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Dear Dr. Brautigam:

Pursuant to its authority under Rules X and XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Government Reform is conducting an oversight investigation of the implementation of the German and Austrian agreements with the United States regarding claims of Holocaust survivors and their heirs. Specifically, the Committee is focusing on the efforts of the International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims (ICHEIC), which was designated by the agreements to resolve outstanding Holocaust-era claims.

We understand that the German Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility, and the Future" is currently negotiating the terms for all companies in the German Insurance Association to participate in ICHEIC in accordance with Article 1(4) of the U.S.-German Executive Agreement. Accordingly, we request that you provide to the Committee the following information relating to those negotiations:

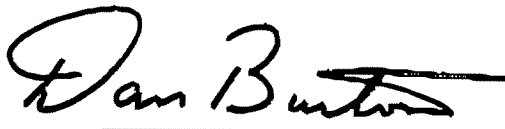
1. A copy of the current pending proposals regarding:
  - (a) Guidelines for the German Insurance Association companies to publish policyholder names;
  - (b) Claims processing, auditing, and claims approval standards for such companies;
  - (c) The appeals process such companies will use to review rejected policies; and
  - (d) The amount of reimbursement such companies would receive for costs incurred in connection to the compensation of claims.
  
2. An explanation of the German Foundation's position on extending the ICHEIC deadline

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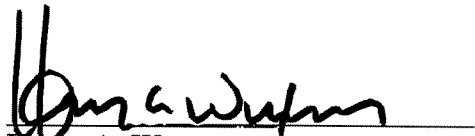
published and disseminated an exhaustive list of policies held by victims to ensure that no viable claims are foreclosed.

We request that you provide this information by November 5, 2001. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Michelle Ash at (202) 225-5051.

Sincerely,



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