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I. LEAD STORIES

A. SUMMARY

LEAD STORIES IN THE WEST GERMAN PRESS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29: GERMAN REACTION TO SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL AND MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LUXEMBURG; **KURT WALDHEIM** REJECTS U.S. ACCUSATIONS.

1. DISARMAMENT

"USSR: GERMAN PERSHING TO BE INCLUDED AS WELL" (GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

"MOSCOW PROPOGATES NEGOTIATIONS ON SHORTER-RANGE INF IN GENEVA" (FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE)

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2. KURT WALDHEIM

"AUSTRIA DISMAYED" (STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG)

"AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT 'DISMAYED' ABOUT WASHINGTON'S DECISION" (SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG)

C. TEXT

1. DISARMAMENT

A. INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN (NEWS REPORT): "DISCUSSIONS ON THE ELIMINATION OF SHORTER-RANGE INF IN EUROPE DID NOT MAKE ANY VISIBLE HEADWAY IN GENEVA OR LUXEMBURG YESTERDAY. THE DEFENSE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE SEVEN NATO COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) DID NOT END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKE A STAND ON THE SOVIET PROPOSALS. DURING THE DISARMAMENT TALKS IN GENEVA THE USSR CALLED FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL NUCLEAR WARHEADS FROM PERSHING 1-A MISSILES DEPLOYED IN WEST GERMANY IF AN AGREEMENT WERE TO BE REACHED WITH THE U.S. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REJECTED THIS DEMAND YESTERDAY. NEVERTHELESS, CHARLES REDMAN, SPOKESMAN FOR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, CALLED THE SOVIET PROPOSALS 'DETAILED AND SUBSTANTIAL.'....

"DIPLOMATS FROM VARIOUS DELEGATIONS REPORTED THAT THE WEU CONFERENCE ALSO REVEALED A TENDENCY IN FAVOR OF A ZERO SOLUTION FOR MISSILES WITH A RANGE OF 500 TO 1,000 KILOMETERS. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER...AND DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER CALLED FOR A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS....

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"CHANCELLOR KOHL WANTS TO EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE SOVIET PROPOSALS IN A GOVERNMENT ADDRESS ON THURSDAY.... INSTEAD OF THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY MEETING REQUESTED BY THE SPD, AN EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE RIGHT AFTER THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN FRIEDHLEM OST CONFIRMED THAT PRIOR TO KOHL'S STATEMENT A DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD IN THE COALITION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES...."

B. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (NEWS REPORT): "NEXT WEEK THE HEAD OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION IN GENEVA WORONZOV WILL MEET WITH HORST TELTSCHIK, FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR IN THE CHANCELLERY, AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. BONN EXPECTS WORONZOV TO EXPLAIN THE SOVIET PROPOSAL ON THE ELIMINATION OF INF IN EUROPE.... GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN FRIEDHLEM OST SAID THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT CANNOT COMMENT ON ANY SOVIET SUGGESTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF PERSHING 1-A FROM THE FRG BEFORE IT HAS SEEN THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PROPOSAL...."

"ACCORDING TO SPD SPOKESMAN VERHEUGEN, THE SPD PARTY BOARD AND THE BUNDESTAG GROUP 'EQUALLY WELCOME GORBACHEV'S PROPOSALS AND THE REACTION BY THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND HAVE EXPRESSLY CALLED FOR THE CONCLUSION OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.'...."

"THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WEU CONFERENCE...COULD NOT CONCEAL THE FACT THAT THE FRENCH (DELEGATES) HAD POINTED OUT THE RISKS OF A ZERO SOLUTION WHILE THE OTHER MEMBERS STRESSED THE CHANCES (SUCH A SOLUTION) OFFERED. DURING A BREAK AT THE MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER DEMONSTRATED UNITY. GENSCHER AND WOERNER SAID THAT...THE WEU OFFERED THE EUROPEANS A CHANCE TO FORMULATE THEIR OWN DEFENSE INTERESTS IN ORDER TO COME TO A SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S.... AT THE CONFERENCE GENSCHER SAID THAT EAST-WEST RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED TO DISARMAMENT ISSUES. GENSCHER STRESSED THAT OTHER POLITICAL RELATIONS SUCH AS ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE ARE PART OF THE QUESTION ON HOW EAST-WEST RELATIONS CAN BE IMPROVED...."

C. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (NEWS REPORT): "ALFRED DREGGER, CSU BUNDESTAG GROUP FLOOR LEADER, SAID TO JOURNALISTS THAT ANY DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT ONLY LEAVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS BELOW THE 500-KILOMETER-RANGE IN WEST GERMANY WOULD 'PUT WEST GERMANY'S SECURITY IN SEVERE DANGER.' DREGGER STATED THAT HIS PARTY COULD ONLY AGREE TO AN ELIMINATION OF
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GROUND-BASED MISSILES WITH A RANGE DOWN TO 500 KILOMETERS
IF A BALANCE IN THE CONVENTIONAL SECTOR AND MISSILES
BELOW THE 500-KILOMETER RANGE WERE TO BE ACHIEVED BETWEEN

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EAST AND WEST. DREGGER DEMANDED THAT THE WEST SHOULD HAVE AN OPTION TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE IN THE 500 TO 1,000-KILOMETER-RANGE. ACCORDING TO DREGGER, THE REALIZATION OF THIS OPTION COULD RESULT IN WESTERN ARMS MODERNIZATION OF SHORTER-RANGE MISSILES.

"DREGGER BELIEVES THAT THE DISARMAMENT POLICY PURSUED OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS BEEN GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. ACCORDING TO DREGGER, ONE SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON TACTICAL BATTLEFIELD MISSILES BEFORE ADDRESSING LONGER-RANGE MISSILES. DREGGER SAID THAT IF HE HAD BEEN ASKED FOR HIS OPINION BEFORE REYKJAVIK, HE WOULD HAVE CAUTIONED AGAINST SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

'REYKJAVIK CONFRONTED US WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI,' DREGGER SAID... DREGGER ALSO DISTRIBUTED A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF HIS WARNINGS. THE STATEMENT STARTED OUT WITH THE SENTENCE: 'WE WELCOME THE FACT THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT LET ITSELF BE PUT UNDER INAPPROPRIATE PRESSURE IN EXISTENTIAL QUESTIONS.'"

"AFTER THE WEU CONFERENCE DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER SAID BEFORE JOURNALISTS: 'WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET ANYBODY PRESSURE US.' ACCORDING TO SOURCES IN THE GERMAN DELEGATION 'THE BALL IS NOW IN THE AMERICAN COURT'....

D. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (NEWS REPORT): "THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE A SWIFT CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF SRINF AND LRINF MORE DIFFICULT. THIS (NEW DIFFICULTY) IS THE RESULT OF OBUCHOV'S DEMAND TO ELIMINATE 72 U.S. WARHEADS FOR PERSHING 1-A BUNDESWEHR MISSILES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MOSCOW'S ZERO SOLUTION FOR MISSILES WITH A RANGE OF 500 TO 1,000 KILOMETERS. THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION REJECTS AN INCLUSION OF SO-CALLED THIRD COUNTRY SYSTEMS IN THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.... THIS DEVELOPMENT TEMPORARILY RELIEVES PRESSURE ON NATO ALLIES TO COME TO A JOINT POSITION ON GORBACHEV'S PROPOSED 'SECOND ZERO SOLUTION.'....

"HELMUT HAUSSMANN, FDP SECRETARY GENERAL, CALLED ON THE CDU/CSU TO EXAMINE AND DISCUSS THE SOVIET PROPOSALS WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS. A SPOKESMAN OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAID THAT GENSCHER HAD NEVER MADE A STATEMENT REPORTED IN THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG YESTERDAY. ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER, GENSCHER HAD SAID THAT THE BONN GOVERNMENT WAS IN ITS MOST DIFFICULT SITUATION SINCE THE FORMATION OF THE CDU/CSU/FDP COALITION IN 1982. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS IS NOT GENSCHER'S OPINION.

"CHANCELLOR KOHL NOW SEES 'GREAT CHANCES FOR A REDUCTION OF INF BEYOND AND BELOW THE 1,000-KILOMETER-RANGE.' AT A CDU ELECTION RALLY IN WORMS KOHL SAID: 'WE WANT TO USE THIS CHANCE, BUT IN A REASONABLE MANNER.' KOHL ADDED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SOVIET CONVENTIONAL SUPERIORITY WILL BE REDUCED. KOHL CALLED ON THE EUROPEANS 'TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE' AT SUBSEQUENT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS."

2. KURT WALDHEIM

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A. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (NEWS REPORT): THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT
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FORMALLY REBUTTING THE U.S. DECISION TO BAR AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT **KURT WALDHEIM** FROM VISITING THE U.S. AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. CHANCELLOR FRANZ VRANITZKY...ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING THE U.S. PROCEEDINGS UNCOMPREHENSIBLE. (ACCORDING TO THIS STATEMENT) THERE IS NO PROOF OF THE ACCUSATIONS BROUGHT FORWARD AGAINST WALDHEIM AND THEREFORE THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE REJECTED. WALDHEIM ALSO CATEGORICALLY DENIED ALL CHARGES.... HOWEVER, U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE SAID THAT THE U.S. HAS EVIDENCE THAT WALDHEIM PARTICIPATED IN PERSECUTION PROCEEDINGS DURING THE NAZI ERA...."

B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (NEWS REPORT): AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR VRANITZKY INDICATED THAT HE STILL INTENDS TO TAKE HIS PLANNED TRIP TO THE U.S. IN THREE WEEKS.... VRANITZKY SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL SUCCEED IN' MAKING IT CLEAR TO OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS THAT THE POLITICAL QUALITY IN AUSTRIA HAS CHANGED.'.... VRANTIZKY DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER (AUSTRIA) WANTED TO URGE THE U.S. TO ALTER ITS DECISION...."

II. OTHER NEWS AND COMMENTARY

A. DISARMAMENT (CONT'D)

A. LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF HAMBURG CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH KENNETH ADELMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY. FOLLOWING IS A FULL TRANSLATION.

STERN: THE U.S. HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED BY ITS ALLIES FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS FOR NOT DOING ANYTHING FOR DISARMAMENT. AND NOW SOME ALLIES, FIRST AND FOREMOST THE BONN GOVERNMENT, ARE ACCUSING THE U.S. OF SURRENDERING TOO MUCH, TOO QUICKLY, WITH THE ZERO SOLUTION. ARE THE EUROPEANS ANNOYING YOU?

ADELMAN: IT'S NOT SO MUCH THAT. IT'S JUST THAT IT IS DIFFICULT IN AN ALLIANCE OF FREE COUNTRIES, WHICH ALL WANT THEIR OWN INTERESTS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. IT TAKES AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME TO SETTLE THINGS BETWEEN PARTNERS.

STERN: YOUR IRRITATION WITH YOUR DEMURE FRIENDS CAN BE CLEARLY FELT.

ADELMAN: THE PROBLEM IS THAT IN THE U.S. THE FEELING IS GAINING GROUND THAT THE EUROPEANS COMPLAIN TOO MUCH. THEY COMPLAIN WHEN WE DEPLOY MISSILES, AND THEY COMPLAIN WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WITHDRAWING THEM AGAIN.

STERN: BUT THEY ARE RIGHT ON SOME COUNTS -- THE LACK OF CONSULTATION, FOR EXAMPLE. SECRETARY GEORGE SHULTZ

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COMES FLOATING TO BRUSSELS ON HIS WAY FROM MOSCOW AND TELLS THE ALLIES THAT HE WOULD LIKE A BINDING DECISION WITHIN NOT MUCH LESS THAN TWO WEEKS ON WHAT EUROPE THINKS ABOUT SHORT-RANGE WEAPONS.

ADELMAN: BUT THAT DID NOT COME OUT OF THE BLUE! WE INFORMED THE ALLIES ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE THE SHULTZ-SHEVARDNADZE MEETING THAT THE SOVIETS HAD STARTED TALKING ABOUT ZERO IN THE SHORT-RANGE SECTOR. THIS GAVE EUROPE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT WEEKS TO FORM AN OPINION.

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STERN: IN ANY CASE, THERE IS METHOD BEHIND THE 'DO-OR-DIE' PROCEDURE ON THE PART OF THE U.S., IN THE CASE OF SDI, THE ATTACK ON LIBYA, THE RENUNCIATION OF SALT-II. YOU YOURSELF RECENTLY SAID, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW U.S. INTERPRETATION OF THE ABM TREATY, THAT THE EUROPEANS SHOULD KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT CONCERNING THINGS ABOUT WHICH THEY KNOW NOTHING.

ADELMAN: THAT'S ALWAYS A GOOD PRINCIPLE.

STERN: THERE'S STILL THE QUESTION OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF EUROPE NOW SAYS NO TO THE ZERO SOLUTION FOR SHORT-RANGE WEAPONS.

ADELMAN: THEN WE WILL CHANGE OUR STANCE ON THE SHORT-RANGE CATEGORY. IN THE CASE OF SHORTER-RANGE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS THE DECISION LIES WITH THE EUROPEANS, AND THAT'S WHAT I'LL TELL THE PRESIDENT.

STERN. WHY? THE WEAPON SYSTEMS BELONG TO YOU, AND YOU'RE THE ONES WHO WANT THE WORLDWIDE ELIMINATION OF THE ENTIRE CATEGORY.

ADELMAN: BUT YOU'RE THE ONES LIVING IN EUROPE! YOU CAN ASSESS YOUR OWN SECURITY REQUIREMENTS BETTER THAN WE. EUROPE IS AGAINST A ZERO SOLUTION FOR SHORTER-RANGE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS AND THAT'S WHY IT CLAIMS THE RIGHT TO THESE WEAPONS. BUT THEN THESE WEAPONS MUST ALSO BE STATIONED.

STERN: YOU MEAN THAT, SINCE ONLY GERMANY COMES INTO QUESTION IN THIS CATEGORY BECAUSE OF ITS GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, WE MUST ACCEPT THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW WEAPONS.

ADELMAN: THAT'S RIGHT. BUT IN THE SAME NUMBERS GRANTED TO THE SOVIETS.

STERN: WHAT ABOUT THE RESERVATIONS OF GERMAN POLITICANS CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS?

ADELMAN: EVER SINCE 1981 WE HAVE SAID THAT WE WANT THE ZERO SOLUTION. THAT CONTINUES TO BE OUR POSITION, EVEN IF SOME PEOPLE ARE GETTING COLD FEET. AND THERE WILL STILL BE MORE THAN 4,000 NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE: THEY WILL PREVENT THE SOVIETS FROM ATTACKING WESTERN

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EUROPE...

STERN: ...IF THE SOVIETS CAN BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WILL REALLY USE THESE WEAPONS AND THUS RISK THE CONFLICT SPREADING TO THE AMERICAN HOMELAND.

ADELMAN: FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN SAYING: OUR SECURITY CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE SECURITY OF EUROPE. FOR 40 YEARS THE EUROPEANS HAVE BEEN ASKING US WHETHER WE MEAN THAT -- THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IN THE ROLE OF A TEEN-AGE PAIR, WHERE ONE KEEPS GETTING ON THE OTHER'S NERVES WITH THE QUESTION: DO YOU STILL LOVE ME?

STERN: WILL THE WITHDRAWAL OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE SYSTEMS HAVE ANY IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. TROOPS IN EUROPE?

ADELMAN: THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN GERMANY AND IN NATO REMAINS A SYMBOL OF U.S. COMMITMENTS ABROAD, AND I DO NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGES HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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STERN: DO YOU BELIEVE GORBACHEV'S PROPOSAL FOR THE REDUCTION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES 'FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE URALS' CAN BE REALIZED?

ADELMAN: I AM SKEPTICAL ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS AT THE MBFR TALKS, AND NOTHING HAS COME OF IT.

STERN: THAT MEANS THAT WITH THE ELIMINATION OF SHORTER-RANGE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS WE WOULD HAVE A LASTING MILITARY SITUATION WHERE NOTHING MORE CAN BE CHANGED?

ADELMAN: IT WILL AT ANY RATE MEAN THE END OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE.

STERN: WHAT ABOUT YOUR PRESIDENT'S DREAM OF A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD?

ADELMAN: HE HAS ALWAYS MADE IT DEPENDENT ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS, WHICH SOME SEE AS 'DELIBERATELY UNATTAIABLE,' AND SOME AS A VISION OF A BETTER FUTURE. ONE OF THESE CONDITIONS IS A STIL-TO-BE-FOUND MEANS AGAINST THE IMBALANCE IN THE CONVENTIONAL SECTOR...

STERN: ...A FOOLPROOF FUNCTIONING SDI SYSTEM...

ADELMAN: ...THAT TOO, AND THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE AS UNATTAINABLE AS A CURE FOR CARRIES AND TOOTH DECAY.

B. LEFT-OF-CENTER ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY STERN OF HAMBURG CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH CDU SECRETARY GENERAL HEINER GEISSLER ON THE CDU/CSU'S STANCE TOWARD THE SOVIET MISSILES PROPOSALS. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS:

ASKED WHETHER THE BONN GOVERNMENT IS BLOCKING DISARMAMENT, GEISSLER SAID: "THE REVERSE IS TRUE. WE ARE IN FAVOR NOT ONLY OF ELIMINATING INTERMEDIATE- RANGE WEAPONS WITH A RANGE OF MORE THAN 1,000 KM...WE ARE ALSO

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IN FAVOR OF THE ELIMINATION OF SHORTER-RANGE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES. IN ADDITION, WE FAVOR THE THE ELIMINATION OF SHORTER-RANGE MISSILES WITH A RANGE OF 150-500 KM, AND AT THE SAME TIME THE ELIMINATION OF 30,000 WARSAW PACT TANKS AND REDUCTIONS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND (WARSAW PACT) TROOPS."

STERN SAID THAT GEISSLER'S POSITION DIFFERED FROM THAT OF VOLKER RUEHE, CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, WHO HAS REPEATED HIS FEARS THAT THE SECOND ZERO SOLUTION IS A DANGER TO DETERRENCE. GEISSLER REPLIED: "IN ORDER TO BRING CLARITY INTO THE DISCUSSION AND TO FACILITATE UNDERSTANDING, ONE SHOULD NOT SAY THAT WE ARE AGAINST THE ZERO SOLUTION IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT REDUCE CONVENTIONAL FORCES. ONE SHOULD FORMULATE IT DIFFERENTLY: WE FAVOR THE ZERO SOLUTION, BUT WE DEMAND IN ADDITION THAT SOVIET CONVENTIONAL SUPERIORITY BE REDUCED. ONE MUST STRESS THE POSITIVE GOAL IF PEOPLE ARE TO UNDERSTAND (WHAT ONE IS SAYING)."

STERN SAID THAT, FIRST AND FOREMOST, IT IS A QUESTION OF THE SOVIETS OFFERING TO REDUCE CONVENTIONAL FORCES. GEISSLER REPLIED: "WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THAT, TOO. THEY SHOULD DISARM. NOBODY IS STOPPING THEM."

STERN POINTED OUT THAT VOLKER RUEHE, IN WASHINGTON APPARENTLY IN THE NAME OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT, IS
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APPARENTLY OF A DIFFERENT OPINION SINCE HE IS CALLING FOR NATO TO MODERNIZE ARMS. GEISSLER REPLIED: "THAT'S NOT HOW I UNDERSTOOD HIM. BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT A ZERO SOLUTION MUST INCLUDE WARSAW PACT CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT, SINCE OTHERWISE THE SECURITY OF THE FRG AND WESTERN EUROPE WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED...."

C. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (EDITORIAL BY THEO SOMMER): "MIKHAIL GORBACHEV IS COMING UP WITH ONE DISARMAMENT OFFER AFTER THE OTHER...AND WHAT DO WE DO? WE HESITATE, WE SHY BACK, AND WE DEJECTEDLY TALK THE POSSIBILITY TO DEATH.

"WE ARE FACED WITH THE QUESTION WHETHER THE WESTERN MILITARY WILL ALLOW WESTERN STATESMEN TO BRING ABOUT A TURN IN HISTORY IN THE DIRECTION OF REASON? LIKE ALL MILITARY MEN, BERNARD ROGERS, NATO SURPREME COMMANDER IN EUROPE, ONLY THINKS WITHIN THE NARROW FRAME OF HIS MISSION.... IN PRACTICE THIS MEANS FIRST AND FOREMOST THE ACCUMULATION OF TROOPS, WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT.... THE THOUGHT OF THE ZERO SOLUTION GIVES THE GENERAL GAS PAINS.... HE WOULD MUCH RATHER KEEP ALL THE PERSHING II'S AND CRUISE MISSILES...OR AT LEAST PART OF

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THEM IN ORDER TO HAVE WEAPONS LEFT WITH THE CAPABILITY OF REACHING SOVIET TERRITORY....

"HIS VIEW IS SHARED BY MOST MILITARY AND CIVILIAN STRATEGISTS. THEY ARE TRAPPED IN THEIR OWN WORLD OF WORST CASE ASSUMPTIONS. NEVERTHELESS,...THE CONTINUED ARMS BUILD UP HAS NOT REALLY PRODUCED MORE SECURITY FOR ANYBODY....

"NOW THE STRATEGISTS WANT TO 'EDUCATE' THE WESTERN PUBLIC SO THAT IT DOES NOT BECOME BLIND TO THE RISK OF CONFRONTATION AND DEAF TO THE DOGMAS OF THE ART OF WAR. BUT IS IT NOT RATHER TIME TO EDUCATE THE STRATEGISTS, AND TO OPEN THEIR EYES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF RADICAL CHANGE THROUGH THE ART OF STATESMANSHIP?....

ON A GLOBAL SCALE, NATO AND THE WARSAW PACT MAINTAIN ABOUT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF TROOPS AND WEAPONS. AN APPROXIMATE BALANCE EXISTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE AS WELL.... IT CANNOT BE DENIED THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN IMBALANCES. HOWEVER, THESE IMBALANCES ARE NO REASON TO GET PANICKY....

"WHY SHOULD THE WEST BE AFRAID OF DISARMAMENT TALKS? NO SENSIBLE PERSON WOULD DEMAND THAT THE WEST STRIP ITSELF MILITARILY. BUT ANYONE WITH ANY COMMON SENSE MUST DEMAND THAT THE ENDLESS ARMS BUILD-UP BE STOPPED BECAUSE IT HAS LONG SINCE LOST ITS MEANING....

"THE NEW MAN IN THE KREMLIN IS OFFERING A NEW CHANCE.... (THE WEST) SHOULD RID ITSELF OF SOME OF THE OLD PATTERNS OF THOUGHTS. IT IS UTTER NONSENSE TO BELIEVE TODAY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD CONDUCT A NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE U.S. IF THEY COULD DO SO WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISAL. THIS TYPE OF THINKING IN TERMS OF WINDOWS OF OPPORTUNITY SPRINGS FROM AN IDEOLOGICAL NEUROSIS. ANY BELIEF THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS JUST WAITING TO SWALLOW WESTERN EUROPE IS ALSO NONSENSE....

"LET US STOP ALWAYS BASING OUR POLICY ON A WORST CASE SCENARIO... LET US HAVE THE COURAGE TO THINK IN NEW TERMS. AND WHY SHOULD ONE OF THESE NEW CONCEPTS NOT INCLUDE THE IDEA OF A NUCLEAR-FREE EUROPE SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE? THE POLITICIANS MUST NOW DEAL WITH THE QUESTION
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OF HOW ALL OF MANKIND CAN SURVIVE TOGETHER. IT IS CORRECT TO SAY THAT THAT THE ZERO SOLUTION IS NOT THE FINAL WORD: IS CAN BE ONLY THE FIRST STEP."

D. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL WEEKLY DIE ZEIT OF HAMBURG (EDITORIAL BY ROLF ZUNDEL): "BONN'S NEW FEAR OF DISARMAMENT IS FED BY OLD MOTIVES. THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IS THE IDEA THAT IT IS NOT THE WEAPONS THAT ARE THE

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UNDERLYING CAUSE OF TENSIONS, BUT RATHER THE UNCHANGED GOALS OF THE SOVIET LEADERS....

"THERE ARE GOOD ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE REASONING THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO START WITH THE DISARMAMENT OF...CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND SHORT-RANGE MISSILES. HOWEVER, THE EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT DIALOGUE HAS TAKEN A DIFFERENT COURSE SOLELY AT THE URGING OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT.

"EVER SINCE THE NATO DOUBLE-TRACK DECISION, THE DISARMAMENT DIALOGUE HAS FOCUSSED ON INF. NOW, A RESULT CORRESPONDING TO THE DECLARED GOALS OF GERMAN POLICY IS ACTUALLY WITHIN REACH.... FURTHERMORE, IT INCLUDES NEGOTIATIONS ON OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS. HOWEVER, WHILE THIS RESULT IS BEING TALKED TO DEATH, BONN'S DISARMAMENT SLOGANS ARE LOSING CREDIBILITY.... THE BONN GOVERNMENT MISSED THE CHANCE OF AGREEING TO ITS OWN FORMER DEMANDS OF ITS OWN FREE WILL. FURTHERMORE, BONN HAS GIVEN RISE TO UNNECESSARY SUSPICIONS THAT IT WANTS TO MAINTAIN THE OPTION OF NEW ARMS MODERNIZATION. THAT IS SIMPLY A FARCE."

E. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG (EDITORIAL): "'THE CAREFUL EXAMINATION' THE BONN GOVERNMENT LIKES TO TALK ABOUT SHOULD NOT NOT BE USED TO BORROW TIME AND BLOCK THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IN WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON IS URGING A QUICK DECISION. THERE ARE INCREASING DANGERS THAT BONN IS PUTTING ITSELF BETWEEN ALL CHAIRS IN THE EAST AND THE WEST."

F. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (EDITORIAL BY HERBERT KREMP): "THERE IS AN HISTORIC PROCESS GOING ON WHICH IS PRESENTING ITSELF AS MORE OF A CHALLENGE THAN A 'CHANCE.' TO ANSWER THIS CHALLENGE THE WESTERN EUROPEANS MUST...RID THEMSELVES OF THE IDEA THAT...EVERYTHING ON EARTH IS BOUND TO CHANGE EXCEPT FOR THE OLD ALLIANCE STRATEGY WHICH HAS TURNED INTO AN ENORMOUS APPARATUS SUBSIDIZING THE MILITARY AND FEEDING THE OLD WORLD'S DELICATE PSYCHE. THE CHANCELLOR WOULD BE TAKING THE RIGHT ACTION BY ASKING HIMSELF AND HIS MINISTERS FOR A CREATIVE 'FLEXIBLE RESPONSE.'"

G. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (EDITORIAL BY LEO WIELAND): "ANY U.S. INTEREST IN THE MULTI-FACETED DEBATE ON THE ZERO SOLUTION WILL PROBABLY SLACKEN OFF BY NEXT WEEK AT THE LATEST WHEN THE NEW HEARINGS ON THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR RESUME IN CONGRESS. PRESIDENT REAGAN WILL CONTINUE MAKING ATTEMPTS TO ENCOURAGE ANY MOVEMENTS HE BELIEVES TO SEE IN THE ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME DIVERTING THE FOCUS FROM THE SECRET WEAPONS DEALS WITH IRAN TO THE POSSIBILITIES OF A COMPROMISE WITH MOSCOW...."

"VOICES OF CONCERNED WESTERN EUROPEANS CARRY A SPECIAL WEIGHT IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE ZERO SOLUTION. THE QUICKER A EUROPEAN STANCE IS ESTABLISHED AND THE MORE

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COHERENT AND PLAUSIBLE IT IS, THE GREATER WILL BE THE
POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON WASHINGTON. THE REAGAN
END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

ADMINISTRATION IS NOW PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO EVENTS
IN BONN.

H. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU
(EDITORIAL): "THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE SOVIET
UNION HAS PUT ITS NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS TO A
RADICAL TEST. IT IS WILLING, ON A MUTUAL BASIS, TO SCRAP
ALL WEAPONS WHICH IT CONSIDERS DISPENSABLE. ON THE OTHER
HAND, THE WEST SEEMS TO BE CAUGHT UP IN SMALL-MINDED
MILITARY THINKING. HOW TIMES CHANGE..."

I. ZDF LATE EVENING NEWSCAST 'HEUTE JOURNAL' CARRIED
A LIVE INTERVIEW WITH CDU/CSU DISARMAMENT EXPERT VOLKER
RUEHE WHO IS IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES TO EXPLAIN THE GERMAN APPREHENSIONS
CONCERNING THE ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION.

ASKED ABOUT THE AMERICAN REACTION TO THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL OF A ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION, MR. RUEHE SAID: "I
FOUND OUT WHAT THE REACTION IN WASHINGTON WAS THAT OUR
(THE FRG'S) FEAR OF THE SOVIET UNION WANTING TO ELIMINATE
THE PERSHING-1 AS WAS JUSTIFIED THE U.S. COMMENT IS THAT
THIS PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT (THE P-1 A) IS AN
IMPORTANT SYMBOL FOR GERMAN-U.S. COOPERATION TO PRESERVE
PEACE IN EUROPE. WE WILL CAREFULLY STUDY THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL AND REACT ACCORDINGLY."

ASKED WHETHER THE INCLUSION OF PERSHING-1 AS IN AN
AGREEMENT ON SHORT-RANGE INF WOULD CREATE APPREHENSIONS
IN THE U.S., MR. RUEHE SAID: " YES IT EVEN INTENSIFIED
CONCERNS. THESE MISSILES WERE NOT ADDRESSED IN THE TALKS
IN MOSCOW AND I HAVE HEARD SEVERAL COMMENTS WHICH HAVE
INTENSIFIED APPREHENSIONS (CONCERNING AN INCLUSION OF
PERSHING-1 AS).

ASKED WHETHER THE EUROPEANS WOULD ACCEPT AN AGREEMENT
IF THE U.S. INTENDS TO ACHIEVE AN ACCORD WITHOUT TAKING
EUROPEAN CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT, HE SAID: "WE WOULD LIKE
TO ACCOMPLISH A GOOD AGREEMENT WITH EQUAL LOW CEILINGS.
I THINK NATO WILL WORK OUT A JOINT POSITION AND
AFTERWARDS PRESENT IT. THE U.S. KNOWS THAT WE WANT A
SUCCESS AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. REFERRING TO THE
ELIMINATION OF SHORT-RANGE INF WE WANT DISARMAMENT AND
THEN ACHIEVE STEPS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TANKS AND
SOLDIERS. THIS VIEW IS BEING SHARED BY CONGRESS."

ASKED ABOUT A UNILATERAL MOVE BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

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(TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITHOUT RECEIVING FULL EUROPEAN SUPPORT), MR. RUEHE SAID: "I COULD NOT THINK OF SUCH A MOVE. WE SUPPORT A ZERO-SOLUTION FOR INF, BUT WE DO NOT ADVOCATE A ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION, OTHERWISE WE WOULD DIFFER FROM AN OFFICIAL NATO DECISION."

J. LATE ARD NEWSCAST 'TAGESTHEMEN' CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG GROUP FLOOR LEADER ALFRED DREGGER ON THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF SHORT-RANGE INF. WILHELM VON STERNBURG BEGAN THE INTERVIEW WITH MR. DREGGER'S STATEMENT HE MADE YESTERDAY SAYING THAT THE ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION IS THE GRAVEST THREAT TO OUR (THE FRG'S) SECURITY.

ASKED WHY THIS IS SO, MR. DREGGER SAID: "WE CANNOT AGREE ON A SOLUTION, BECAUSE THE RUSSIANS AND MAYBE SOME U.S. POLITICIANS WANT TO DO SO. WE AS POLITICIANS HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO AVERT A NUCLEAR END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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WAR AND WARD OFF MILITARY BLACKMAIL."

INTERVIEWER WILHELM VON STERNBURG WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS ANSWER AND HE REPEATED HIS QUESTION. ASKED WHY A ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION POSES A THREAT TO GERMAN SECURITY, MR. DREGGER SAID: "MR. GORBACHEV'S PROPOSAL AMOUNTS TO AN ELIMINATION OF ALL THOSE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE WHICH CAN THREATEN AN ATTACKER IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND WILL KEEP ONLY THOSE SHORT-RANGE WEAPON SYSTEMS WHICH EXPLICITLY COULD HIT WEST GERMANY. A SOLUTION WHICH EXPOSES GERMANY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE INNER-GERMAN BORDER REPRESENTS A SPECIAL NUCLEAR THREAT I CANNOT AGREE WITH."

ASKED WHETHER THIS WOULD MEAN A NEW REARMAMENT INSTEAD OF DISARMAMENT, HE SAID: "WE WANT TO KEEP THE OPTION OF ALSO REALIZING A ZERO SOLUTION FOR SHORT-RANGE INF, IF THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT WE HOPE THAT THE DISARMAMENT PROCESSES WILL BE EXTENDED TO WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH (ALSO) THREATEN US AND THIS COULD MAKE A REALIZATION OF THE OPTION SUPERFLUOUS."

ASKED ABOUT THE CONTROVERSIAL VIEWS IN THE BONN GOVERNMENT, MR. DREGGER SAID: "MR. GENSCHER RIGHTLY RECOMMENDED A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSALS. WE WILL DO SO AND AND WE WILL COME TO CERTAIN RESULTS I HAVE PRESENTED, BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT WE WILL FIND A JOINT SOLUTION."

ASKED ABOUT THE TIME PRESSURE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF A GERMAN POSITION, HE SAID: "WE ARE NOT GOING TO LET

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ANYBODY PUT PRESSURE ON US CONCERNING QUESTIONS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR EXISTENCE."

ASKED WHETHER THE BONN GOVERNMENT CAN AFFORD OPPOSING A DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT AND PREVENTING A SOLUTION IN GENEVA, HE SAID: "WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DEFAMED, BUT OUR POLICY HAS BEEN PROVED RIGHT. WE PUSHED THE DOUBLE-TRACK DECISION THROUGH AND THAT IS WHY THE SOVIET UNION RETURNED TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND NOW WE HAVE TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR GERMAN STANCE IN THE ALLIANCE.

ASKED IF THE BONN GOVERNMENT WOULD EVEN PRESENT A POSITION WHICH IS OPPOSED TO THE U.S. VIEW, MR. DREGGER SAID: "NO,...BUT WE ARE VALUABLE ALLIES AND SOLIDARITY IS A TWO-WAY STREET."

B. U.S. RAID AGAINST LIBYA

ARD TV'S POLITICAL MAGAZINE 'PANORAMA' CARRIED AN EXTENSIVE REPORT ON THE REASONS FOR THE U.S. RAID AGAINST LIBYA. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, COMPILED BY BBC JOURNALIST TOM BAUER IN COOPERATION WITH STEFAN AUST OF NDR TV IN HAMBURG, SYRIA AND NOT LIBYA PULLED THE STRINGS BEHIND THE ATTACK AGAINST THE 'LA BELLE' DISCOTHEQUE IN WEST BERLIN. THIS ATTACK WAS THE FINAL STRAW THAT CAUSED THE U.S. TO ATTACK LIBYA, IT WAS CLAIMED.

ACCORDING TO THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS LIKE THE KIDNAPPING OF THE 'ACHILLE LAURO' CRUISE SHIP AND THE KIDNAPPING OF THE TWA PLANE TO BEIRUT. THE REPORT CARRIED SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WITH ISRAELI, GERMAN, ITALIAN AND U.S. OFFICIALS, AIMED AT PROVING THAT THE U.S. ATTACKED THE WRONG TARGET.

ALDO BALDINI, ONE OF ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER BETTINO
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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION R EPORT

CRAXI'S ADVISORS, SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FELT BETRAYED BY U.S. SPECIAL ENVOY VERNON WALTERS, WHO WAS SENT TO EUROPE TO CALL ON THE EUROPEANS TO TAKE DRASTIC MEASURES AGAINST TERRORISTS. ACCORDING TO MR. BALDINI, MR. WALTERS DID NOT COME TO CONSULT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE POSSIBLE RAID, BUT JUST TO INFORM IT THAT THE RAID WAS ALREADY GOING ON. MR. WALTERS, HOWEVER, SAID THAT MR. BALDINI WAS WRONG.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE U.S. BASED ITS ARGUMENTS FOR THE RAID AGAINST LIBYA ON INTERCEPTED CODED MESSAGES BETWEEN THE EAST BERLIN EMBASSY OF THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S BUREAU AND THE GOVERNMENT IN TRIPOLI. TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM, MR. BAUER INCLUDED IN HIS REPORT A JOINT PRESS

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CONFERENCE BY DEFENSE SECRETARY CASPAR WEINBERGER AND SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ. BOTH POLITICIANS HAD SAID THAT THE U.S. KNEW THAT SOMETHING WAS GOING ON, BUT THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO FIND OUT WHERE. RUTH LAFONTAINE, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF U.S. FORCES IN WEST BERLIN, HOWEVER, SAID THAT SHE KNEW NOTHING OF SUCH FINDINGS.

IN AN INTERVIEW, ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE OFFICER RAFI EITAN SAID THAT THE U.S. ATTACKED LIBYA BECAUSE OF POLITICAL REASONS, PROBABLY TO REDUCE DOMESTIC PRESSURE.

MR. BAUER AND MR. AUST THEN OUTLINED THE SYRIAN LINK BY PRESENTING THE CASE OF HASI HINDAWI WHO TRIED TO PLACE A BOMB ON AN EL AL AIRLINER BOUND FROM LONDON HEATHROW TO TEL AVIV. HE INCRIMINATED THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT AND HIS BROTHER RAZI WHO WAS LIVING IN WEST BERLIN.

ACCORDING TO VOLKER KOEHNE, SPOKESMAN OF THE BERLIN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE 'LA BELLE' DISCOTHEQUE AFFAIR CAME WHEN THE WEST BERLIN POLICE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM THE LONDON POLICE. RAZI HINDAWI CONFESSED TO HAVING RECEIVED SPECIAL EXPLOSIVES FROM THE SYRIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN. THE EXPLOSIVE HAD BEEN PRODUCED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WAS CALLED SENTEX. THE SAME EXPLOSIVE HAD BEEN USED FOR THE ABORTIVE BOMB ATTACK AGAINST THE ISRAELI AIRLINER. MR. HINDAWI HAD TWICE PLACED A BOMB USING THIS EXPLOSIVE AT THE 'LA BELLE' DISCOTHEQUE WITHOUT ITS GOING OFF. FINALLY, A SPECIALIST FROM THE SYRIAN EMBASSY IN EAST BERLIN HAD TO COME TO GIVE MR. HINDAWI THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS.

AT THE END OF THE REPORT ROBERT OAKLEY, A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WAS INTERVIEWED. ASKED WHAT HIS REACTION WOULD BE IF THE HINDAWI BROTHERS WERE TO CONFESS THAT SYRIA HAD BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK, MR. OAKLEY SAID: "THE LIBYAN PEOPLE'S OFFICE WOULD HAVE BEEN FAIRLY TREATED BECAUSE IT TOOK CREDIT FOR A BOMB ATTACK FOR WHICH IT WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE."

ANCHORMAN PETER GATTER COMMENTED AT THE END OF THE REPORT: "IN EARLIER TIMES, SUCH RAIDS WERE CALLED PUNITIVE EXPEDITIONS OR GUNBOAT DIPLOMACY. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE TODAY IS THE FACT THAT INSTEAD OF GUNBOATS, AIRCRAFT CARRIERS ARE BEING USED FOR SUCH EXPEDITIONS."

C. AFTERMATH TO CHERNOBYL

1. SUMMARY

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED A STATEMENT GIVEN BY SOVIET ATTACHE IN BONN VLADIMIR SMIRNOV ON THE OCCASION OF THE END OF MESSAGE

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT.

2. HEADLINES

"FOR SOVIETS, THE WEST IS TOO SENSITIVE" (DIE WELT)

"SOVIETS EXPECT AN ADDITIONAL 2,000 CANCER DEATHS"
(KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER)

3. TEXT

A. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (NEWS REPORT):

"COMMENTING ON THE CURRENT DEBATE ABOUT WITHDRAWAL FROM NUCLEAR POWER IN LIGHT OF THE ACCIDENT AT THE CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR PLANT, THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ATTACHE OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN BONN, VLADIMIR SMIRNOV, SAID: "YOUR PEOPLE IN THE WEST ARE TOO SENSITIVE."

"SMIRNOV PRESENTED A STATEMENT IN WHICH IT SAID THAT, 'AS A RESULT OF ACCIDENT,' 30 PERSONS DIED, AND THAT, OF THE 270 PERSONS WITH 'ACUTE RADIATION SICKNESS,' 209 HAVE BEEN CURED.

"THE STATEMENT SAID THAT 'IN THE OPINION OF DOCTORS, AN ADDITIONAL 1,000 TO 2,000 DEATHS (WILL BE OBSERVED) OVER THE NEXT 50 YEARS AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED RADIOACTIVITY.' THE DIPLOMAT SAID THAT THESE FIGURES REFER ONLY TO THE 116,000 PERSONS IN THE REGION WHO WERE EVACUATED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT.

"SMIRNOV PUT THE COST OF THE ACCIDENT AT TWO BILLION RUBELS...."

B. INDEPENDENT KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER (NEWS REPORT): "ACCORDING TO U.S. EXPERTS, THE NUMBER OF DEATHS RESULTING FROM THE ACCIDENT WILL BE FAR HIGHER (THAN THE MAXIMUM FIGURE OF 2,000 GIVEN BY SMIRNOV)...."

"SMIRNOV LEFT (THOSE PRESENT AT THE BRIEFING) IN NO DOUBT THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER...."

D. WILLY BRANDT

1. SUMMARY

MOST PAPERS REPORTED THE DECISION OF SPD CHAIRMAN WILLY BRANDT TO RESIGN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY'S PLATFORM COMMITTEE.

2. HEADLINE

"BRANDT DECLARES RESIGNATION AS PLATFORM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN" (GENERAL-ANZEIGER)

3. TEXT

INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN (DPA/AP NEWS REPORT): "WILLY BRANDT, THE OUTGOING SPD CHAIRMAN, DOES NOT WANT TO CONTINUE CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORMULATING A NEW BASIC PARTY PLATFORM...AFTER HIS RESIGNATION AS PARTY CHAIRMAN THIS COMING JUNE...."

"IT IS THOUGHT THAT CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE HANS-JOCHEN VOGEL IS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED BRANDT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE. WORK ON FORMULATING
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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT

THE NEW PLATFORM WILL BE FINISHED BY 1988, WHEN IT WILL
REPLACE THE 'GODESBERGER PROGRAM,' ADOPTED IN 1959...."

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