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A. SUMMARY

SEVERAL PAPERS LED WITH REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS DECIDED TO ADHERE TO THE CEILING ESTABLISHED FOR NUCLEAR WARHEADS IN SALT-II AND, THEREFORE, TO SCRAP TWO "POSEIDON" SUBMARINES NEXT MONTH WHEN ANOTHER "TRIDENT" SUBMARINE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL. THIS ALSO WAS THE NUMBER-ONE SUBJECT OF EDITORIAL COMMENT.

B. LEAD STORIES

A. SALT-II

HEADLINES OVER LEAD STORIES FROM WASHINGTON IN THREE MAJOR PAPERS SAID THE U.S. INTENDS TO ADHERE TO SALT-II, TO SCRAP TWO NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, AND TO TAKE THIS "EXTRA STEP" TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW.

B. LIBYA

LEAD STORIES IN THREE PAPERS SAID THAT GREAT BRITAIN WILL EXPEL 21 LIBYANS, THAT THE FRG INTENDS TO EXPEL A "CONSIDERABLE NUMBER" OF LIBYANS ON CHARGES OF "REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES," AND THAT ITALIAN PROSECUTORS HAVE ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS AGAINST TWO LIBYAN

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DIPLOMATS.

THE INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH SAID IN A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM BONN THAT FRG UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 03 BONN 12776

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AUTHORITIES ARE PROBING "NUMEROUS OTHER MEASURES" THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN IN LINE WITH THE SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA ANNOUNCED BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

LEAD STORIES IN TWO OTHER PAPERS REPORTED THE ARREST OF A PALESTINIAN BY THE NAME OF AHMED NAWAF MANSUR HASI, BROTHER OF NEZAR HINDAWI WHO HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN LONDON AFTER THE ABORTIVE ATTACK ON THE EL AL AIRLINER. EVIDENCE WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND AT HASI'S APARTMENT IN BERLIN-TEMPELHOF INDICATING THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE WEST BERLIN DISCOTHEQUE "LA BELLE" AND THAT LIBYANS HAD ORCHESTRATED THE ATTACK.

THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN SAID IN ITS LEAD STORY THAT THE USSR HAS INDICATED READINESS FOR "PARTIAL COOPERATION" IN FIGHTING TERRORISM. SHORTLY AFTER THE KIDNAPPING OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO" LAST OCTOBER, THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BONN WAS SAID TO HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE A LIST OF "CLOSE TO 30 NAMES OF PALESTINIANS WHO ARE CONSIDERED MEMBERS OF TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS."

C. EAST TRADE

THE INDEPENDENT KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER SAID IN ITS LEAD STORY THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO COMPLY WITH U.S. REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS OF EXPORTS OF SENSITIVE GOODS TO EAST BLOC COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO THE BONN ECONOMICS MINISTRY, CHANGES IN PERTINENT GERMAN LEGISLATION ARE NOT INTENDED NOR HAVE

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SUCH CHANGES BEEN PROMISED TO THE U.S. DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS ON GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN SDI. MEMBERS OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO "CONTINUING DISSENT" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BONN ON THIS MATTER.

D. WALDHEIM

THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN LED WITH AN AP REPORT FROM VIENNA ON STATEMENTS BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER THAT, IN HIS OPINION, ALLEGATIONS AGAINST **KURT WALDHEIM** CONCERNING HIS SERVICE IN HITLER'S ARMY WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT AN INDICTMENT.

C. OTHER TOPICS

A. GEN. ROGERS

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DEPUTIES OF THE SPD AND OF THE FDP ARE CALLING FOR A DEBATE ON THE ROLE PLAYED BY NATO COMMANDER GEN. BERNARD ROGERS IN HIS FUNCTION AS USAFE COMMANDER IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT THE RECENT AIR RAID ON LIBYA. THERE IS MOUNTING CONCERN IN BONN THAT, IN SIMILAR FUTURE EVENTS, GEN. ROGERS' DUAL FUNCTION MIGHT LEAD TO GROWING DIFFICULTIES FOR THE EUROPEANS IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY.

B. GORBACHEV PROPOSAL

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED STATEMENTS BY SPD DISARMAMENT EXPERT EGON BAHR THAT THE USSR IS WAITING FOR A RESPONSE TO GORBACHEV'S PROPOSAL FOR DRASTIC

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REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE "FROM THE ALANTIC TO THE URALS."

THE INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN SAID IN A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIET CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY ANATOLY DOBRYNIN HAS TOLD A GROUP OF SPD DISARMAMENT EXPERTS HEADED BY EGON BAHR THAT THE AIM OF GORBACHEV'S PROPOSAL IS TO DEPRIVE BOTH NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES OF THEIR CAPABILITY OF ATTACK.

C. RADIO FREE BERLIN

THE CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN CARRIED A REPORT FROM BERLIN THAT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF RADIO FREE BERLIN ARE VERY DISSATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF MANAGING DIRECTOR LOTHAR LOEWE IN VIEW OF INDICATIONS THAT BERLINERS ARE INCREASINGLY LISTENING TO RIAS RATHER THAN TO RADIO FREE BERLIN PROGRAMS. THE NUMBER OF RIAS LISTNERS IS SAID TO HAVE "INCREASED FROM 22 TO MORE THAN 40 PERCENT." CATHERMAN

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