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### REFERENCES

1. During the course of the annual meeting of the Kuratorium of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, held in Berlin on 1-2 December 1961, the case officer had a chance for several conversations with Arno SCHOLZ (201 as above), co-publisher and editor-in-chief of the Telegraf.

2. Subject interview was, of course, one subject discussed at some length. SCHOLZ said that he found most interesting the President's suggestion for the internationalization of the Autobahn between Helmstedt and West Berlin. On the other hand, SCHOLZ thought that this suggestion had about as much chance of being accepted by the Soviets as the proverbial snowball. He went on to state that a somewhat similar idea had since then occurred to him, and he felt that this, while wild, had a slightly better chance of being bought by the Soviets.

3. This idea was to build an Autobahn-on-stilts all the way from West Berlin to the Federal Republic. SCHOLZ said he realized that it would be a most expensive undertaking but that this would presumably not be an insurmountable problem in view of more dire alternatives. On the other hand, according to SCHOLZ, it would have the double advantage (a) of interfering with the GDR's "sovereignty" much less than the present right-of-way on the ground and, thus, perhaps be more acceptable to the GDR regime, and (b) of making it much more difficult, at least politically, for the GDR to interfere with traffic on this raised Autobahn at a later date, i.e., it would provide the GDR with little or no pretext for claiming Allied misuse of the access facility.

4. SCHOLZ asked for our reaction and whether he should propose this idea in an editorial the next day. We told him that we had few illusions that it might be acceptable to the Soviets and the GDR but there would be nothing wrong in advancing it, particularly if it were coupled with a strong endorsement of subject interview.

5. SCHOLZ said he would proceed, and he did. Transmitted for your information are copies of the editorial in question, which appeared on 3 December 1961.

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