

MEMORANDUM

Ambassador Franz Krapf called at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 1973.

He reported that the German Charge in Washington was told recently by Stoessel or someone in Stoessel's shop that they would be getting a draft of the Atlantic Charter. They have not yet received one in Washington; however, when Scheel was in Washington, he was given two drafts of Atlantic Charters or Declarations of Principles, one which Kissinger gave him and was described as a Kissinger draft, another which Kissinger gave him and was described as a Department of State draft. Kissinger indicated he was not enthusiastic about either draft.

Krapf's question is, "Do the Germans now have the draft that the Charge in Washington was told they would be getting, or is that a third draft. If it is not a third draft, and they now have it, which of the two is the one the Charge was told he would be getting?"

I told Krapf that it sounded like a series of "he said to him, to him, to him, to the point where it was so confusing that the only way to untangle it would be to have the Charge go back to the person who told him he would be getting a draft and ask him that question, but for someone else to get in the middle of that and try and figure it out, I didn't think would be wise."

