

Der Regierende Bürgermeister von Berlin

Christo and Jeanne-Claude
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Berlin, January 17, 2001

Dear Jeanne-Claude,
dear Christo,

in view of your forthcoming work of art „Over the River, Project for the Arkansas River, State of Colorado“ I would like to state the following:

As Governing Mayor of the city-state of Berlin, I can confirm that the fourteen day exhibition of the „Wrapped Reichstag“ was one of the most joyous and memorable artistic events, not only in Berlin and Germany, but also in Europe.

Day and night, during those two weeks in 1995, thousands of visitors, in a most pleasant and gentle atmosphere, enjoyed the beauty of the work of art.

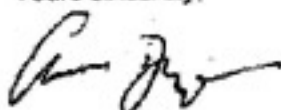
Your organisation team always closely cooperated with the authorities of the City of Berlin and fully respected the requirements of the public.

The installation and removal procedures were conducted in a professional manner. Berlin greatly benefited culturally and economically from the work of art, which was entirely financed by the artists.

Please feel free to use this letter for your own purposes and to forward it to third parties.

Wishing you every success for the implementation of this promising project I remain

Yours sincerely,



Eberhard Diepgen