Framed against the soaring Brandenburg Gate, now part of the wall which divides Berlin, President Reagan challenged the Soviet Union to offer a dramatic signal on human rights to underscore its new policy of openness.

SOT REAGAN

General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization: come here to this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. (APPLAUSE/EDIT)

Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall.

Mr. Reagan echoed American Presidents before him who have come to Berlin because it symbolizes so starkly the postwar division of Europe. John F. Kennedy reassured the city in 1963 saying, "I am a Berliner." Ronald Reagan told the invited crowd of 40,000 - in German - There is only one Berlin.

SOT REAGAN

Es gibt nur ein Berlin.

But there are still two Berlins. A crowd gathered on the other side of the Brandenburg Gate, attempting to listen to the President’s speech, as guards looked both East and West.

Mr. Reagan stopped earlier in the nearby Reichstag, once the seat of the German Parliament, and gazed through bullet-proof glass across the wall. The East Germans watching him had cameras as well as guns.

SOT REAGAN

I think it is an ugly scar.

Riot Police augmented the already heavy security here, and demonstrations were banned after yesterday’s Protests against U.S. foreign Policy turned violent. Mr. Reagan recalled demonstrations in 1982 against deployment of the same U.S. nuclear missiles now likely to be eliminated in a new arms agreement.

SOT REAGAN

I invite those who protested then - I invite those who protest today - to mark this fact: because we remained strong, the Soviets came back to the table.

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IT’S NO COINCIDENCE THE PRESIDENT IS CHALLENGING THE SOVIETS ON HUMAN RIGHTS NOW, WHILE THE TWO SIDES ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON ARMS CONTROL. HE AND HIS STAFF ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE TENDENCY IN EUROPE TO SEE THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION AS MORAL EQUALS. MR. REAGAN CAME TO THE BERLIN WALL TO TRY TO PROVE THAT’S NOT SO. BP, CBS NEWS, BERLIN.