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FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF GERMAN NEWSPAPERS OF
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A. SUMMARY

TODAY'S LEAD STORIES DEALT WITH A LARGE VARIETY OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. THEY COVERED THE SERIOUS CONTROVERSY IN THE FRG OVER A NATIONWIDE UNION-SPONSORED POLLING ACTION AMONG WHITE- AND BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS ON THE NEW STRIKE LAW; THE BOMB EXPLOSION ABOARD A TWA AIRLINER; THE SCANDAL CONCERNING THE "NEUE HEIMAT" UNION-OWNED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY OVER FORMER U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM'S** ALLEGED NAZI PAST; AND SWEDISH CHARGES THAT BY SUPPORTING THE CONTRAS AND UNITA, THE U.S. BACKS TERRORISTS.

OTHER MAJOR STORIES CONCERNED SPECULATIONS ABOUT A

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VISIT TO THE FRG BY GDR LEADER EIRCH HONECKER; CSU CHARGES THAT THE CDU IS CONDUCTING A COUNTERPRODUCTIVE ELECTION CAMPAIGN; THE BEGINNING OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN BERN FOR THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 09 BONN 10337

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VIENNA; THE ELECTION OF JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS AS PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; SPECULATIONS ON AN IMPENDING RESIGNATION OF BERLIN'S INTERIOR SENATOR HEINRICH LUMMER AND A FURTHER RESHUFFLE IN THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATION; THE REASSESSMENT BY THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OF ITS METHODS TO ESTIMATE THE YIELD OF SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTS; AND STATEMENTS BY PETER K. WUERZBACH, UNDERSECRETARY IN THE BONN DEFENSE MINISTRY, THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE FRG.

B. LEAD STORIES

A. NEW STRIKE LAW

SEVERAL LOCAL AND REGIONAL PAPERS SAID IN THEIR LEAD STORIES THAT THE DEUTSCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND, DGB (GERMAN LABOR UNION ASSOCIATION), STARTED A NATIONWIDE POLLING ACTION YESTERDAY TO DETERMINE THE MOOD AMONG WHITE- AND BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS ON THE BONN GOVERNMENT'S NEW STRIKE LAW. BOTH UNIONIZED AND NON-UNIONIZED LABORERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE CALLED UPON TO CAST THEIR VOTE. THE DGB HOPES TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION IN THE BUNDESRAT ON THE NEW LAW.

NEWS STORIES ALSO SAID THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAS ATTACKED THE DGB VERY SHARPLY, CHARGING IT WITH QUESTIONING PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND ABUSING THE LABOR FORCE. THE SPD WAS QUOTED AS DEFENDING THE POLLING ACTION.

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B. TWA AIRLINER

SEVERAL REGIONAL PAPERS LED WITH STORIES ON THE BOMB EXPLOSION ABOARD A TWA PASSENGER AIRCRAFT YESTERDAY, KILLING THREE PERSONS. THE STORIES SAID THAT A BABY IS STILL MISSING. NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON THE PERPETRATORS OF THE BOMB ATTACK.

C. "NEUE HEIMAT"

THE SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG SAID IN ITS LEAD STORY THAT BONN HUEDUNG AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MINISTER OSCAR SCHNEIDER (CSU) HAS DEMANDED THAT THE DEUTSCHER GEWERKSCHAFTSBUND, DGB (GERMAN LABOR UNION ASSOCIATION), SUBMIT A REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS SITUATION OF ITS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, "NEUE HEIMAT." "NEUE HEIMAT" IS A HIGHLY INDEBTED, AILING COMPANY WHICH HAS REQUESTED FEDERAL SUBSIDIES TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY. MINISTER SCHNEIDER AND HIS COUNTERPARTS IN THE FRG STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE REFUSED TO ACT ON THIS REQUEST PENDING A REVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S SITUATION BY NEUTRAL EXPERTS.

D. KURT WALDHEIM

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THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG LED WITH A STORY ON THE **KURT WALDHEIM** AFFAIR. IT SAID THAT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER HAS PLEDGED TO REVIEW THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST **KURT WALDHEIM** BY THE JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS, AND THAT, ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM'S SUPPORTERS, THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIM HAS "BROKEN DOWN."

THE GENERAL-ANZEIGER REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON THAT THE JWC WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WALDHEIM DECLARED "PERSONA NON GRATA" AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT COMMENT UNTIL IT HAS SEEN THE OUTCOME OF THE OFFICIAL INQUIRY IN AUSTRIA.

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E. SWEDEN CRITICIZES U.S.

THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU SAID IN ITS LEAD STORY THAT PIERRE SCHORI, SWEDEN'S DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS CHARGED THAT THE U.S., "BY SUPPORTING ANGOLAN AND NICARAGUAN REBELS, ALSO SUPPORTS THEIR SYSTEMATIC TERROR AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN."

C. OTHER TOPICS

A. HONECKER VISIT

SEVERAL PAPERS CARRIED BRIEF WIRE SERVICE ITEMS WHICH SAID THAT ACCORDING TO GDR VOLKSKAMMER (PEOPLE'S CHAMBER) PRESIDENT HORST SINDERMAN, THE DELEGATES AT THE UPCOMING SED PARTY CONGRESS "WILL SEE TO IT" THAT GDR LEADER ERICH HONECKER WILL VISIT THE FRG AS EARLY AS MAY OR JUNE THIS YEAR.

B. CSU ATTACKS CDU

MANY PAPERS REPORTED PROMINENTLY THAT CSU SECRETARY-GENERAL GEROLD TANDLER SAID IN AN ARTICLE IN THE CSU WEEKLY BAYERNKURIER THAT THE CDU IS CONDUCTING AN "ANTI-ELECTION CAMPAIGN" BY CONSTANTLY ALIENATING CERTAIN GROUPS OF PROSPECTIVE VOTERS.

C. CSCE MEETING IN BERN

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED THAT EXPERTS OF THE CSCE SIGNATARY STATES HAVE ARRIVED IN BERN, SWITZERLAND, FOR ONE OF SEVEN SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS FOR THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN VIENNA THIS FALL. THE MEETING IN BERN WILL DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF "HUMAN CONTACTS."

D. JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS

MOST PAPERS REPORTED BRIEFLY THAT JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS WAS ELECTED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BY A NARROW MARGIN.

E. HEINRICH LUMMER

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SEVERAL MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED REPORTS FROM BERLIN THAT THE BERLIN "SENAT" (CABINET) SEEMS TO BE HEADED FOR A MAJOR RESHUFFLE. THE STORIES SAID THAT DESPITE INTERIOR SENATOR HEINRICH LUMMER'S AFFIRMATION ON TUESDAY THAT HE WILL NOT RESIGN FROM HIS POSITION, HIS CHANCES ARE VERY SLIM THAT HE WILL SURVIVE A VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE NEXT WEEK IN THE ABGEORDNETENHAUS (BERLIN PARLIAMENT). OBSERVERS REPORTEDLY EXPECT THAT LUMMER'S DEMISE WILL LEAD TO THE DISMISSAL OR RESIGNATION OF SEVERAL OTHER BERLIN OFFICIALS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION BRIBERY SCANDAL.

F. NUCLEAR TESTS

SEVERAL PAPERS CARRIED NEWS AGENCY ITEMS WHICH SAID THAT ACCORDING TO CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY DIRECTOR WILLIAM J. CASEY, THE CIA HAS REVIEWED AND CHANGED ITS METHODS FOR ESTIMATING THE YIELD OF LARGE SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTS AND THAT THE RESULTS OF THE NEW ESTIMATES SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIET UNION MAY NOT HAVE VIOLATED THE 1974 THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY AFTER ALL.

G. CHEMICAL WEAPONS

THREE PAPERS REPORTED THAT PETER K. WUERZBACH, UNDERSECRETARY IN THE BONN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, SAID IN A RADIO INTERVIEW THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS TO DEPLOY NEW AMERICAN C-WEAPONS IN THE FRG; THAT IT IS THE CURRENT BONN GOVERNMENT'S GOAL TO REDUCE CHEMICAL WEAPONS "TO ZERO": AND THAT, IF THIS GOAL CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, THE NEW CHEMICAL WEAPONS WILL BE PRODUCED AND STOCK-PILED IN THE U.S.

D. WEST GERMAN TV

A. SUMMARY

WEDNESDAY'S NEWSCASTS CONCENTRATED ON THE EMERGENCY LANDING OF A U.S. TWA AIRLINER IN ATHENS FOLLOWING A BOMB EXPLOSION AND THE CAMPAIGN BY THE FRG LABOR UNION ASSOCIATION, DGB, AGAINST THE NEW STRIKE LAW.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS INCLUDED THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW FRENCH PARLIAMENT AND THE ELECTION OF GAULLIST POLITICIAN JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA; THE VISIT TO ISRAEL BY JOHANNES RAU, SPD CANDIDATE FOR CHANCELLOR; THE DISPUTE OVER FORMER U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL **KURT WALDHEIM'S** MEMBERSHIP IN A NAZI ORGANIZATION DURING WORLD WAR II; THE CSCE CONFERENCE IN BERN, SWITZERLAND, ON HUMANITARIAN IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN

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THE BLOCS; THE CONVENTION OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY IN SOFIA; ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SHIMON PERES' UNCLAS SECTION 05 OF 09 BONN 10337

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CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ IN WASHINGTON; THE CONFLICT BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE "POLISARIO" MOVEMENT OVER WESTERN SAHARA; CHARGES BY THE "AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL" HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT OPPRESSES THE TURKISH MINORITY IN THE COUNTRY; AND THE INTERNATIONAL SHAKESPEARE CONFERENCE IN WEST BERLIN.

DOMESTIC NEWS INCLUDED THE ECONOMIC CRISIS OF THE "NEUE HEIMAT" BUILDING CONCERN; THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF WEST BERLIN CONSTRUCTION SENATOR FRANKE IN BRIBERY SCANDALS; FRG-GDR RELATIONS; AN ARSON ATTACK ON A BANK IN STUTTGART; UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE PETER K. WUERZBACH'S STATEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO PERMIT THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW U.S. CHEMICAL WEAPONS IN THE FRG; FUEL PRICE DEVELOPMENTS, AND A BOMB ATTACK ON A POLICE STATION IN FEUCHT NEAR NUERNBERG.

B. TWA AIRLINER

BOTH CHANNELS' NEWSCASTS REPORTED WITH FOOTAGE ON THE EMERGENCY LANDING OF A U.S. TWA AIRLINER IN ATHENS FOLLOWING A BOMB EXPLOSION. PROVIDING FACTUAL COVERAGE OF THE LIKELY CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT AND THE RECOVERY OF MISSING PASSENGERS, REPORTS FOCUSED ON THE SUPPOSITION THAT THIS WAS ANOTHER ARAB TERROR ATTACK AIMED AT U.S. CITIZENS AND INSTALLATIONS.

IN ZDF-TV'S LATE NEWSCAST, SUSANNE GELHARD (MAINZ) PROVIDED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE INCIDENT AND FIRST REACTIONS IN WASHINGTON BY STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN KALB WHO SAID THAT SO FAR, NO TERRORIST GROUP HAS CLAIMED REponsibility FOR THE ATTACK.

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THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDED A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE HIJACKING BY SHIITE TERRORISTS OF A TWA AIRLINER TO BEIRUT IN JUNE 1985.

ARD-TV'S LATE NEWSCAST INCLUDED A FILMED REPORT BY ITALY CORRESPONDENT PETER MEZGER ON SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ROME. MEZGER FOCUSED ON THE REJECTION BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF SUGGESTIONS THAT THE TERRORISTS HAD MOST LIKELY ENTERED THE AIRLINER IN ROME.

C. STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE

ARD-TV'S POLITICAL MAGAZINE "BRENNPUNKT" FEATURED A 30-MINUTE-REPORT ON THE U.S.-FRG COOPERATION IN SDI ENTITLED "PARTNERSCHAFT ODER UNTERWERFUNG?" (PARTNERSHIP OR SUBMISSION?). GIVEN REPORTS ON THE CONTROVERSY WITHIN THE FRG GOVERNMENT COALITION OVER THE PROS AND CONS OF THE SDI AGREEMENT (SVEN KUNTZE, BONN), THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COOPERATION WITH THE FRG (ERHARD THOMAS, WASHINGTON) AS WELL AS THE EXPECTATIONS BY FRG UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 09 BONN 10337

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BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE PROJECT (DIETER MUELLER, FRG), THE ENTIRE "BRENNPUNKT" PROGRAM FOCUSED ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER POLITICAL, TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES ARE OFFERED TO THE FRG THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION IN SDI. THE REPORTS AS WELL AS THE STUDIO DISCUSSION BETWEEN CDU FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPERT VOLKER RUEHE AND SPD DEFENSE EXPERT MICHAEL VON BUELOW DID NOT REVEAL ANY NEW INFORMATION NOR VIEWPOINTS ON THE ISSUE. RUEHE AND VON BUELOW REPEATED THEIR PARTIES' RESPECTIVE POSITIONS TOWARD THE U.S. SPACE PROJECT.

IN HIS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON, ERHARD THOMAS

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REVIEWED THE LONG PERIOD OF BILATERAL PREPARATION FOR THE U.S.-FRG SDI AGREEMENT. THE REPORT INCLUDED AN INTERVIEW WITH FORMER U.S. ARMS CONTROL OFFICIAL PAUL WARNKE WHO EMPHASIZED HIS SHARP REJECTION OF THE PROJECT AS "UNREALISTIC" AND SAID THAT THE FRG RESEARCH PARTICIPATION IS USELESS BECAUSE U.S. OFFICIALS ARE NOT YET SURE IN WHICH DIRECTION THEY ARE GOING.

ZDF-TV'S POLITICAL "ZDF MAGAZIN" INCLUDED A FILMED REPORT BY HELMUT KAMPHAUSEN ON SOVIET MILITARY POWER, FOCUSING ON THE NECESSITY FOR NATO TO MAINTAIN NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IN ORDER TO MEET SOVIET CONVENTIONAL THREATS. INTERVIEWS WITH FORMER FRG GENERAL WUST AND POLITICAL SCIENTIST HOFMANN ON THE NEED FOR DETERMINED DEFENSE EFFORTS IN THE WEST AGAINST WARSAW PACT THREATS WERE INCLUDED.

E. LIBYA

A. THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG LED WITH AN ARTICLE BY THEO SOMMER ASKING WHETHER THE RECENT U.S. NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA REFLECTED WHAT HE CALLED THE "REAGAN DOCTRINE" AND INDICATIONS OF "REVIVING AMERICAN INTERVENTIONISM." SOMMER'S OBSERVATIONS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

"MOAMER QADHAFI HAS BEEN GIVEN A BLOODY LESSON. HAS THIS SETTLED THINGS? THERE ARE THREE NEGATIVE ARGUMENTS. ONE OF THEM IS THAT CAUSES IN THE ARAB WORLD SELDOM PRODUCE THE EFFECT EXPECTED BY WESTERN LOGIC. ANOTHER ONE IS THAT LIBYA CONTINUES TO BE AN IRRITANT FOR U.S.-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. FINALLY, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE AMERICAN NAVAL OPERATION OFF LIBYA WILL NOT REMAIN AN EPISODE.. RATHER, IT CONFIRMS RONALD REAGAN'S WILL TO USE MILITARY POWER, AT LEAST IN A LIMITED WAY.

"THERE IS NO ARGUMENT ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE LAW WAS ABSOLUTELY ON THE SIDE OF THE AMERICANS WHEN THEIR ARMADA ENTERED THE GULF OF SIDRA. HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN CLEAR FOR WEEKS THAT REAGAN WAS HEADING FOR A CLASH. HE UNCLAS SECTION 07 OF 09 BONN 10337

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INSISTED ON FREE PASSAGE AS GUARANTEED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ORDER TO PROVOKE QADHAFI'S REACTION WHICH, IN TURN, PROVIDED THE LONG-DESIRED BASIS FOR STRIKING BACK.

"THE INTERESTS OF THE WEST EUROPEANS ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THOSE OF THE AMERICANS.... EUROPE HAS BALKED IN IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON LIBYA.... LAST BUT NOT LEAST, EUROPEAN SKEPTICISM IS BASED ON WHAT HAS BEEN OFFERED UNDER THE LABEL OF 'REAGAN DOCTRINE,' I.E., WASHINGTON'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY CONCEPT. IT AMOUNTS TO REVIVING INTERVENTIONISM.

"THE RAMBO MOOD SEEMS TO BE GETTING A THEORETICAL UNDERPIN.... WHAT REAGAN HAS IN MIND WAS OUTLINED BY JOSEPH HARSCH -- BY NO MEANS A LEFTIST -- IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR: 'A BROAD-FRONT STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION, USE OF THE RISING MILITARY POWER OF THE U.S. TO PUSH THE THE SOVIET UNION OUT OF THOSE POSITIONS OF STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE THAT IT ACHIEVED DURING THE BREZHNEV YEARS.... WHAT HE (REAGAN) IS DOING IS MORE THAT A STRATEGY OF ACTIVE CONTAINMENT OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE. THIS IS ROLL-BACK AIMED AT MOSCOW'S MOST RECENT GAINS.'

"MAYBE ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE REAGAN DOCTRINE IS AIMED MERELY AT SOOTHING AMERICAN RIGHTISTS.... MAYBE ALL THAT RHETORIC IS AIMED CHIEFLY AT INDUCING CONGRESS TO MAKE MORE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE PENTAGON.... BUT IT MAY ALSO INDICATE A NEW COURSE OF CONFRONTATION. IT WOULD BE STRANGE IF THE SOVIETS SAW THINGS DIFFERENTLY. THEY ARE BOUND TO BE DISQUIETED BY REAGAN'S FEELING OF SUPERIORITY. THEY ARE BOUND TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT REAGAN'S CONTINUING PINPRICKS.
S THE SHOOTING IN THE GULF OF SIDRA MERELY THE PRELUDE TO A POLICY OF HITTING HARD, TO NEW GRUFFNESS ON THE PART OF THE LEADING WESTERN POWER? IF SO, IT WOULD BE BOUND TO IRRITATE ALSO AMERICA'S ALLIES IN EUROPE."

B. THE LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF HAMBURG CARRIED PICTURES OF THE U.S. NAVAL OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA AND A REPORT BY WIBKE BRUHNS, WHO SAID:

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"OPERATION 'PRAIRIE FIRE' WAS WELL PREPARED.... IT PROVIDED FOR RETALIATION FOR 'SIMPLE' LIBYAN REACTION TO THE DEMONSTRATION OF CONCENTRATED AMERICAN STRENGTH BY ATTACKING THE 'SOURCE,' I.E., LIBYAN SHIPS AND MISSILE SITES.... ANY 'AGGRESSIVE' LIBYAN RESPONSE TO SUCH PUNITIVE MEASURES WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN BOMBING INDUSTRIAL TARGETS. IF U.S. SOLDIERS WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED, THE U.S. WOULD HAVE ATTACKED MILITARY TARGETS IN LIBYA."

C. THE LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY ERN OF HAMBURG ALSO CARRIED A REPORT BY WOLF THIEME O UNCLAS SECTION 08 OF 08 BONN 10337

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT, 9:00 A.M.

VISIT TO THE 6TH U.S FLEET WHICH, HE SAID, IS CRUISING THE MEDITERRANEAN "IN THE NO-MAN'S LAND BETWEEN PEACE AND WAR." IT TENDS TO "PROVOKE THE VERY AGGRESSION IT IS SUPPOSED TO FIGHT."CATHERMAN

MDCA COMMENT: MESSAGE COMPLETE IN EIGHT SECTIONS.
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