SOURCE MATERIAL 1

Letter from Chancellor Kohl to the governments of the world (Bonn, 3 October 1990)

Today, the German nation has become reunited in peace and freedom. Forty-five years after the end of the Second World War, which originated from German soil and caused untold suffering in Europe and throughout the world, the painful separation of the Germans has come to an end.

In exercising our right to free self-determination, in harmony with our neighbours and on the basis of the Treaty on the Final Settlement with respect to Germany, we Germans have today united to form a single state - the Federal Republic of Germany - with complete sovereignty over its internal and external affairs.

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SOURCE MATERIAL 2 Opinion Polls:
Opinions on German Reunification in Spring 1990
Are you for or against German reunification?

country	pro	against	no opinion	
GDR	90	06	05	
Spain	81	05	13	
FRG	77	11	11	
Italy	77	11	12	
USA	61	13	09	
Ireland	75	08	18	
Greece	74	11	15	
Portugal	74	05	21	
Hungary	68	22	10	
France	66	15	19	
GB	64	18	17	
Belgium	61	19	19	
NL	59	21	20	
Denmark	56	26	18	
Lux.	52	25	23	
SU	51	30	09	
Poland	48	39	13	
Tchecho slovakia	37	22	22	
Israel	25	33	40	