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William Chandler, ed., Politics in Germany, (CP= Coursepack, revised Dec 2010), available for purchase from University Readers online (www.universityreaders.com) and at 1-800- 200-3908.
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The Economist, “Angela Merkel charms the world”, Feb 2006, in CP

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II. HISTORICAL LEGACIES

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Chancellor-Democracy, Bundestag, Bundesrat, Federalism

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Readings:
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