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THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE SUMMARY OF PRESS
REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S.
MISSION BERLIN. IT INCLUDES REPORTS FROM NEWSPAPERS
PUBLISHED IN WEST BERLIN AND FROM THE MAJOR EAST GERMAN
NEWSPAPERS. MISSION BERLIN TRANSMITS THIS SUMMARY FOR
THE SPECIAL USE OF EMBASSY BONN AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES
WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN ON A
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SERIES WHICH IS PRODUCED BY EMBASSY BONN FOR ALL OF
WEST GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN.

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REVIEW

TOP NEWS TODAY: THE RESHUFFLE IN THE RHINELAND PALATINATE CDU LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING THE IMPENDING RESIGNATION OF THE STATE PREMIER; AND PROBLEMS IN FINDING A NEW FRG BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT.

BERLIN HEADLINES

BZ: MAD DRAMA INVOLVING LITTLE PATRICK
B: CONSTRUCTION MILLIONAIRE KILLED - GRANDSDN
KIDNAPPED

TAZ: PLO INTENDS TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL

WH: NATO SHOULD ACCEPT THE DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS

ND: THE GOALS OF THE COMRADES EN ROUTE TO THE XI PARTY CONFERENCE

TGS ON SUNDAY: DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEVERAL POLISH CITIES

BMP ON SUNDAY: DAUME: GOOD CHANCE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES IN GREATER BERLIN

VB ON SUNDAY: DUBCEK ABROAD FOR FIRST TIME IN EIGHTEEN YEARS

TGS ON SATURDAY: JENNINGER RESIGNS

BMP ON SATURDAY: JENNINGER: ONE MUST NOT SAY EVERYTHING

BERLIN NEWS:

AIR TRAVEL: IN A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEBATE ON THE NEW WINTER FLIGHT SCHEDULE FRIDAY, GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN WELCOMED THE EXPANSION OF BERLIN AIR TRAVEL AND THE APPROVAL OF EUROBERLIN FRANCE. THE SPD AND AL, HOWEVER, CRITICIZED THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND ECONOMIC RISK WHICH THE INCREASED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AND AIRLINES WILL LEAD TO. DIEPGEN REPLIED THAT THE NOISE LEVEL, OBJECTIVELY SEEN, IS DROPPING IN BERLIN AIR TRAVEL DUE TO THE INTRODUCTION OF MORE MODERN AIRCRAFT. HE ALSO ADVOCATED THE DRAFTING OF A CLEAR CONCEPT FOR COMPETITION IN BERLIN'S AIR CORRIDRS, WHICH MUST REMAIN INVIOABLE. BOTH DIEPGEN AND FDP REPRESENTATIVE KAMMHOLZ CALLED FOR REVISING THE ALLIED AIR ATTACHES' PROCEDURE FOR APPROVING FLIGHT SCHEDULES (TGS ET AL., FRIDAY; WAMS).

PERSPECTIVES ON AIR TRAVEL: THE ALLIES PLAN TO AGREE IN JANUARY ON A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR BERLIN AIR TRAVEL THAT WOULD MAKE INDIVIDUAL TALKS ON FLIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGES UNNECESSARY (BMP, FRIDAY).

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WEST GERMAN WEEKLY DIE ZEIT HAS AN ARTICLE BY HEINZ MICHAELS WHO LOOKS INTO THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS THE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEATS COULD HAVE IN THE BERLIN MARKET AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF EUROBERLIN FRANCE.

RIAS TV: THE AL CAUCUS AND THE CHAIRMAN
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OF THE BERLIN ARTS LABOR UNION (GEWERKSCHAFT KUNST BERLIN), RAINER OTT, HAVE HEAVILY CRITICIZED PROPOSALS MADE BY BERLIN FDP CHAIRMAN WALTER RASCH TO INTEGRATE RIAS TV IN THE ARD TELEVISION NETWORK'S NORTHERN CHAIN. OTT DESCRIBED SUCH PLANS AS A "SCANDALOUS" ENTANGLEMENT IN THE AREA OF THE NORTHERN CHAIN'S CHANNEL 3, WHICH INCLUDES SFB. THE AL CAUCUS CALLED RASCH'S PROPOSALS A BLOW TO THE PUBLICLY CONTROLLED BROADCASTING SYSTEM (VB, FRIDAY).

FBI FINDS NAZI FILE: THE PERSONNEL FILE OF FORMER LYON GESTAPO CHIEF **KLAUS BARBIE** HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE U.S. AND SECURED BY THE FBI. THE DOCUMENTS WILL SERVE AS EVIDENCE IN THE TRIAL OF MILITARIA DEALER HERBERT BORRMANN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISAPPEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER (BMP).

HITLER'S "MEIN KAMPF" IN MILITARY BOOK STORE: THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF HITLER'S "MEIN KAMPF" WAS RECENTLY MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN U.S. MILITARY BOOK STORES IN BERLIN. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD NOT BEEN AWARE OF THE FACT AND "ORDERED THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BOOK FROM THE SHELVES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALLIED POLICY ON NAZI LITERATURE IN BERLIN" (THE SALE OF NAZI LITERATURE IS PROHIBITED UNDER ALLIED LEGISLATION) TGS, BMP, VB, B, SATURDAY).

DIEPGEN TO MEET BUSH: BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR EBERHARD DIEPGEN PLANS TO MEET PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE BUSH SOON AFTER HIS EXPECTED REELECTION TO THE POSITION OF GOVERNING MAYOR. THE TWO STATESMEN MET ONCE BEFORE WHEN GEORGE BUSH CAME TO BERLIN DURING A TOUR OF GERMANY IN 1983 (WAS).

DUKAKIS TO VISIT BERLIN: DETLEF PRINZ, SPOKESMAN FOR THE IG METAL UNION IN BERLIN AND ALUMNUS

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OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY, RENEWED HIS INVITATION TO MICHAEL DUKAKIS TO VISIT BERLIN, EMPHASIZING THAT HE IS WELCOME IN BERLIN NO MATTER IF HE IS PRESIDENT OR GOVERNOR. IN 1983, DUKAKIS PROMISED TO COME TO BERLIN (BMP, SUNDAY).

. JEWISH MEMORIAL: A MEMORIAL TO THE JEWS WHO WERE DEPORTED IN NAZI GERMANY IS TO BE DEDICATED TODAY IN BERLIN. THE MEMORIAL, AT LEWETZOWSTRABE 7-8, WAS ERECTED ON THE SITE OF A FORMER SYNAGOGUE WHICH WAS SET ON FIRE ON KRYSTALLNACHT IN 1938 AND THEN USED AS A COLLECTION POINT FOR THE DEPORTATION OF JEWISH CITIZENS TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS. TIERGARTEN MAYOR DIETER ERNST, BERLIN MAYOR HANNA-RENAME LAURIEN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY HEINZ GALINSKI WILL ALL TAKE PART IN THE CEREMONY (VB, SUNDAY).

. JEWISH DELEGATION FROM LOS ANGELES: A DELEGATION OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE FROM LOS ANGELES, BERLIN'S SISTER CITY, HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH BOTH GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN AND MAYOR LAURIEN AT SCHOENEBERG CITY HALL ON FRIDAY. THE DELEGATION EXTENDED A MESSAGE FROM LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, WHO EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO FIGHT ANY KIND OF FANATISM AND INTOLERANCE (TGS, SATURDAY).

. RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST BERLIN SYNAGOGUE: IN THE PRESENCE OF GDR LEADER ERICH HONECKER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE GDR JEWISH COMMUNITIES, SIEGMUND ROTSTEIN, A SYMBOLIC CORNERSTONE-LAYING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY AT THE RUINS OF THE SO-CALLED NEW SYNAGOGUE, WHICH WAS DAMAGED ON KRYSTALLNACHT 50 YEARS AGO AND DESTROYED IN WW II. EAST BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN PETER KIRCHNER UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT THE SITE. ON THE SAME DAY, AN INTERNATIONAL CURATORY WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE THE NEUE SYNAGOGUE BERLIN FOUNDATION - CENTRUM JUDAICUM (ND ET AL. FRIDAY).

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. OLYMPIC GAMES IN BERLIN: PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILLI DAUME SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BERLINER MORGENPOST THAT THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE, THANKS TO STRONG INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT, THAT THE IDEA OF HOLDING THE OLYMPICS IN 2004 IN BOTH

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PARTS OF BERLIN CAN BE REALIZED (BMP, SUNDAY).

. KOHL ON INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS: IN A BUNDESTAG STATEMENT ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW, FRG CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL SAID HE SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF GRADUAL IMPROVEMENTS IN PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE INCLUSION OF BERLIN IN FRG-SOVIET AGREEMENTS, DESPITE THE CONTINUED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BONN AND MOSCOW ON THE STATUS OF BERLIN (VB, DW, FRIDAY).

. NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE POSTPONED: WEST GERMAN TRANSPORT MINISTER WARNKE'S PLANS FOR A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN BERLIN TRAIN SCHEDULES, WHICH WERE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER AND WOULD HAVE INCLUDED A BERLIN-HANNOVER CONNECTION EVERY TWO HOURS, HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE EAST GERMAN REICHSBAHN AND CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN SUMMER 1989. WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS HOPE TO GET APPROVAL FOR THE PLANNED CHANGES AT A LATER DATE (TGS, SUNDAY).

. FORMER GDR RESIDENTS ON TRANSIT HIGHWAYS: DER SPIEGEL MAGAZINE INCLUDES AN ARTICLE HEADLINED "PERSISTENT VINDICTIVENESS," WHICH SAYS THAT FORMER GDR RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT PERMITTED BY GDR AUTHORITIES TO USE THE BERLIN-FRG TRANSIT HIGHWAYS WILL TRY TO FORCE THE GDR GOVERNMENT TO CHANGE THE GDR'S ATTITUDE. THE CHIEF OF THE FRG TRANSIT COMMITTEE, HELMUT WULFF, IS ALSO CITED AS SAYING THAT HE CONSIDERS THE GDR'S APPROACH TO THE MATTER INCONSISTENT WITH THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT.

. GDR EXHIBITION AT CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE: GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN AND GDR MINISTER FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS HOFFMANN, IN A CEREMONY ON FRIDAY, OPENED THE GDR EXHIBITION "THE GREAT ELECTOR - COLLECTOR, CONSTRUCTOR, SPONSOR." IT IS THE FIRST TIME THAT A GDR EXHIBITION INCLUDES ITEMS FROM WEST BERLIN'S PRUSSIAN CULTURAL ART FOUNDATION, PARTS OF WHICH, FROM A GDR POINT OF VIEW, BELONG TO EAST GERMANY (MOST PAPERS ON SATURDAY).

. POSTPONEMENT OF WEST BERLIN EXHIBITION IN EAST BERLIN: AN EXHIBITION BY WEST BERLIN'S "GESCHICHTSWERKSTATT" (HISTORY WORKSHOP) ON "PICTURES OF RUSSIANS - BERLIN IN 1945," WHICH WAS TO BE OPENED IN THE SOVIET MUSEUM OF THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF FASCIST GERMANY IN EAST BERLIN ON FRIDAY, HAS BEEN BLOCKED BY THE SOVIETS FOLLOWING A DISPUTE OVER THE ISSUE OF RAPE (TAZ).

. KARAJAN IN EAST BERLIN: GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN HAS INDICATED THAT BERLIN'S PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA WITH CHIEF CONDUCTOR HERBERT VON KARAJAN MIGHT GIVE A PERFORMANCE IN EAST BERLIN IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR (BMP).

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. WEST BERLIN WRITERS THREATENED: WEST
GERMAN MAGAZINE DER SPIEGEL HAS AN ARTICLE ON THREATS
FROM THE ROMANIAN SECRET SERVICE, SECURITATE, TO KILL
ROMANIANS LIVING IN EXILE IN BERLIN WHO ARE TRYING TO
DRAW PUBLIC ATTENTION TO SUPPRESSION IN ROMANIA.
DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED IN SEVERAL GERMAN
CITIES FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE WORKERS' UPRISINGS IN THE ROMANIAN CITY OF
BRASOV (KRONSTADT).

. ELECTION VIOLENCE: ELECTION INFORMATION
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BELONGING TO THE BERLIN RIGHTIST PARTY, DIE
REPUBLIKANER, WERE DAMAGED BY GROUPS OF YOUNGSTERS ON
SATURDAY MORNING. IN ONE INSTANCE, A GROUP OF PUNKS
WAS OBSERVED DESTROYING A STAND AND STEALING ADDRESSES
OF SUPPORTERS (TGS, BMP, TAZ).

. ARSON ATTACK: SEVEN CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES
WERE SET ON FIRE IN KLADOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT. TWO
VEHICLES WERE COVERED WITH SLOGANS WHICH WERE AGAINST
THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT IN WACKERSDORF (TAZ).

. BRITISH SOLDIER DISCHARGED FOR ESCAPE
ASSISTANCE: A BRITISH COURT IN BERLIN
SENTENCED ON OCTOBER 25 CORPORAL PAUL WYPER TO 140 DAYS
IN A MILITARY CORRECTIONAL TRAINING CENTER AND GAVE HIM
AN HONORARY DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMY FOR HELPING TWO
EAST BERLIN WOMEN ESCAPE TO THE WEST, A BRITISH
SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT WYNE WAS SENTENCED BECAUSE HE
DISREGARDED ORDERS THAT PROHIBIT PROVIDING ESCAPE
ASSISTANCE (BMP, BZ, FRIDAY).

NATIONAL NEWS:

. KOHL'S VISIT TO THE STATES: WEST GERMAN
CHANCELLOR HELMUT KOHL IS HOLDING A SPEECH IN N8W YORK
TODAY BEFORE A JEWISH AUDIENCE TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH
BIRTHDAY OF THE VIENNESE FOUNDER OF A DOCUMENT CENTER
ON NAZI CRIMES, SIMON WIESENTHAL. THE SPEECH IS
GAINING ADDITIONAL IMPORTANCE AND ATTENTION AFTER WEST

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GERMAN BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT PHILIPP JENNINGER'S SPEECH IN COMMEMORATION OF THE JEWISH POGROM IN 1938 BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG MET WITH WORLDWIDE CRITICISM AND LED TO JENNINGER'S STEPDOWN (FAZ, ET AL.).

. MOST PAPERS ON FRIDAY REPORT EXTENSIVELY ON THE TALKS OF MINISTER SCHAEUBLE FROM THE BONN CHANCELLERY WITH HIS EAST BERLIN COUNTERPART. GDR NEWSPAPERS DEVOTE MUCH OF THEIR FRONTPAGES AND SPECIAL ARTICLES ON THE INSIDE OF THE PAPERS TO THE TALKS. WEST GERMAN PAPERS UNDERSCORE SCHAEUBLE'S STATEMENT THAT HE REACHED A BREAKTHROUGH REGARDING THE TALKS ON ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES IN THE ELBE, WHICH THE GDR UNTIL NOW WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS ONLY IF A SOLUTION WAS FOUND REGARDING THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE INNER-GERMAN BORDER IN OR AT THE RIVER.

. BAN ON EAST GERMAN CHURCH CONVENTION: AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE EUROPEAN SECTION OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CHRISTLICHER WELTSTUDENTENBUND) ON PEACE AND SOVIET REFORM POLITICS LAST WEEKEND IN BUKOW, GDR, WAS BANNED BY EAST GERMAN AUTHORITIES. GDR SECURITY FORCES ALSO CONFISCATED SEVERAL HUNDRD COPIES OF TWO CHURCH PUBLICATIONS (DW).

. CHURCHES IN THE GDR: THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG HAS A LENGTHY ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE SED WANTS THE CHURCH AS CHURCH IN SOCIALISM" THAT LOOKS INTO POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY CHURCHES IN THE GDR (FAZ).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

. RIDGWAY NEW AMBASSADOR: ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOUCES, ROSANNE RIDGWAY IS THE TOP CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY TO SUCCEED RICHARD BURT AFTER HIS IMPENDING STEPDOWN FOLLOWING THE CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY. MS. RIDGWAY TOOK OVER AMBASSADOR BURT'S POSITION IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHEN HE BECAME AMBASSADOR AND HAS TAKEN PART IN ALL EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS IN RECENT YEARS. SHE IS KNOWN TO BE AN EXPERT ON EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (BMP).

WWEST PRESS: TGS-DER TAGESSPIEGEL; BMP-BERLINER MORGENPOST; VB-VOLKSBLATT; DW-DIE WELT; B-BILDZEITUNG; BZ-BERLINER ZEITUNG; WH-DIE WAHRHEIT; TAZ-DIE UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 07 USBERLIN 03259

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SZ-SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG; FR-FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU;
EAST PRESS: BRL-BERLINER ZEITUNG; NAT-NATIONAL
ZEITUNG; NZ- NEUE ZEIT; ND- NEUES DEUTSCHLAND).

COMMENTARIES

. ALL PAPERS INCLUDE SEVERAL COMMENTARIES ON THE
SPEECH BY PHILIPP JENNINGER, PRESIDENT OF THE FRG
BUNDESTAG, ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAZI POGROM.
THE PAPERS ALSO DISCUSS THE DEFEAT OF RHINELAND
PALATINATE CDU CHIEF VOGEL IN THE PARTY LEADERSHIP
ELECTION WHICH LED TO VOGEL'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL
RESIGN AS STATE PREMIER. THE ELECTION OF VICE
PRESIDENT BUSH AS THE NEXT U.S. PRESIDENT (DER
TAGESSPIEGEL), SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST SAKHAROV'S
SPEECH IN THE U.S. (BERLINER MORGENPOST), AND BERLIN
DEVELOPMENTS (BERLINER MORGENPOST) ARE ALSO DISCUSSED.

JENNINGER'S FAILURE

. MOST PAPERS DISCUSS FRG BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT PHILIPP
JENNINGER'S UNACCEPTABLE SPEECH IN THE BUNDESTAG THAT
WAS HELD TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POGROM.
HE RESIGNED HIS POST. POLITICIANS, DISCUSSING HIS
FAILURE, SAID THEY DID NOT QUESTION HIS INTEGRITY BUT
ACCUSED HIM OF HAVING TAKEN HIS TASK, THE PREPARATION
OF AN ADEQUATE SPEECH, TOO EASILY.

. THE INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL ON SUNDAY INCLUDES
A COMMENTARY BY JOACHIM BOELKE WHO OBSERVES: "THE
JENNINGER INCIDENT REVEALS THAT TWO THINGS ARE
INCOMPATIBLE AND ALMOST NEVER CAN STAND SIDE BY SIDE:
COMMEMORATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS. COMMEMORATIONS AND
MEMORIALS REGARDING THE VICTIMS ARE NECESSARY FOR US
(GERMANS) TO FACE THE TRUTH AND TO AVOID DECEIVING
OURSELVES REGARDING OUR PAST. EXPLANATIONS, HOWEVER,
ARE ALWAYS EASILY SUBJECT TO SUSPICION OF SERVING TO
JUSTIFY THINGS. AND YET, EXPLANATIONS, TOO, SERVE A
LEGITIMATE GOAL AND HAVE A POLITICAL-PEDAGOGICAL AIM.
THEY ARE TO PREVENT US FROM MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES
AND ERRORS OF THE PAST. THEY ARE TO INFORM US ABOUT
THE OFTEN UNKNOWN CONDITIONS WHICH CAN LEAD TO
ACCEPTANCE OF INJUSTICE AND CRIME. HOWEVER, THE
ATTEMPT OF DOING BOTH AT THE SAME TIME AND IN THE SAME
PLACE IS ALMOST PRESUMTUOUS IN VIEW OF THE CRIMES
COMMITTED BY THE NAZI REGIME NOW BURDENING GERMANY.
THE WISH BY ONE SIDE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HOW THINGS
DEVELOPED CANNOT COME OFF WELL IN LIGHT OF THE
SACRIFICES THE OTHER SIDE HAD TO MAKE.

. "TO RECOGNIZE THIS IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. ONE COULD

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TELL FROM JENNINGER'S SPEECH THAT THE ABOVE THOUGHT NEVER EVEN OCCURRED TO HIM WHEN HE WAS WRITING IT. THIS IS WHY HIS SPEECH, WITHOUT EVEN TAKING HIS FORMULATIONS INTO ACCOUNT, WAS A FAILURE." (MP)

THE U.S. BUDGET DEFICIT

. FRIDAY'S INDEPENDENT DER TAGESSPIEGEL, DISCUSSING THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS PRESIDENT-ELECT GEORGE BUSH IS GOING TO FACE, SAYS UNDER THE HEADLINE "A DIFFICULT HERITAGE:" "THERE ARE GAPS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS BOTH IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND IN U.S. FOREIGN TRADE. TO FILL THOSE GAPS AND TO AVOID FORFEITING THE TRUST OF FOREIGN CREDITORS AND RISKING A DANGEROUS DRAIN OF CAPITAL, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION URGENTLY NEEDS TO FIND NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE, ESPECIALLY SINCE BUDGET CUTS CAN HARDLY BE ENFORCED POLITICALLY. BUT HOW SHOULD WASHINGTON MASTER THE TRICK OF INCREASING FEES AND TARIFFS -- TAXES HAVE BEEN PROCLAIMED TO BE EXEMPT -- WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN ECONOMIC GROWTH? AT ANY RATE, WASHINGTON MUST PREVENT A RECESSION, FOR A THRIVING ECONOMY IS THE PREREQUISITE FOR ACCOMPLISHING THE UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 07 USBERLIN 03259

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NECESSARY RECOVERY OF FOREIGN TRADE.

. "IF HE DOES NOT WANT TO PUT AMERICAN ECONOMIC GROWTH AT RISK, BUSH MUST SIMULTANEOUSLY SEEK OTHER MEANS. AND SINCE HE, AS A 'FRIEND OF THE EUROPEANS,' WILL HARDLY RESORT TO AN UNCAUTIOUS DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR WHICH MIGHT SPUR EXPORTS, THERE IS A POTENTIAL RISK THAT THE PROCLAIMED ADVOCATE FOR FREE WORLD TRADE (BUSH) WILL HAVE TO YIELD TO THE LOUD CALLS FOR MORE PROTECTIONISM THAT ARE VOICED PARTICULARLY BY DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN. THE NEW TRADE LAW PROVIDES BUSH WITH THE NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS. THE DIRECTION OF WASHINGTON'S COURSE CAN ALREADY BE CLEARLY DISCERNED. AS AN ANSWER TO EUROPEAN UNIFICATION, THE AMERICANS HAVE LONG WANTED A ZONE OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN FREE TRADE." (MK)

PERESTROIKA

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN

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AN ARTICLE ON SUNDAY BY DIETER J. OPITZ HEADLINED "ENTERPRISE GORBACHEV," SAYS: "SAKHAROV AND OTHERS ARE RIGHTFULLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACCUMULATION OF POWER IN THE HANDS OF HEAD OF STATE MIKHAIL GORBACHEV THAT THE ANNOUNCED REFORM OF THE SOVIET CONSTITUTION WILL BRING ABOUT. BUT THEY ALSO UNDERSTAND THE DILEMMA IN WHICH HE IS CAUGHT. THE REFORMER NEEDS POWER IF HE IS TO OVERCOME THE ENCRUSTED SYSTEM, THE RESISTANCE AND THE APATHY. BUT BY ACCUMULATING POWER EXCLUSIVELY IN HIS OWN HANDS, HE IS ACTING AGAINST THE VERY MAXIME HE IS FIGHTING FOR AND IS STRENGTHENING THE VERY PATTERN HE WANTS TO DISSOLVE.

. "IN ADDITION TO THAT, GORBACHEV IS APPARENTLY NOT IN POSSESSION OF A FIXED SET OF PRECONCEIVED PLANS. SO FAR, HIS APPROACH HAS BEEN PRAGMATIC, AND PROBLEMS AND RESISTANCE HAVE ONLY BECOME APPARENT WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE REFORMS. HE HIMSELF DOES NOT SEEM TO KNOW HOW FAR HE CAN AND SHOULD GO. ONE SHOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO BETTER OPTION IN SIGHT."

BERLIN OLYMPICS

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST IN AN ARTICLE ON SUNDAY BY HANSJUERGEN WILLE HEADLINED "SYMPATHY FOR BERLIN," SAYS: "OLYMPICS IN BERLIN - THIS IS STILL MERE IMAGINATION. BUT THE PROSPECTS OF GETTING THIS WORLD FESTIVAL OF SPORTS INTO OUR CITY ARE NOT TOO BAD AFTER ALL. (PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE WILLI) DAUME IS SUGGESTING THAT THE GDR MIGHT BE INTERESTED AS WELL, AND THAT, IN VIEW OF PERESTROIKA, EVEN GORBACHEV MIGHT BE PREPARED TO MAKE CONCESSIONS...." (HFH)

GDR CULTURAL MINISTER IN WEST BERLIN

. SATURDAY'S INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST, DISCUSSING GDR CULTURAL MINISTER HANS-JOACHIM HOFFMANN'S OPENING OF AN EXHIBIT ON THE GREAT ELECTOR FROM POTSDAM AT CHARLOTTENBURG PALACE, SAYS UNDER THE HEADLINE "DEVELOPMENT IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION:" "FOLLOWING GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN'S REPEATED MEETINGS WITH SED GENERAL SECRETARY HONECKER AND FOLLOWING DIEPGEN'S SPEECH AT THE DESSAU BAUHAUS IN THE SUMMER, WE MIGHT AS WELL NOT TAKE THE APPEARANCE OF A REAL GDR MINISTER ON THIS SIDE OF THE WALL AS A SURPRISE ANY LONGER AND CONSIDER IT ALMOST LOGICAL....

. "MUCH MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO BE HOFFMANN'S REFERENCE TO THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GDR AND FRG WHICH, AS HE PUT IT, 'ALSO APPLIES TO BERLIN CWEST).' THIS WORD MIGHT OPEN NEW DOORS, AT LEAST FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IN THE AREAS OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS.

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DEPT FOR EUR/CE, BONN FOR WALTER ANDRUSYSZYN/GARY
ROBBINS

USNATO FOR KORNBLUM

TOKYO FOR GLASS

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: WSB, BQG, GC, GE

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF BERLIN PRESS

. "THAT, OF COURSE, DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE POLITICAL
HURDLES THAT EAST BERLIN HAS ERECTED AGAINST THE
WESTERN PART OF BERLIN IN OTHER AREAS. BUT FRIDAY'S
EVENT SHOWS THAT SOME THINGS HAVE BECOME POSSIBLE WHICH
ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO WERE CONSIDERED ALMOST
UNTHINKABLE. THUS, SOMETHING HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION.
AND WE CAN HOPE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT IN THIS POSITIVE
DIRECTION WILL CONTINUE." (MK) GILMORE

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END OF MESSAGE

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