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REPORTS AND COMMENTARY PREPARED EACH DAY BY U.S.
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REVIEW

TOP NEWS TODAY: CONTROVERSY OVER LAST YEAR'S
INCIDENT AT THE BIBLIS NUCLEAR REACTOR IN THE FRG AND
MOSCOW'S DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MUJAHIDIN.

BERLIN HEADLINES

TGS: RAPPROCHEMENT IN THE TALKS ON AFGHANISTAN

BMP: REACTOR INCIDENT REMAINED UNNOTICED FOR 16 HOURS
TAZ: TOEPFER PRAISES INCIDENT COVER-UP

VB: HOUR-LONG BIBLIS INCIDENT 'IGNORED'

BZ: MY POOR CHILD

B: NUCLEAR INCIDENT AT BIBLIS: THE WHOLE SCANDAL

WH: BIBLIS: INFORMATION INCIDENT IN THE BONN
GOVERNMENT

ND: ERICH HONECKER MEETS WITH THE POLISH PRIME MINISTER

. OTHER PROMINENT NEWS INCLUDES THE OPENING DAY IN
THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER TRIAL (VB), BELGIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER TINDEMANN'S SPEECH IN BERLIN CALLING FOR A
JOINT APPROACH TO THE EAST'S REFORM POLICY (TGS),
BERLIN GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN'S HOPE FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE FREE UNIVERSITY AND EAST BERLIN'S HUMBOLDT
UNIVERSITY (TGS), UNCERTAINTY REGARDING CHANCELLOR
OHL'S PLANNED VISIT TO THE GDR (BMP), AN INCREASE IN
RAILROAD FEES IN THE FRG (BMP), POLICE ACTION AGAINST A
GREEN PEACE SHIP (TAZ), AND THE QUESTIONS REMAINING
FOLLOWING THE END OF THE MILITARY REBELLION IN
ARGENTINA (TGS, VB).

BERLIN NEWS:

. DOCUMENT CENTER TRIAL: THE FIRST TRIAL IN
THE BDC THEFT CASE, WHERE THOUSANDS OF NAZI DOCUMENTS
WHERE STOLEN FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER, BEGAN IN
BERLIN ON MONDAY. ALFRED DARKO, 48, THE FORMER CHIEF
OF THE BDC PHOTOCOPY SECTION WHO WAS BORN IN IVORY
COAST, IS THE MAIN DEFENDANT BESIDES ONE JUNK DEALER
AND TWO MILITARIA DEALERS. DARKO EXPRESSED HIS REGRET
IN THE AFFAIR BUT PUT THE BLAME ON HIS SUPERIORS, WHO
SUPPOSEDLY HAD SELECTED AND PRICED THE MATERIAL TO BE
STOLEN BEFOREHAND. IN CONTRAST TO HIS BEHAVIOR DURING
EARLIER INVESTIGATIONS, HE WOULD NOT GIVE THE NAMES OF
HIS SUPERIORS ON MONDAY (ALL WEST PAPERS; AND ND ET
AL.).

. INVESTIGATION INTO INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE:
IN AN INTERVIEW ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF ALLEGATIONS

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AGAINST THE BERLIN INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (VERFASSUNGSSCHUTZ), GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN SAID THE ISSUE IS "NOT REORGANIZATION BUT, MOST OF ALL, THE LEGAL MIXTURE OF GERMAN AND ALLIED LAW WHICH MUST BE CLARIFIED" (DW). BERLIN CDU CAUCUS LEADER DANKWARD BUWITT YESTERDAY SPECIFIED THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH HIS PARTY SUPPORTS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FACT FINDING COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO THE CHARGES AGAINST THE INTERNAL UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 USBERLIN 03448

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INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, MOST OF WHICH, HE SAID, DATE BACK TO THE TIME WHEN THE SPD/FDP COALITION WAS IN POWER. INTERIOR SENATOR KEWENIG ANNOUNCED THAT CERTAIN FACTS WOULD PROBABLY BE RELEASED BY THE AGENCY FOR PUBLICATION (TAZ, DW ET AL.).

. FREE UNIVERSITY ANNIVERSARY: DURING A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN'S FREE UNIVERSITY (FU), GOVERNING MAYOR DIEPGEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FU AND EAST BERLIN'S HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY MIGHT SOME DAY ESTABLISH OFFICIAL RELATIONS. AMONG THOSE HONORED IN THE CEREMONY WAS SHEPHARD STONE, WHO HAD SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FU AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND LATER AS DIRECTOR OF THE FORD FOUNDATION'S INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM. VOLKSBLATT CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER BY U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN TO FU PRESIDENT HECKELMANN (TGS, VB).

. TEMPELHOF AIRWAYS: THE COMPANY, WHICH WILL SERVE THE BERLIN-DORTMUND ROUTE ALONE STARTING THE END OF DECEMBER, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL SOON BEGIN USING AN ADDITIONAL NEW SAAB 340 AIRLINER, REPLACING THE OLD NORD 262. THE COMPANY'S FLEET WILL BE INCREASED TO INCLUDE FOUR SAAB 340 AIRCRAFT. PLANS HAVE EITHER BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE STILL IN THE MAKING FOR FLIGHTS TO LUXEMBURG, AUGSBURG AND BRUSSELS (TGS).

. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN BERLIN: IN A SPEECH TO BERLIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE, BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LEO TINDEMANN CALLED ON THE WEST TO COME UP WITH A JOINT APPROACH TO THE EAST BLOC'S REFORM POLICIES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT NO PLACE MORE THAN BERLIN CAN SERVE TO DEMONSTRATE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THE

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CITY IS "A EUROPEAN SYMBOL PAR EXCELLENCE," NOT A BRIDGEHEAD BUT RATHER A BRIDGE CONNECTING TWO PARTS OF ONE UNIQUE EUROPEAN CONTINENT (TGS, BZ).

. STUDENT PROTESTS: AT AN OPEN AIR LECTURE ON WITTENBERG PLATZ ON MONDAY, APPROXIMATELY 400 STUDENTS PROTESTED A LACK OF SPACE IN FU LECTURE HALLS. ON SUNDAY, SOME 50 STUDENTS OCCUPIED A VILLA ON PODBIELSKIALLEE IN DAHLEM THAT HAS BEEN VACANT FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS (TGS, TAZ).

NATIONAL NEWS:

. KOHL'S PLANNED VISIT TO THE GDR: FRG INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS MINISTER DOROTHEE WILMS TOLD BONN JOURNALISTS MONDAY THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL DOES NOT INTEND TO VISIT THE GDR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO RETURN THE VISIT MADE BY GDR CHIEF HONECKER IN SEPTEMBER 1987. MRS. WILMS INDICATED THAT KOHL DROPPED HIS INITIAL PLANS FOR A VISIT IN 1989 BECAUSE OF THE GDR LEADERSHIP'S RELUCTANT ATTITUDE TO REFORMS. IT APPEARS NOW THAT KOHL WILL NOT VISIT THE GDR BEFORE EARLY 1991 (TGS, BZ). HANS BUECHLER, SPD BUNDESTAG SPOKESMAN FOR INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS, TOLD BERLINER MORGENPOST HE THINKS KOHL SHOULD VISIT THE GDR BEFORE SOVIET LEADER GORBACHEV VISITS BONN IN THE SUMMER OF 1989 TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT BONN PURSUES AN INNER-GERMAN POLICY ONLY VIA THE SOVIET UNION (BMP).

. SPD POLITICIAN ON GDR VIOLATIONS: JUERGEN SCHMUDE, SPD, HAS SAID THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE CALLING A SPADE A SPADE WHEN THE GDR VIOLATES HUMAN RIGHTS. HE SAID THE SPD MUST MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GDR AUTHORITIES ARE VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IN MANY AREAS (BMP).

. THE GDR PAYS BACK BILLION D-MARK LOAN: EAST GERMANY HAS COMPLETELY REPAYED THE ONE BILLION D-MARK LOAN IT RECEIVED FROM WEST GERMAN BANKS FIVE UNCLAS SECTION 03 OF 04 USBERLIN 03448

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YEARS AGO (BMP).

. POLISH PRIME MINISTER IN EAST BERLIN:

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POLISH PRIME MINISTER RAKOWSKI, WHO IS VISITING EAST BERLIN, HAS DESCRIBED RELATIONS BETWEEN POLAND AND THE GDR AS "NOT FREE FROM PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES" (TGS).

JEWIS IN THE GDR: TAZ INCLUDES A FULL-PAGE ARTICLE, EMPHASIZING THAT THE WEST HAS AN INCORRECT VIEW OF JEWISH LIFE IN EAST GERMANY.

(WEST PRESS: TGS-DER TAGESSPIEGEL; BMP-BERLINER MORGENPOST; VB-VOLKSBLATT; DW-DIE WELT; B-BILDZEITUNG; BZ-BERLINER ZEITUNG; WH-DIE WAHRHEIT; TAZ-DIE TAGESZEITUNG; FAZ-FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG; SZ-SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG; FR-FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU; EAST PRESS: BRL-BERLINER ZEITUNG; NAT-NATIONAL ZEITUNG; NZ- NEUE ZEIT; ND- NEUES DEUTSCHLAND). COMMENTARIES

COMMENTARIES DISCUSS THE BIBLIS NUCLEAR INCIDENT (VB, TAZ), THE GREENS PARTY CRISIS (TAZ, DER TAGESSPIEGEL), GROWING CDU INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO CHANCELLOR KOHL (BERLINER MORGENPOST), THE TRIAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE THEFT OF FILES FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENT CENTER (BZ), THE PLANNED CREATION OF AN INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE BERLIN INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (TAZ), THE GDR'S REPAYMENT OF A ONE BILLION D-MARK LOAN FROM FRG BANKS (BERLINER MORGENPOST), AND THE REAGAN-BUSH TRANSITION PERIOD (DIE WAHRHEIT).

DER TAGESSPIEGEL INCLUDES A COMMENTARY ON THE FREE UNIVERSITY'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY. UNDER THE HEADLINE "NO REJOICING," THE PAPER DISCUSSES THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY OVERCROWDEDNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY, A SHORTAGE OF STUDENT ACCOMMODATIONS AND A LACK OF FUNDS. REVIEWING INCREASED STUDENT PROTEST, THE PAPER SAYS THAT IT IS RARE THAT THE ASTA STUDENT BODY CAN MOBILIZE THE NUMBERS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN PROTEST, AND SAYS THAT THIS INDICATES THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM. IT MUST BE SOLVED SENSIBLY - THE USE OF POLICE TOO EARLY AGAINST STUDENTS WOULD SIMPLY POLITICIZE THE PROTEST.

THE BERLIN INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

LEFT-OF-CENTER TAZ, UNDER THE HEADLINE "MISCARRIAGE," SAYS: "THERE ARE CHILDREN WHOSE SAD FATE IS PREDICTABLE EVEN BEFORE THEY ARE BORN. IF ONE OF THE PROCREATORS IS INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ABORTION, THE BIRTH WILL NOT BE VERY SUCCESSFULL AND A MISCARRIAGE IS POSSIBLE. SUCH A PREDICTION CAN BE EASILY MADE WITH REGARD TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. THE PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION HAS BEEN PREGNANT WITH IT FOR A LONG TIME. THE CDU HAS TABLED CONDITIONS WHICH AMOUNT TO A REJECTION OF PATERNITY. THERE IS NO TIME FOR THE CHILD TO GROW...."

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. "THE INVESTIGATIONS WILL PRESUMABLY ONLY FOCUS ON WHAT WAS INITIATED BY THE INTERNAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE AT THE TIME WHEN THE SPD RULED. NOW THE SPD CAN ONLY SEIZE THE BULL BY THE HORNS. DESPITE THREATS, IT IS NOW FORCED TO GIVE THE COMMITTEE ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION BY REVEALING NAMES AND DETAILS EVEN IF THE PARTY'S OWN MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED. OTHERWISE THE BABY CALLED 'INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE' WILL BARELY SURVIVE." (MP)
GDR CREDIT

. THE INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST, UNDER THE HEADLINE "A FIRST CLASS ADDRESS," SAYS:
"NOBODY CAN BE SURPRISED THAT THE GDR PAID BACK THE ONE BILLION D-MARK LOAN FROM FRG BANKS AND INSURED BY THE BONN GOVERNMENT IN DUE TIME....
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. "WHAT THE GDR HAS DONE WITH BONN'S BILLION D-MARKS HAS NEVER BECOME CLEAR. THERE WERE SPECULATIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT THE MONEY WAS ONLY 'PARKED' ELSEWHERE TO GAIN INTEREST AND TO BE SAVED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. THAT CASE NEVER HAPPENED, AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT EVER WILL. THE GDR RECEIVES BILLIONS OF D-MARKS FROM BONN EVERY YEAR FOR RAILROAD AND MAIL SERVICES AND FOR THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC. THOSE BILLIONS OF D-MARKS CONTRIBUTE TO EAST BERLIN'S IMAGE AS A GOOD DEBTOR COUNTRY" (MP).

BDC TRIAL

. TABLOID BZ NOTES UNDER THE HEADLINE "THIEVES AND RECEIVERS:" "THE DOCUMENT CENTER HAS OFTEN BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONTROVERSY. BUT SUCH A THEFT COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE OCCURRED HAD THE DOCUMENTS ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM AMERICAN TO GERMAN HANDS.

. "THE AMERICANS KEPT THEIR HANDS ON THE NAZI MEMBERSHIP FILES FOR A GOOD REASON. THEY WANTED TO PREVENT THE DOCUMENTS FROM BEEN USED FOR THE DAILY POLITICAL INFIGHTING IN THE YOUNG FEDERAL REPUBLIC."
(MK).

TRANSITION IN U.S. ADMINISTRATION

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. COMMUNIST SEW PAPER DIE WAHRHEIT, DISCUSSING MAJOR U.S. ARMS PROJECTS WHICH THE NEW BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS SUPPOSED TO CONTINUE, SAYS UNDER THE HEADLINE "SETTING THE DIRECTION": "THE U.S. IS EXERTING INCREASED PRESSURE ON ITS WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES TO CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO MODERNIZATION OF SHORT-RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. MODERNIZATION AND EXTENSIONS OF RANGE, HOWEVER, BEAR THE RISK OF ANNULLING THE DISARMAMENT RESULTS OF THE INF TREATY. ONLY YESTERDAY, U.S. SECURITY ADVISER NITZE DEMANDED NEW NUCLEAR DISTANCING WEAPONS.

. "AT THE MOMENT, WEST EUROPEAN NATO MEMBERS REJECT SUCH PLANS EITHER AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE LIKE THE GREEKS OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING TIME AS IS THE CASE WITH THE FRG.... ON THE OTHER HAND THERE ARE CONCRETE PROJECTS ON THE TABLE SUCH AS REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES AND FOR STRUCTURAL CHANGES TOWARD INCAPABILITY OF AGGRESSION BY BOTH SIDES, AS SUBMITTED BY THE WARSAW PACT AND AS DEMANDED ALSO BY WEST BERLIN'S PEACE MOVEMENT.

. "THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE ELECTION OF A U.S. PRESIDENT AND HIS INAUGURATION IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR SETTING THE DIRECTION. WHY NOT SET THE DIRECTION TOWARD FURTHER DISARMAMENT?" (MK) GILMORE

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END OF MESSAGE

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