in the hotel to depart for dinner |

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Starting at 7:00 am Buffet breakfast at the hotel
(business attire)

9:00 am Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for the Chancellery

 The German Federal Chancellery
 Willy-Brandtstrasse 1
 10557 Berlin

9:30 am Brief tour of the German Federal Chancellery

10:00 – 11:15 am Meeting with **Dr. Rolf Nikel**, Deputy National Security Advisor

11:30 am – 12:15 pm ***Immigration and Integration***
 with MDB Omnid Nouripour (**Buendnis 90/Die Gruenen**),

12:30 – 1:30 pm ***The Future of Europe***
 Luncheon discussion with **Ambassador John Kornblum**

2:00 pm Depart for Potsdam

3:00 pm Visit to Sanssouci

4:30 pm Return to Berlin

6:30 pm Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for closing dinner

Friday, November 13, 2009

8:00 am Depart hotel for the airport
(please be checked out and have luggage ready to board bus)

10:45 am Departure on LH 205 to Frankfurt

12:00 pm Arrive in Frankfurt

1:00 pm Departure on LH 418 to Washington Dulles Airport

3:50 pm Return to the United States

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October 21, 2009

Dear Noah Jacobson:

I look forward to having you participate in the 2009 Congressional Study Tour to Germany. In order to comply with the ethics rules for the 111th Congress with regard to private travel, I would appreciate it if you could please fill out the enclosed Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form and send it along with the attached enclosures to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. The Committee has asked each Congressional staffer to independently fill out the form and submit it along with the attached information to the Committee in order to receive ethics approval for the 2009 Congressional Study Tour to Berlin. In reference to the questions, please find attached the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form filled out by us.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague, Ms. Esra Alemdar via phone at (202) 222-0972 or via email at ealemdar@usafmc.org. I look forward to seeing you in Berlin in a few weeks.

Best Regards,

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