

THREE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES ON BERLIN:

"We cannot and will not permit the Communists to drive us out of Berlin, either gradually or by force. For the fulfillment of our pledge to that city is essential to the morale and security of West Germany, to the unity of Western Europe, and to the faith of the whole free world."

President John F. Kennedy, July 26, 1961
(From his report to the Nation by TV and Radio)

"The world must know that we will fight for Berlin. We will never permit that city to fall under Communist influence. We are defending the freedom of Paris and New York when we stand up for freedom in Berlin."

President John F. Kennedy, 1961
(Statement for special issue of Berliner Illustrirte)

"We have no intention of forgetting our rights or of deserting a free people. Soviet rulers should remember that free men have, before this, died for so-called 'scraps of paper' which represented duty and honor and freedom...We cannot try to purchase peace by forsaking two million free people in Berlin...We will not retreat one inch from our duty."

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, March 10, 1959
(Report to the American people, delivered by television and radio)

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"I made the decision ten days ago to stay in Berlin...I insist we
will stay in Berlin come what may."

President Harry S. Truman, July 19, 1948
(From his diary)

(This should be double-checked with source:
William Hillman's book, "Mr. President",
page 140, published in 1952)