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On maps of Germany showing first-order administrative divisions, the boundary around Berlin should be depicted as a *Land* (state) boundary.

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