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OURTEL 325 BONN 371 SECSTATE SUMMARIZED LOCAL VIEWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS. WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REFTTEL, AIR TRAFFIC FIGURES INCONCLUSIVE WITH TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FLUCTUATING WITHIN 10 PERCENT RANGE. REFUGEES ARRIVING BERLIN CONTINUE DECREASE SINCE AUGUST 1958. DAILY AVERAGE WEEK OF 3-9 NOV -294, 10-16 NOV -287, 17-23 NOV -274. AS NOV. ALSO SHOWED DECLINE IN THREE PREVIOUS YEARS MISSION BELIEVES, AND BERLIN REFUGEE AUTHORITIES CONCUR, THAT DECLINE LARGELY SEASONAL AND THAT BERLIN SITUATION HAS AS YET NOT MATERIALLY INFLUENCED REFUGEE FLOW.

BUYING RATE FOR WEST MARKS DECLINED FROM 4.05 EAST MARKS ON NOV 17 TO 3.76 NOV 22 AND 3.63 NOV 24. APPRECIATION EAST MARKS AGAINST WEST MARKS GENERALLY INTERPRETED HERE AS REFLECTING WITHDRAWAL AND REPATRIATION FUNDS HELD WEST BERLIN BY RESIDENTS EAST SECTOR AND SOVIET ZONE PROMPTED BY APPREHENSION POSSIBLE SUDDEN CHANGE POLITICAL STATUS WEST BERLIN.

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