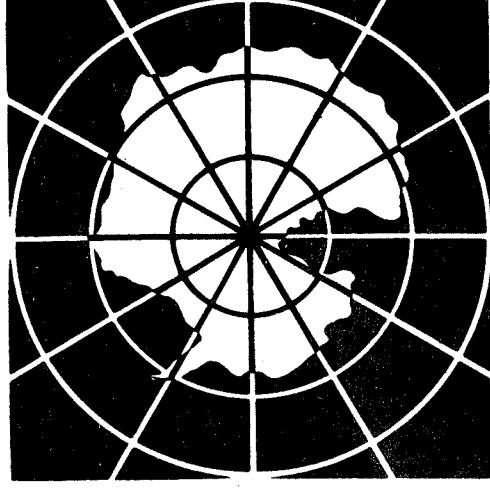


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**REPORT OF THE THIRD  
SPECIAL ANTARCTIC TREATY  
CONSULTATIVE MEETING**

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP  
BUENOS AIRES, REPUBLICA ARGENTINA

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THIRD SPECIAL ANTARCTIC TREATY  
CONSULTATIVE MEETING

I

FINAL REPORT

The Representatives of the Consultative Parties (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, France, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, the Republic of South Africa, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America) met in Buenos Aires on the 3rd of March 1981.

The Meeting considered in Plenary Session the question of the notifications received from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany about its activities in the Antarctic and decided as follows:

The Representatives of the Consultative Parties:

Recalling that the Federal Republic of Germany acceded to the Antarctic Treaty on the 5th of February 1979 in accordance with Article XIII;

Noting that in a Circular Note dated October 7, 1980 the Government of the United States of America, acting in its capacity as the Depository Government for the Antarctic Treaty, and in accordance with paragraph 1 of Part I of the Final Report of the First Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, had informed the Consultative Parties to the Antarctic Treaty that it had received from the Federal Republic of Germany a diplomatic note transmitting the following:

...a notification that the Federal Republic of Germany considered itself entitled to appoint Representatives in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Treaty to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty;

...a declaration that the Federal Republic of Germany intended to approve the Recommendations adopted at Consultative Meetings in pursuance of the Treaty and subsequently approved by all the Contracting Parties whose Representatives were entitled to participate in those meetings and that it was ready to consider approval of the other Recommendations; and

...information material describing the contents and objectives of the Antarctic research activities of the Federal Republic of Germany;

Noting that in February 1981 the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5 of the Antarctic Treaty, had informed the Consultative Parties of its planned research activities in the Antarctic (set out in accordance with Recommendation VIII-6) including the intent of the Federal Republic of Germany to establish its Antarctic research station on the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf;

Noting that heavy pack ice in the southern Weddell Sea had prevented establishment by the Federal Republic of Germany of its station on the Filchner-Ronne Ice Shelf and that the Federal Republic of Germany had selected an alternate site for its station close to Atka Bay;

Noting that in the same Note the Federal Republic of Germany had indicated that its station would be completed at Atka Bay later in February to the extent that scientific operations could start and allowing of the exercise by any Consultative Party of the right of inspection in accordance with Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty;

Noting that in a Circular Note dated February 19, 1981 the Government of the United States of America, acting in its capacity as the Depository Government for the Antarctic Treaty, and in accordance with paragraph 2 of Part I of the Final Report of the First Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, had informed the Consultative Parties to the Antarctic Treaty that it had received, under cover of a note dated February 17, 1981, a notification that the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany had considered the Recommendations adopted at the first ten Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings, had approved all the Recommendations that had become effective in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4 of the Antarctic Treaty and that appropriate consideration was being given to Recommendations that had not yet become effective with a view to approving them in due course;

**Noting** the declaration received by the Government of the Republic of Argentina from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany that its permanent scientific research station named "Georg von Neumayer" had been established on February 24, 1981, close to Atka Bay at 70°37'S, 082°22'W, and that the Federal Republic of Germany thereby demonstrates its interest in Antarctica in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Treaty;

**Having ascertained** in accordance with Article X of the Antarctic Treaty, on the basis of the information provided about scientific expeditions and investigations being undertaken at the station, that the activities of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Antarctic are in accordance with the principles and purposes of the Treaty;

**Record** their acknowledgment that the Federal Republic of Germany has fulfilled the requirements established in Article IX, paragraph 2 of the Antarctic Treaty and that, as a consequence, has the right to appoint representatives in order to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Treaty; and hereby warmly welcome the Federal Republic of Germany as a participant in such meetings.

## II

# STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATION OF THE USSR

In the documents distributed by the Federal Republic of Germany referring to the scientific research activities of the Federal Republic of Germany in the Antarctic some of the used terms are not quite exact and misleading. For instance, the Antarctic expedition and the Antarctic Station of the Federal Republic of Germany are called "German". The term "German" is also applied even to the national committee of the Federal Republic of Germany on Antarctic Research. Such designations do not contain either the officially accepted designation of the Federal Republic of Germany or any other mention that the station or the expedition belong to the Federal Republic of Germany. However, a precise and unambiguous designation is all the more necessary because another German State is also participating in the Antarctic research activities — i.e. the German Democratic Republic. In these circumstances the designations used by the Federal Republic of Germany are liable to create unnecessary misunderstanding and confusion when practical issues of intergovernmental co-operation in the Antarctic are being dealt with.

Moreover, the documents we have received indicate that the Federal Republic of Germany intends to invite scientists from the Western sectors of Berlin for participation in its scientific research activities.

An invitation by the Federal Republic of Germany of scientists from the Western sectors of Berlin to participate in the activities in Antarctica, including the elaboration of different issues of the "Antarctic Research Program of the Federal Republic of Germany" can be only undertaken on the basis of the Quadrupartite agreement of September 3, 1971, according to its provisions determining the conditions of participation of permanent inhabitants of the Western sector of Berlin together with participants from the Federal Republic of Germany in international activities. In such circumstances official documents should refer to the above mentioned agreement.

The aforesaid does obviously not affect the principled position of the USSR on the illegality of the extension by the Federal Republic of Germany of the Antarctic Treaty to the Western sectors in Berlin. This position was transmitted to all States parties to the Treaty.

We hope that the above stated considerations will be duly taken into account whenever official documents of the Federal Republic of Germany relating to its activities in the Antarctic are presented.

III

**ANNEXES**

REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
TO BECOME A CONSULTATIVE PARTY OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

TEXT OF THE NOTE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA DEPOSITORY OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY

1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany hereby notifies the Government of the United States of America as the Depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty of its view that the Federal Republic of Germany considers itself entitled to appoint Representatives in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 2, of the Treaty to participate in the Consultative Meetings provided for in Article IX, paragraph 1, of the Treaty.
2. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has undertaken a major research programme in the Antarctic. Material describing these activities, in particular the contents and objectives of the scientific programme, is enclosed as follows:
  - "Antarktischforschungsprogramm der Bundesrepublik Deutschland" (the English version is in preparation and will be transmitted later);
  - "Antarctic Research Programme of the Federal Republic of Germany — Summary" (Summary of the aforementioned "Antarktischforschungsprogramm").
3. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany declares the intent of the Federal Republic of Germany to approve the Recommendations adopted at Consultative Meetings in pursuance of the Treaty and subsequently approved by all the Contracting Parties whose Representatives were entitled to participate in those meetings as well as the readiness of the Federal Republic of Germany to consider approval of the other Recommendations.
4. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany requests the Government of the United States of America to communicate the foregoing notification, information and declaration to all other Consultative Parties.

TEXT OF THE NOTE ADDRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SIGNATORY AND  
ACCEDING STATES OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY, ENCLOSING DIPLOMATIC NOTE  
FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to their Excellencies, Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission of the Governments of the States signatory and acceding to the Antarctic Treaty signed in Washington on December 1, 1959, whose representatives are entitled to participate in the meetings provided for in Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty, and has the honor to inform them that the Government of the United States, as depositary Government for the Antarctic Treaty, has received from the Federal Republic of Germany a diplomatic note transmitting a notification that the Federal Republic of Germany has approved all the recommendations that have become effective in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty.

In accordance with the procedures agreed upon at the Special Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings held in London, July 25, 27, and 29, 1977, the Government of the United States is responsible for transmitting the notification received from the Federal Republic of Germany to the Governments of all Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties. Therefore, this document is enclosed along with a copy of the diplomatic note received from the Federal Republic of Germany. The enclosed notification and diplomatic note supplement material transmitted by the Secretary of State in his note of October 7, 1980.



The Secretary of State requests the Chiefs of Mission to transmit the enclosed diplomatic note and notification to their respective governments.

Enclosures:

1. Diplomatic note, with attached notification from the Federal Republic of Germany
2. List of Recipients of Circular Note

Department of State,  
Washington, February 19, 1981

Recipients of the Circular Note referring to the notification made by the Federal Republic of Germany approving all recommendations that have become effective in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4, of the Antarctic Treaty.

Argentina  
Australia  
Belgium  
Chile  
France  
Japan  
New Zealand  
Norway  
Poland  
South Africa  
United Kingdom  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

**EMBASSY  
OF THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY  
Washington, D.C.**

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to transmit to the Government of the United States of America the enclosed notification regarding approval of recommendations adopted under Article IX of the Antarctic Treaty, signed in Washington on December 1, 1959.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany would be grateful if the Government of the United States of America as the Depository Government for the Antarctic Treaty would forward the enclosed copies of the notification to all Parties to the Antarctic Treaty.

An additional copy of the notification will be directly transmitted to the Government of Argentina.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of the highest opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C., February 17, 1981

Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

**NOTIFICATION**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has considered the recommendations adopted at the first ten Antarctic Treaty consultative meetings and wishes to inform the Depository Government that it has approved all the recommendations that have become effective in accordance with Article IX, paragraph 4 of the Antarctic Treaty.

In addition, the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany also wishes to inform the Depository Government that, in accordance with paragraph 2 of part 1 of the final report of the first special Antarctic Treaty consultative meeting, appropriate consideration is being given to recommendations that have not yet become effective with a view to approving them in due course.

Washington, D.C., February 17, 1981.

**TEXT OF THE NOTE PRESENTED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP OF ARGENTINA.**

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Antarctica and Malvinas Islands Office, and, with reference to note No. 75/81 of 19 February 1981 of this Embassy, has the honour to sum up for that Ministry, after its latest contact with the head of the expedition of the vessel "Polarsirkel", relevant data regarding the installation of the Antarctic station of the Federal Republic of Germany as follows:

The installation of the Antarctic station was completed on 24 February 1981. The station was named "Georg von Neumayer". Its inauguration was attended by foreign guests and scientists. The station will operate from 28 February 1981 as an Antarctic winter station.

The vessels "Polarsirkel", "Gotland II" and "Titan", which participated in the installation of the station, will probably return home on 2 March 1981.

The station is located at 70°37'S, 08°22'W; it is station number 89002 of the World Meteorological Organization. The government of the Federal Republic of Germany will at all times welcome an inspection.

The government of the Federal Republic of Germany has issued this same information to the capitals of the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties.

The authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany would be grateful if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship would duly transmit this information to the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, currently meeting in Buenos Aires.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of this occasion to renew, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship Antarctic and Malvinas Islands Office, the assurance of its highest esteem.

Buenos Aires, 26 February 1981.

To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship,  
Antarctica and Malvinas Islands Office,  
Buenos Aires

**NOTE PRESENTED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP OF ARGENTINA ENCLOSING A REPORT ON GERMAN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN ANTARCTICA CORRESPONDING TO THE 1980/81 CAMPAIGN**

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship -Antarctica and Malvinas Islands Office- and with reference to this Embassy's memoranda Nos 661/80 and 681/80 dated 3 December 1980 and 16 December 1980, respectively, has the honour to transmit to that Ministry the enclosed report on German research activities in Antarctica during the 1980/1981 season. The resumé was prepared on the basis of the "standard format for the annual exchanges of information" (Annex to recommendation VIII-6).

In the description of the research station and the Filchner expedition of 1980/81, the information is still based on the position originally contemplated for the Filchner-Ronne ice barrier (77° 08' S, 50° 30' W). Said position could not be reached by the expedition ships "Polarisirkel", "Gotland II" and "Titan" -because of the enormous ice-pack in the Weddel Sea. For this reason, the Federal Government instructed the expedition to proceed to Atka Bay at Cape Norvegia and set up there the first winter research station of the Federal Republic of Germany in Antarctica. The Filchner summer station on the Filchner-Ronne ice barrier will be maintained.

The expedition reached Atka Bay on 19 January 1981. On 31 January, unloading of the "Gotland II" was completed and work was begun on setting up the research station. The Federal Government considers that in the course of February the station will be operational and in a condition to begin its first winter activities and ready for the inspections contemplated in Article VII of the Antarctic Treaty.

The coordinates of the station are: 70° 36'S, 08° 17'W. A meteorological station, which began its activities by transmitting its information through Grytviken to the World Meteorological Organization, has already been set up.

The aforementioned summary report has been distributed to the respective Governments in accordance with the provisions of Art. III and VII an subsequent recommendations of the Antarctic Treaty.

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship, Antarctica and Malvinas Is. Office, the assurance of its highest consideration.

Buenos Aires, 19 February 1981  
L.S.

To the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship,  
Antarctica and Malvinas Island Office

Exchange of information under Article VII (5) of the Antarctic Treaty for 1980 - 1981  
Research Activities of the  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

I. Details of Ships, Aircraft, and other Vehicles

**S h i p s**

1. RV METEOR, research vessel  
Gross tonnage: 2615 tons  
No armaments
2. RV WALTHER HERWIG, research vessel  
Gross tonnage: 2250 tons  
No armaments
3. MV GOTLAND II, cargo vessel  
Gross Tonnage: 999 tons  
No armaments

4. MV TITAN, ice strengthened tug  
Gross tonnage: 1599 tons  
No armaments
5. RV POLARSIRKEL, research vessel  
Gross tonnage: 498 tons  
No armaments

**A i r c r a f t s**

Two helicopters (one Bell 212 Jetranger, one Sud Aviation Dauphin). Both aircrafts will be carried to Antarctica on board POLARSIRKEL for operation on the Filchner/Ronne Ice Shelf during summer 1980/81 only. The helicopters will be used for logistic and scientific support on the ice shelf as well as for cargo transport from the ships to the ice for the station construction.

**V e h i c l e s**

- Filchner/Ronne Ice Shelf - Filchner Station (77°08'S, 50°30'W)
- 2 Kässbohrer Pistenbulli
  - 1 Rolba Rattrac
  - 2 Nodwell Chieftain
  - 1 Nodwell 60
  - 1 Nodwell 110
  - 4 Snowmobiles Bombardier Alpine

**B o a t s**

none

**Military Equipment**

none

**II. Details of Expeditions**

RV METEOR and RV WALTHER HERWIG will operate in the Atlantic Sector of the Antarctic. Both vessels will participate in the BIOMASS programme and particularly in the FIBEX echosurvey and krill patch study. RS METEOR's four months' work in the Antarctic includes also projects in physical and chemical oceanography, benthos ecology and sedimentology.

MV GOTLAND II will transport the construction material and construction personnel for the new winter-over base to the Filchner/Ronne Ice Shelf. RV POLARSIRKEL will carry a scientific expedition to the ice shelf. MV TITAN's mission will be support for the operations and transportation of personnel.

More details on the operations are given in Annex I.

**III. Details of Stations in Antarctica**

Filchner Station	Position	Opened	Remarks
	77° 08'S	Planned	Geophysical Observatory
	50° 30'W	for Feb. 1981	Meteorological station

**Stations Closed 1980/81**

none

**IV. Personnel**

- a) **Officer in Charge of Filchner Station:**  
Dr. F. Müller-Heiden, Physician

**b) Officers in Charge of Ships:**

RV METEOR: Captain Feldmann  
RV WALTHER HERWIG: Captain Littkermann  
MV GOTLAND II: Captain Brune  
MV TITAN: Captain Boese  
RV POLARSIRKEL: Captain Aklestad

**c) Officers in Charge of Aircrafts:**

K. Wasserthal, H. Schütz (civilians)

**d) Personnel at bases and on board of Ships:**

See Annex II

**e) Military Personnel**

none

**V. Personal Armaments**

Three rifles on RV POLARSIRKEL for scientific use

**VI. Programme of Work and areas of operation**

See Annex III

**VII. Principal Scientific Equipment**

RV POLARSIRKEL carries marine biological, meteorological and oceanographic gear and equipment (see Annex II); the field party on the ice shelf is equipped with glaciological, geophysical, geodetic and meteorological instruments; the base will operate a meteorological-climatological and an ionospheric-magnetospheric (Whistler) station

**VIII. Transportation Facilities and Communication Equipment**

- a) Air Transport (see I)
- b) Marine Transport (see I)
- c) Land Transport (see I)
- d) Communication Facilities (see Annex IV)

**IX. Facilities for Rendering Assistance**

**a) Aircraft**

Two Helicopters are available on the Filchner/Ronne Ice Shelf and on board RV POLARSIRKEL from December 1980 to March 1981 for logistical and scientific support.

**b) Runways**

none

**c) Fuel Available**

50 m<sup>3</sup> helicopter fuel JA 1 (Kerosene) on board POLARSIRKEL

**d) Navigation Aids**

Homing Beacon for the helicopters

**e) Medical Facilities**

Filchner Station - Doctor, X-ray, anesthetic equipment

RV POLARSIRKEL - Doctor, X-ray, first aid

MV GOTLAND II - first aid

MV TITAN - first aid

**f) Accommodation:**

Emergency accommodation can be provided on the ships and very restricted at Filchner Station since under construction.