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Mr. Samuel Howard
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Dear Mr. Howard,

Following our telephone conversation a few days ago about the map illustration in our article in the April issue, I enclose copies of two maps. The first one is a xerox of a population density map based on the 1970 West German census (issued by the Statistisches Bundesamt in Wiesbaden, order number 520101). The subdivisions are based on the boundaries of the Landkreise, the next administrative divisions down in size from the Land or state level. Also, all towns with populations exceeding 20,000 are indicated either by dots or, in the case of the larger towns, more distended dark areas. As the colors did not come out on the xerox, we have indicated the various density categories by numbers. I have ordered a copy of this map through a map dealer in Germany and will forward it to you when it arrives. Although this map is ten years old, it is the most recent one I could find.

The other map, with a perhaps less cluttered representation of population density, appears in "Facts About Germany" which can be obtained from the German Information Office in New York. It may be more recent than the 1970 one and there must be a larger version of the same map, which you could probably determine through the German Information Office.

A problem with both maps is that they do not extend into the German Democratic Republic. I am sure, however, that someone at the German Information Center or at the German Consulate would be able to help in obtaining appropriate information about East Germany.

I will be out of town next week but please feel free to contact me in the following week, if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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