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To: The Committee Amerika Haus Berlin (CAB)
Attn: Mr. Mark Donfried
Re: The Amerika Haus Proposal
Date: 27 November 2006

Dear Mr. Donfried:

I would like to express my strong and enthusiastic support for the proposal of the CAB to continue to utilize the historic Amerika Haus Berlin as a vibrant and essential facility for transatlantic dialogue and for continuing the multinational "civil society" that Amerika Haus so brilliantly fostered.

In an international environment where transatlantic understanding is more vital than ever and where organizations dedicated to that goal are in ever greater need of cooperation, the prospect of an organizationally integrated facility as well as a dynamic cultural centre is particularly important for Berlin and for all impacted by transatlantic issues.

At this crucial juncture in the relationship between transatlantic communities, the constructive efforts of the members and sponsors of CAB to re-establish Amerika Haus as an organizational and cultural coordinating institution can produce profoundly positive results that will enrich the intellectual and social life of Berlin and ultimately impact a wider community.

Our business, Books in Berlin, has been functioning as an English-only bookstore for nearly fifteen years under our ownership. In that time, we have built up a significant base of English language readers. We would very much like to be kept apprised of CAB's continuing efforts. We would seriously consider relocating our business to Amerika Haus if all concerned would consider that a positive contribution to building the kind of institution you seek to build.

We would appreciate having the CAB stay in touch with us. Our phone number is (030) 31 31 233 and our email is hookberlin@aol.com. My son, David Solomon manages the bookstore and is looking forward to hearing from the committee.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Mark Solomon