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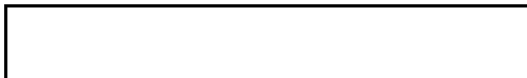
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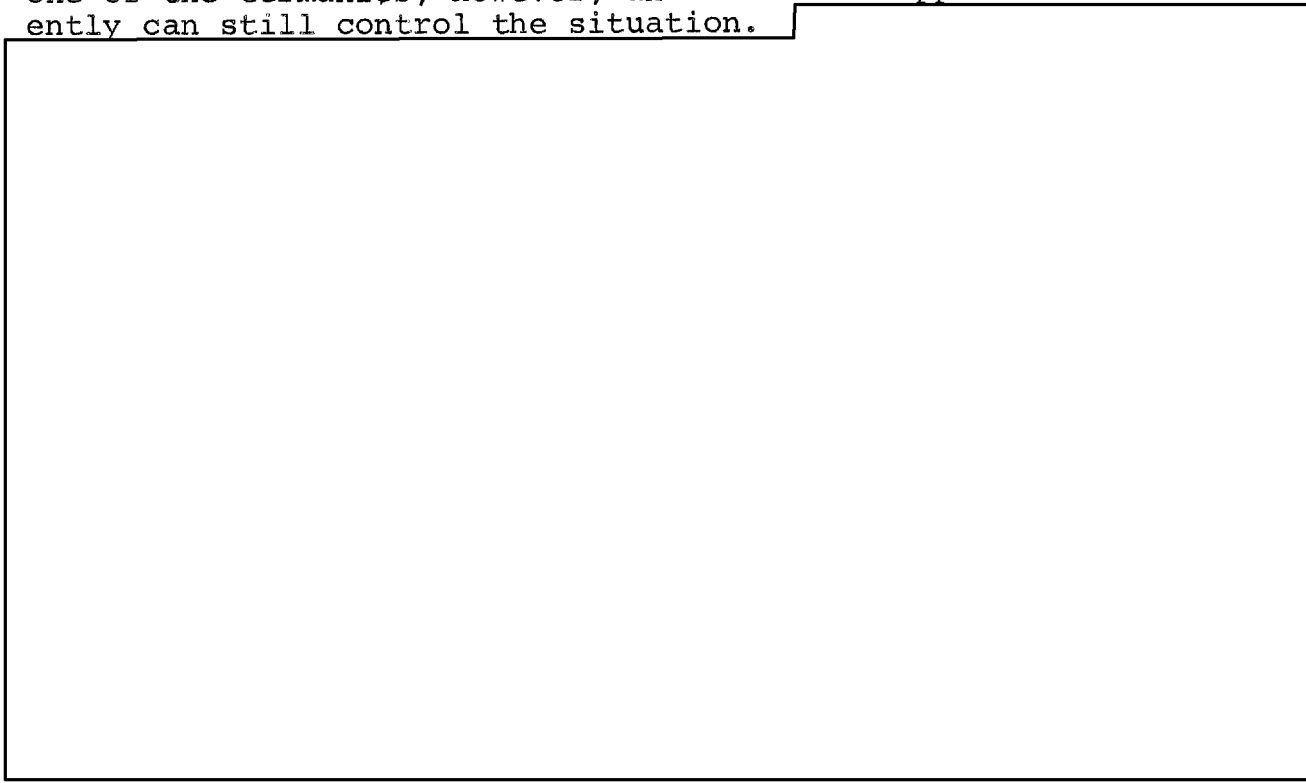
NOTES

FINLAND: Helsinki, by dropping its demand for German reparations, has increased its pressure on Bonn to agree to early Finnish recognition of both German states. The Finnish Foreign Ministry on 10 July called in both the East and West German chiefs of mission "to explore the possibilities" of diplomatic relations in the near future.

[redacted] last month [redacted] Chan- cellor Brandt agreed to explore establishing West German - Finnish relations and only mildly urged Finland not to recognize East Germany before current inter-German negotiations are successfully concluded. The Finns are unlikely to recognize only one of the Germanies, however, and Bonn thus apparently can still control the situation.

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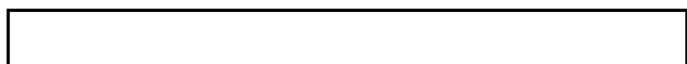


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