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COUNTRY- WEST GERMANY/EAST GERMANY

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SUBJECT-0 RECENT NEGOTIATIONS ON PRISONER RELEASE AND
FAMILY REUNIONS

ACQ - GERMANY, BONN /16 APRIL 1968/ FIELD NO. EGN-3684

SOURCE - A SENIOR FUNCTIONARY OF THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC PARTY /SPD/. HE SAW THE MEMORANDUM OF
CONVERSATION PREPARED FOR SPD LEADERS. HIS ACCOUNT
IS BELIEVED ACCURATE.

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1. THE CHIEF OF THE WEST BERLIN SENAT OFFICE FOR ALL-BERLIN AFFAIRS, JOHANNES VOELCKERS, TOLD AN SPD FUNCTIONARY ON 10 APRIL 1968 THAT A FINAL LIST COMPOSED OF NAMES SUBMITTED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE EAST GERMAN PRISONER RELEASE NEGOTIATOR. TEN OF THE 89 NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE SPD WERE TAKEN OFF THE LIST, IN MOST CASES BECAUSE THE PERSONS INVOLVED HAD ALREADY BEEN RELEASED OR WOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SENTENCES WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. ALL THOSE PERSONS ON THE SPD LIST SERVING PRISON SENTENCES IN EAST GERMANY ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE, HOWEVER, WERE INCLUDED ON THE LIST SUBMITTED TO THE EAST GERMANS. THE WRITER OF THE MEMORANDUM COMMENTED THAT THE LIST FOR PRISONER RANSOM NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1968 HAD CONTAINED 461 PRISONERS /H-FAELLE/ AND 78 SO-CALLED FH-FAELLE. /SOURCE COMMENT- THESE FH-FAELLE ARE CASES OF PERSONS WHO WILL HAVE SERVED THEIR SENTENCES DURING 1968 AND WILL THEREFORE BECOME FAMILY REUNION CASES /F-FAELLE/ AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM PRISON. A MUCH LOWER PRICE IS PAID FOR FAMILY REUNION CASES ---ABOUT 10,000 MARKS OR APPROXIMATELY \$2,500/. THE EAST GERMANS ARE NOW DEMANDING 21.5 MILLION MARKS /ABOUT \$5,375,000/ FOR 1967 PRISONER RELEASES INSTEAD OF THE EARLIER SUM OF 16.5 MILLION MARKS /ABOUT \$4,125,000/. THE EXTRA MONEY WILL BE PAID, BUT THE EAST GERMANS WILL BE TOLD THAT THE EXTRA FIVE MILLION MARKS WILL BE CREDITED TO THE FAMILY REUNION ACCOUNT.

2. VOELCKERS SAID THAT A MEETING TOOK PLACE IN EAST BERLIN ON 6 APRIL TO DISCUSS FAMILY REUNION CASES. THE

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PARTICIPANTS WERE THE WEST BERLIN LAWYER JUERGEN STANGE, THE EAST BERLIN LAWYERS WOLFGANG VOGEL AND /FNU/ WINDISCH WHO

WAS DESCRIBED AS A "RIGHT-HAND MAN" OF EAST GERMAN ATTORNEY-GENERAL JOSEF STREIT. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN AN EXTREMELY TENSE, ALMOST POISONOUS ATMOSPHERE. WINDISCH WAS PARTICULARLY SURLY. THIS LED GRADUALLY TO OPEN CLASHES BETWEEN WINDISCH AND STANGE. STANGE COMMENTED THAT APPARENTLY WINDISCH WAS ADOPTING THIS ATTITUDE ON ORDERS FROM HIS SUPERIORS. A LETTER STANGE RECEIVED ON 8 APRIL FROM VOGEL, HOWEVER, ALLEGED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

3. AS THINGS NOW STAND, NEGOTIATIONS ON FAMILY REUNION CASES WILL NOT BE RESUMED UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A BINDING WRITTEN AGREEMENT FROM THE WEST GERMANS THAT THE CASE OF THE CONVICTED SOVIET SPY HEINZ FELFE WILL BE SETTLED IN TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO EAST BERLIN. FELFE'S ACTUAL RELEASE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AT SOME LATER DATE, BUT THE WEST GERMAN ASSURANCES MUST BE RECEIVED SOON. IN ADDITION TO FELFE, EAST BERLIN HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS-

X MENDE, HEINZ (DR) cit: GERMANY
DPOB- 5 MARCH 1918 IN REICHENBACK/VILB, GERMANY
LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE- SIEGEN, BURGSTRASSE 58, WGERMANY

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GROSSE, WILLY

DPOB- 27 JULY 1913

CIT: GERMANY

LAST KNOWN RESIDENCE- SCHWAIGHEIM, TALSTRASSE 27, WGermany

GROSSE, IRENE /WIFE OF WILLY GROSSE/ SEYF

DPOB BORN 14 JUNE 1928

CIT: GERMANY

LEHMANN, HEINZ

FORMERLY POLICEMAN IN WEST BERLIN

KOEHLER, /FNU/

DPOB- UNKNOWN

KNABE, /FNU/

DPOB- UNKNOWN

HARDEGER, /FNU/

DPOB- UNKNOWN

NORDHANN, /FNU/

DPOB- UNKNOWN

SCHREIBER, /FNU/

DPOB- UNKNOWN

4. VOELCKERS SAID THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE MUST NOW BE
DONE TO GET THE WEST GERMAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE /BND/ TO
GIVE A "GREEN LIGHT" FOR THE RELEASE OF FELFE. APPROACHES

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THROUGH SEVERAL DIFFERENT CHANNELS WILL BE MADE TO THE NEW
PRESIDENT OF THE BND, GENERAL WESSEL, ON THIS SUBJECT.
VOELCKERS TOOK THE POSITION THAT FELPE'S RELEASE SHOULD NO
LONGER INVOLVE A SECURITY RISK SINCE ANOTHER FORMER BND
MEMBER, CLEMENS, WHO WAS SENTENCED ALONG WITH FELPE AND WHO
HAD CONSTANT CLOSE CONTACT WITH FELPE, HAS ALREADY BEEN
RELEASED IN EXCHANGE FOR HEINZ VOLKER. VOELCKERS SAID THAT
ON FELPE'S RELEASE HUNG NOT ONLY THE RESUMPTION OF FAMILY
REUNION NEGOTIATIONS BUT ALSO THE CHANCE TO FREE THE THREE
WEST GERMAN STUDENTS IN PRISON IN THE SOVIET UNION AND A
LARGE NUMBER OF BND AGENTS PRESENTLY IN PRISON IN THE EAST.
ACCORDING TO WHAT VOGEL HAS SAID TO STANGE, THE INTEREST IN
FELPE LIES NOT SO MUCH IN EAST BERLIN AS IN MOSCOW WHERE,
ACCORDING TO VOGEL, FELPE IS WANTED TO "WRITE HIS MEMOIRS".
LESS URGENT FAMILY REUNION CASES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY VOELCKERS'
OFFICE UNTIL THE END OF APRIL, AND EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO
REACH SOME SETTLEMENT OF THESE CASES IN BERLIN APART FROM THE
OTHER NEGOTIATIONS. /SOURCE COMMENT- THE WRITER OF THE
MEMORANDUM COMMENTED AT THIS POINT THAT IN A SEPARATE
CONVERSATION ON 1 APRIL, HERMANN KREUTZER, CHIEF OF THE SECTION

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Felfe

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FOR THE SOVIET ZONE AFFAIRS OF THE MINISTRY FOR ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS, HAD SAID THAT ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER HERBERT WENNER IS IN PRINCIPLE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD ON THE FELFE CASE AND FEELS THAT FUTURE AGREEMENTS WITH EAST GERMANY ON PRISONER RELEASES AND FAMILY REUNIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE BLOCKED BY THIS CASE. KREUTZER SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE./

5. AMONG THE DATA ON WEST GERMAN OFFICIALS PASSED ON BY VOELCKERS WAS THE INFORMATION THAT FORMER WEST BERLIN SENATOR DIETRICH SPANGENBERG HAS REFUSED TO ACCEPT AN APPOINTMENT AS THE SUCCESSOR TO STATE SECRETARY KARL KRAUTWIG AS BERLIN REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTRY. >

THE REASONS WERE SEVERAL, INCLUDING THE FACT THAT SPANGENBERG DOES NOT WANT TO RUIN HIS CHANCES FOR MORE INTERESTING ASSIGNMENTS, AND SPANGENBERG FEELS THAT THE JOB OFFERS NO SECURITY GEDVTHEUNYNGT-1969 PERIOD. IN ADDITION, SPANGENBERG DOES NOT TO RUIN HIS CREDIT AMONG EAST BERLIN OFFICIAL CIRCLES, WHERE HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE SPIRITUAL FATHER OF THE PRISONER EXCHANGE AND FAMILY REUNION PROGRAM AND AN

ACCEPTABLE DISCUSSION PARTNER. IT WOULD ALSO BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A SUCCESSOR FOR SPANGENBERG IN HIS PRESENT POST AS BERLIN REPRESENTATIVE IN BONN. ACCORDING TO VOELCKERS, SPANGENBERG IS BEING RESERVED FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT OF A POSSIBLE "OFFICE FOR INTRA-GERMAN RELATIONS" /AMT FUER INNERDEUTSCHE BEZIEHUNGEN/.

6. VOELCKERS OWN OFFICE WILL ALSO BE REORGANIZED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW MAIN OFFICE FOR BERLIN POLICY, ALL-GERMAN AND ALL-BERLIN QUESTIONS UNDER THE WEST BERLIN SENAT RESPONSIBLE TO SENAT COUNSELOR KUNZE IS BEING CONSIDERED. ONE PART OF THIS TRIPLE-FUNCTION OFFICE WOULD BE HEADED BY VOELCKERS AND WOULD NOT INVOLVE ANY MAJOR CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR VOELCKERS.

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