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ARE IN CONTRADICTION TO PRECONDITIONS POSTULATED BY THE
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"IN THE PAST FEW DAYS THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAS REPEATEDLY PLEADED FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION AND HAS INDICATED THAT A WESTERN ARMS MODERNIZATION IN THE 500 TO 1,000 KILOMETER RANGE WOULD BE THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE....

"KOHL REJECTED THE NOTION THAT HE DELAYED A DECISION ON THE SOVIET PROPOSAL...OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR GROUPS IN HIS PARTY. IN A WDR BROADCAST KOHL SAID THAT HE WILL NOW THOROUGHLY EXAMINE MOSCOW'S PROPOSAL.

"YESTERDAY THE MISSILE ISSUE WAS THE MAIN TOPIC IN A

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MEETING BETWEEN CDU SECRETARY GENERAL HEINER GEISSLER AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR YULI KVITSINSKI. ACCORDING TO GEISSLER...KVITSINSKI EXPLAINED HIS PARTY'S POSITION THAT 'NOT ONLY MISSILES BUT ALSO TANKS' ARE THE ISSUE IN THE REALM OF DISARMAMENT EFFORTS....

"VOLKER RUEHE, CDU BUNDESTAG GROUP FLOOR LEADER, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON, SAID THAT MOSCOW IS APPARENTLY AIMING AT A DE-COUPPING OF THE FRG FROM THE U.S. (RUEHE SAID THAT THE PERSHING) SYSTEMS ARE AN 'IMPORTANT SYMBOL OF GERMAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION.'"

B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (NEWS REPORT): "THE BONN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STATEMENT AND EXPRESSED CONSENT WITH HIS VIEW THAT AFTER A DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS 'THOUSANDS OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS' WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE ON U.S. SHIPS AND PLANES. THEREFORE, NATO ALLIES WOULD NOT BE LEFT UNPROTECTED 'IN CASE OF A ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION' FOR SRINF AND LRINF.

"U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG RICHARD BURT EXPLAINED HIS PRESIDENT'S POSITION IN BONN. BURT ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT... 'THE ALLIES MUST COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON A COMMON POSITION.' (BURT SAID THAT) THE U.S. DOES NOT WANT TO EXERT ANY PRESSURE ON THE OTHER NATO MEMBERS REGARDING THIS ISSUE. ACCORDING TO BURT THE U.S. CAN UNDERSTAND BONN'S STANCE OF NOT STATING ITS POSITION UNTIL AFTER THE PRESENTATION OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL....

"ACCORDING TO STATEMENTS IN BONN, THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS ARE VERBALLY PRESENTING THEIR PROPOSALS LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION THAT MOSCOW WANTS TO MAINTAIN A LATITUDE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS....

"IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIVATE TV STATION SAT 1, HELMUT KOHL CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO UNDERTAKE DISARMAMENT STEPS IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AS WELL. KOHL SAID THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM MOSCOW REGARDING (SUCH STEPS) DESPITE SOVIET (CONVENTIONAL) SUPERIORITY...."

C. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (NEWS REPORT): "FOLLOWING TALKS WITH DEPUTY CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG FLOOR LEADER VOLKER RUEHE, FRANK CARLUCCI, RONALD REAGAN'S SECURITY ADVISOR, SAID THAT THE INCLUSION OF (THE PERSHING 1) IN AN AGREEMENT ON THE ZERO SOLUTION IS 'COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.'

"AFTER HIS TALKS IN THE U.S. RUEHE SAID THAT... 'ONE IS SITTING AT THE SAME SIDE OF THE TABLE WITH THE U.S. AND THAT ONE WANTS TO ACHIEVE A ZERO SOLUTION FOR INF
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BEYOND THE 1,000-KILOMETER-RANGE DURING THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR.... RUEHE SAID THAT HE HAD FOUND 'GREAT UNDERSTANDING' FOR HIS VIEW THAT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE MORE CLOSELY LINKED TO CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT

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D. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (NEWS

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REPORT): "U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE FRG, RICHARD BURT, SAID IN BONN, WEDNESDAY, THAT IF THE SOVIET UNION WANTED TO BE SUCCESSFUL WITH IT POLICY OF 'GLASNOST' IT WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP THE 'BREZHNEV DOCTRINE' TOWARD OTHER COMMUNIST STATES IN EUROPE. BEFORE THE GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION (DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FUER AUSWAERTIGE POLITIK) BURT SAID THAT...THERE IS A 'FEELING OF NEW PROSPECTS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS PARTICULARLY IN THE SECTOR OF ARMS CONTROL.' HOWEVER, (BURT SAID) THAT THE 'EUROPEAN SECURITY PROBLEM GOES BEYOND THE QUESTION OF THE ARMAMENT LEVEL.'....

"THE BONN GOVERNMENT INTERPRETS SOVIET STATEMENTS IN GENEVA AS A CONFIRMATION THAT IT WAS RIGHT IN WAITING WITH DETERMINING ITS STANCE UNTIL THE PROPOSAL WAS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION.... THE CHANCELLERY AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED THIS STEP A 'PROVEN WISE DECISION.'....

"GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN FRIEDHLEM OST SAID THAT...BASICALLY THE CHANCELLOR IS IN FAVOR OF A ZERO SOLUTION FOR LRINF IN CONNECTION WITH A DEMAND FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON SHORTER-RANGE SYSTEMS WITH THE GOAL OF REACHING EQUAL CEILINGS.

2. BERLIN ANNIVERSARY

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

"WEST BERLIN MAYOR EBERHARD DIEPGEN WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING OF MAYORS IN EAST BERLIN AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. DIEPGEN HAD BEEN INVITED BY EAST BERLIN MAYOR KRACK. IN A GOVERNMENT ADDRESS BEFORE THE BERLIN SENAT, DIEPGEN CITED 'OTHER OBLIGATIONS' AS THE REASON FOR HIS TURNING DOWN THE INVITIATION. DIEPGEN DID NOT COMMENT ON WHETHER HE WAS GOING TO ACCEPT ERICH HONECKER'S INVITATION TO THE EAST BERLIN STATE ACT FESTIVITIES IN OCTOBER. DIEPGEN MERELY SAID: 'I WILL VISIT EAST BERLIN ON A MUCH MORE FREQUENT BASIS THIS YEAR.'

"WALTER MOMPER, SPD FLOOR LEADER IN THE BERLIN SENAT, CALLED ON DIEPGEN TO ACCEPT HONECKER'S INVITATION. ACCORDING TO MOMPER, IT COULD CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THAT BERLIN SERVES AS A PLATFORM FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN GERMAN-GERMAN RELATIONS. BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT PHILLIP JENNINGER CALLED ON THE 'RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE' IN THE GDR TO TAKE THE BERLIN ANNIVERSARY AS AN OCCASION TO PERMIT MORE TRANSPARENCE AND HUMANITY. JENNINGER SAID: 'THE WALL HAS BEEN STANDING FOR 25 YEARS NOW, 25 YEARS TOO LONG. GET SERIOUS ABOUT PEACE. TEAR DOWN THE WALL AND ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER.'

"IN A WELCOME ADDRESS PUBLISHED YESTERDAY, CHANCELLOR KOHL CONVEYED HIS CONGRATUALTIONS TO BERLIN ON BEHALF OF THE BONN GOVERNMENT. KOHL: 'THE BONN GOVERNMENT STICKS TO ITS OBLIGATION TO AID BERLIN.... NO OTHER CITY IN GERMANY MOVES US GERMANS AS MUCH AS BERLIN. THIS BIRTHDAY IS ALSO A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR THIS REASON.'

II. OTHER NEWS AND COMMENTARY
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A. DISARMAMENT (CONT'D)

A. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (REPORT BY RUEDIGER MONIAC): "PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LATEST STATEMENT CONCERNING 'EURO-MISSILES' DOES NOT MAKE IT ANY EASIER FOR THE GERMANS TO REACH A COMMON STANCE WITH THE U.S. VIS-A-VIS GORBACHEV'S PROPOSAL 'FOR A SECOND EUROPEAN ZERO SOLUTION' FOR MISSILES WITH A RANGE UP TO 1,000 KM.

"REAGAN (JUSTIFIED HIS STATEMENT) BY SAYING THAT, FOLLOWING A 'ZERO-ZERO SOLUTION,' THE EUROPEANS WOULD STILL BE PROTECTED BY THE REMAINING 'THOUSANDS OF AVAILABLE WARHEADS.'

THIS STATEMENT WAS QUITE A SHOCK FOR SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS IN EUROPE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. THEY MUST HAVE REALIZED THAT REAGAN OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT FULLY COMPREHEND THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE ONGOING SOVIET DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS HAVE CAUSED FOR EUROPE.

REAGAN'S REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON SHIPS AND PLANES CAN ONLY HAVE MEANT THE SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED MISSILES (SLBM) AND THE F-111 AIR-LAUNCHED MISSILES.

"HOWEVER, THIS FORM OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE WOULD GIVE RISE TO MORE INSTABILITY RATHER THAN MORE STABILITY.... THE WEAPONS MEANT BY REAGAN WOULD BE UNABLE TO HAVE A DETERRENT EFFECT ON THE SOVIETS.... THIS IS THE VIEW NOT ONLY OF LEADING MILITARY PLANNERS IN NATO, IT IS ALSO THE VIEW TAKEN BY BONN, WHERE THERE IS A GREATER SUSPICION THAT SPECIAL GERMAN INTERESTS ARE NOT BEING TAKEN SERIOUSLY IN THE U.S. FOR THIS REASON, BONN FEELS THAT IT HAS BEEN ALMOST LEFT IN THE LURCH.

"THE AIR-LAUNCHED MISSILES ARE UNSUITABLE BECAUSE, AS A RESULT OF THE ENORMOUS IMPROVEMENT OF WARSAW PACT AIR-DEFENSE SYSTEMS, THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL REACH THEIR TARGETS....

"THE U.S. SEA-LAUNCHED MISSILES ARE PART OF THE U.S. STRATEGIC ARSENAL. THEY ARE COMPONENTS OF U.S. STRATEGIC PLANNING. IF SOME OF THEM WERE USED TO REDUCE THE PRESSURE ON THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FRONT, THIS WOULD GIVE THE EAST THE IMPRESSION THAT THE U.S. WAS PLANNING TO INITIATE A GENERAL NUCLEAR STRIKE. THIS COULD RESULT IN THE SOVIET UNION...INITIATING A STRIKE AGAINST THE ENTIRE U.S. STRATEGIC POTENTIAL.

"IN VIEW OF THIS POSSIBILITY, EUROPEAN EXPERTS QUESTION WHETHER THE USE OF SLBM'S IN SUPPORT OF THE 'EUROPEAN THEATER' IS AT ALL CREDIBLE. THE EXPERTS SAY NO, IT ISN'T CREDIBLE, AND GO ON TO ASK THE QUESTION: WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. WOULD IMMEDIATELY...LAY THE U.S. OPEN TO A RESPONSE BY THE OTHER SIDE?

"IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT BONN SECURITY PLANNERS IN PARTICULAR CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO KEEP A GROUND-LAUNCHED NUCLEAR POTENTIAL WHICH IS UNDER U.S. CONTROL...."

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B. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (EDITORIAL): "WHILE CHANCELLOR KOHL IS WAITING BEFORE DETERMINING THE GERMAN RESPONSE (TO THE SOVIET ZERO SOLUTION PROPSALS), PRESIDENT REAGAN, SECRETARY END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT SCHULZ, AND AMBASSADOR RICHARD BURT HAVE LONG SINCE LAID DOWN THE COURSE IN INTERVIEWS....

"BONN AND WASHINGTON WANT TO HAVE (PERSHING 1A'S) CATEGORIZED AS 'THIRD COUNTRY SYSTEMS,' WHICH IN THE PAST HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN DISARMAMENT TALKS. HOWEVER, UNLIKE THE FRENCH MISSILES, THE PERSHING 1A'S ARE FULLY INTEGRATED IN NATO PLANNING, AND, BECAUSE OF THEIR U.S. WARHEADS, CANNOT BE CLEARLY CLASSIFIED AS THIRD COUNTRY SYSTEMS.

"THE CONTROVERSY HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR BONN, WHERE THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE MODERNIZATION OF PERSHING 1A. AN INF COMPROMISE COULD MAKE THIS DECISION UNNECESSARY."

B. BERLIN ANNIVERSARY

A. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (EDITORIAL BY MARIANNE HEUWAGEN): "THE POLICY OF MUTUAL VISITS PURSUED BY THE BERLIN SENAT WAS NOT AN AIM IN ITSELF. ACCORDING TO MAYOR EBERHARD DIEPGEN, IT SHOULD HELP CONTRIBUTE TO OVERCOMING THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE WALL. BUT THE BERLINERS ARE NOT THE MASTERS IN THEIR OWN HOUSE EITHER ON THIS SIDE OR ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL. THE ENTIRE CITY OF BERLIN IS SUBJECT TO THE FOUR-POWER-STATUS....

"DESPITE THE CANCELLATION OF EBERHARD DIEPGEN'S VISIT TO A MEETING OF MAYORS IN EAST BERLIN NOTHING HAS BEEN LOST IN THE BERLIN AND THE INTRA-GERMAN POLICIES. THE MUTUAL INVITATIONS HAVE SET SOME DEVELOPMENTS IN MOTION... THE CONTACTS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST BERLIN HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT THE TALKS BETWEEN THE POLITICIANS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MUTUAL VISITS WILL RESUME AFTER YEARS OF STANDING STILL. ONE COUNTS ON EASIER TRAVEL CONDITIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TALKS HAVE ALSO RESUMED ON THE EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY. THIS IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT TOPIC FOR WEST BERLIN. THE MOST MEANINGFUL SUCCESS OF THIS POLICY OF SMALL STEPS FOR BERLIN IS, HOWEVER, THE RESUMPTION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN CITY DISTRICTS IN EAST AND WEST....

"WHATEVER THE IMPACT OF THE ANNIVERSARY WILL BE, IT WILL BE MEASURED BY FACILITATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY. BERLIN DEPENDS MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITY ON THE OVERALL POLITICAL WORLD SITUATION, WHICH IS A RESULT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. ONE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT POLITICIANS IN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON KNOW THAT THE BERLINERS WILL LOOK WITH GREAT EXPECTATION TO THE GIFTS FROM THE

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WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW."

B. LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU (EDITORIAL): "THERE WILL BE NO POLITICAL DAMAGE LEFT RESULTING FROM EBERHARD DIEPGEN'S CANCELLATION OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING OF MAYORS IN EAST BERLIN...."

"THIS CANCELLATION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT NECESSARILY PREDICT THAT MR. DIEPGEN WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE STATE CELEBRATION IN EAST BERLIN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER, EVEN IF MANY CDU MEMBERS MIGHT HOPE FOR THAT OUTCOME. DURING AN OFFICIAL GDR CEREMONIAL EVENT IT IS MUCH EASIER TO POINT TO THE COMMON GROUND OF GERMANS AND BERLINERS...THAN DURING A MEETING OF MAYORS. MR. DIEPGEN CAN USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE WESTERN SIDE TO HAVE GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS WITH THE END OF MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: GERMAN MEDIA REACTION REPORT EASTERN SIDE AND THE GDR...."

C. INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN (EDITORIAL BY FRIEDHELM KEMNA): "THE ANNIVERSARY OF BERLIN IS THE MOST STARTLING ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD. THERE ARE CELEBRATIONS ON THIS SIDE AND THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL WHICH EXPRESS MORE ABOUT GERMAN-GERMAN RELATIONS THAN ANYTHING ELSE; WHERE IT IS SITUATED, HOW IT REPRESENTS ITSELF WITHIN ITS BORDERS WITH ALL ITS POSSIBILITIES TO OVERCOME BORDERS...."

"IT IS POSSIBLE TO TRY TO FILL THE NOT COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND DESTRUCTABLE UNITY OF WEST BERLIN WITH LIFE IN THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE NOT COVERED BY THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE CITY AND ITS PROTECTIVE POWERS.... THE BERLIN ANNIVERSARY CAN BE A INSTRUCTIVE SIGNAL FOR COMMON GROUND...."

D. PRO-CDU RHEINISCHE POST OF DUESSELDORF (EDITORIAL BY JOACHIM SOBOTTA): THE QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER EBERHARD DIEPGEN WILL GO TO THE OFFICIAL STATE CEREMONY AT THE EAST BERLIN OPERA HOUSE. HE WILL PROBABLY DO SO DESPITE ALL STATUS CONCERNS. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE GDR POWERS-THAT-BE, INCLUDING MR. DIEPGEN'S COLLEAGUE, EAST BERLIN MAYOR KRACK, WILL ILLEGALLY CELEBRATE THE SOVIET PART OF THE DEMILITARIZED FOUR-POWER CITY AS THE GDR CAPITAL...."

"ARE THESE ONLY 'QUESTIONS OF RED TAPE?'... IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO TALK ABOUT THE WALL AND BARBED WIRE IN THESE TIMES. IT IS COMFORTING THAT EBERHARD DIEPGEN WILL VISIT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY QUITE OFTEN IN 1987, BUT HE CANNOT CHANGE THE ABSURDITY OF THE DIVISION."

E. INDEPENDENT-CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST (EDITORIAL) "DIEPGEN (IN HIS ADDRESS BEFORE THE BERLIN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY) EXPRESSED HIS REGRET THAT HONECKER WILL NOT ATTEND THE (WEST BERLIN ANNIVERSARY) CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY AS IF THE END OF THE WORLD HAD COME."

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AND YET, DIEPGEN, THE VISIONARY, STILL DID NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION WHETHER HE INTENDS TO ACCEPT HONECKER'S INVITATION TO THE CEREMONIES IN THE SOVIET SECTOR, AN INVITATION WHICH AMOUNTS TO RECOGNIZING EAST BERLIN AS 'CAPITAL OF THE GDR.' DIEPGEN IS STUCK WITH HIS ILLUSIONS TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE STATUS OF BERLIN.

"WHAT WILL BE THE USE OF PRAISING THE ROLE OF THE WESTERN ALLIES AS PARTNERS AND PROTECTIVE POWERS, IF HE ALSO IMPLIES THAT THEY SECRETLY COOPERATE WITH THE SOVIETS TO TORPEDO HIS INVITATION POLICY? WHAT WILL BE THE USE OF CONDEMNING THE WALL AND THE ORDER TO USE FIREARMS, IF HE UPGRADES THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM?

"IT IS TIME FOR A GOOD FRIEND OF BERLIN, CHANCELLOR KOHL, TO TELL DIEPGEN THAT NOT THE SENAT BUT RATHER THE BONN ADMINISTRATION IS IN CHARGE OF GERMAN-GERMAN POLITICS. IT WOULD BE A BAD MISTAKE IF THE CHANCELLOR RELIED ON THE PROTECTIVE POWERS' RESERVATIONS IN VETOING DIEPGEN'S TRIP TO THE GDR STATE CEREMONY. DIEPGEN NEEDS GUIDELINES."

F. PRO-SPD VOLKSBLATT BERLIN (EDITORIAL): "MAYOR DIEPGEN'S STATEMENTS BEFORE PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY RESEMBLED THE PLEADING OF A LAWYER FOR THE DEFENSE IN COURT. IT IS STRANGE HOW, ALMOST UNNOTICED, HE TURNED END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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DOWN EAST BERLIN MAYOR KRACK'S INVITATION IN HIS SPEECH AND DID NOT EVEN MAKE AN EFFORT TO GIVE A PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION..."

C. CHARLES WICK

1. SUMMARY

SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED FACTUAL REPORTS ON THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS IN BONN.

2. HEADLINES

"INTENSIFIED YOUTH EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S." (BONNER RUNDSCHAU)

"YOUTH EXCHANGE WITH THE U.S. TO BE INTENSIFIED" (KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER)

3. TEXT

A. PRO-CDU BONNER RUNDSCHAU (NEWS REPORT):

"GERMAN-AMERICAN YOUTH EXCHANGE IS TO BE INTENSIFIED THROUGH THE CREATION OF A NEW COUNCIL. BARTHOLD WITTE, DIRECTOR OF THE CULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND CHARLES WICK, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICAL U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY USIS, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE COUNCIL ON YOUTH EXCHANGE WILL HOLD ITS CONSTITUENT SESSION IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL."

B. PRO-CDU RHEINISCHE POST OF DUESSELDORF (NEWS REPORT): "BARTHOLD WITTE, DIRECTOR OF THE CULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE, AND CHARLES WICK,

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DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICIAL U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY, STATED YESTERDAY THAT A YOUTH EXCHANGE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS CONSTITUENT SESSION IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN CULTURAL TALKS IN BONN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE CREATION OF A GERMAN-AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATION...."

C. INDEPENDENT/CONSERVATIVE BERLINER MORGENPOST (NEWS REPORT): "ACCORDING TO WICK (HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION) AND WITTE (HEAD OF THE WEST GERMAN DELEGATION) MANY MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME ABROAD THAN PRESENTLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THERE IS HOPE THAT THE PRESENT NUMBER OF YOUTH (PARTICIPATING IN EXCHANGES) CAN BE INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OVER THE 'NEXT FEW YEARS.'..."

"EAST-WEST RELATIONS WERE ANOTHER TOPIC IN THE TALKS. BOTH SIDES STATED THAT THE SOVIET 'OPENNESS' POLICY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER CULTURAL EXCHANGE WHICH SHOULD BE USED BY THE U.S. AND THE FRG. IN THE BI-LATERAL SECTOR AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE OPENING OF ADDITIONAL GOETHE INSTITUTES IN THE U.S.... THE U.S. WILL MAINTAIN ITS CULTURAL INSTITUTES IN THE FRG DESPITE ENORMOUS BUDGETARY PROBLEMS...."

D. BEIRUT HOSTAGES

1. SUMMARY

SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BONN CONCERNING GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF TWO GERMAN CITIZENS BEING HELD BY KIDNAPPERS IN BEIRUT.
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"GERMAN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON - BONN: WE WILL EXTRADITE HAMADEI..." (BILD ZEITUNG)

B. MASS-CIRCULATION CONSERVATIVE BILD ZEITUNG: "THE BONN CRISIS TEAM HAS INFORMED THE SHIITE ORGANIZATION HEZB-ALLAH VIA ISRAELI AND SYRIAN INTERMEDIARIES THAT THE TWO KIDNAPPED GERMAN MUST BE RELEASED NOW, OR THE EXTRADITION PROCEEDING AGAINST...HAMADEI WILL BE INITIATED...."

"A GOVERNMENT MEMBER TOLD BILD: 'OUR PATIENCE IS NOT BOUNDLESS. WE CANNOT WAIT FOR EVER.'

"BONN ALSO SIGNALLED THAT IF CORDES AND SCHMIDT ARE RELEASED, HAMADEI AND HIS BROTHER...WILL BE TRIED BY A GERMAN COURT. THE GOVERNMENT MEMBER SAID: 'HOWEVER, A TWO-FOR-TWO SWAP IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. WE ARE NOT BARGAINING IN AN ORIENTAL BAZAAR.'

"EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HAMADEI WILL COMMENCE WHEN THE JUSTICE MINISTRY PASSES ON THE EVIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS TO THE COURT IN FRANKFURT WHICH IS DEALING WITH THE MATTER. THE BONN POLITICAN SAID: 'WE

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WILL HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INFLUENCE AFTER PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEGUN.'"

E. KURT WALDHEIM

MANY OF YESTERDAY'S PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE U.S. DECISION NOT TO GRANT AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM AN ENTRY VISA.

A. CONSERVATIVE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (EDITORIAL BY JOHANN GEORG REISSMUELLER): "ON WHAT HAS WASHINGTON BASED ITS DECISION TO DECLARE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT KURT WALDHEIM AN UNDESIRABLE PERSON? SO FAR, ONLY ON CLAIMS MADE BY OTHERS WHICH ARE STILL UNPROVEN.

"IF A VAGUE SUSPICION IS ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, IT WILL BE VIOLATING A LEGAL PRINCIPLE WHICH IT HAS IN THE PAST ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGED.

"EVEN IGNORING THIS CASE, U.S. ACTIONS ARE RATHER CLOSE TO BEING HYPOCRITICAL. IN THE DECADES FOLLOWING WORLD WAR TWO, THE U.S. HAS INVITED A NUMBER OF STATESMEN WHO ARE GENERALLY KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN BLOODY CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. IN THOSE CASES IT WAN'T NECESSARY TO LOOK INTO ANY LISTS, AND THERE WASN'T ANY MORAL INDIGNATION --SOME OF THE GUESTS WERE EVEN TREATED WITH RESPECT AND SYMPATHY.

"HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? THE U.S. DID NOT WANT TO IGNORE COUNTRIES WHOSE HELP IT THOUGHT IT NEEDED.

"PRESIDENT WALDHEIM HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN GUILTY OF DISHONORABLE CONDUCT. YET THE U.S. FEELS THAT IT CAN BEHAVE HOW IT WANTS WITH TINY, NEUTRAL AUSTRIA...."

B. CONSERVATIVE DIE WELT OF BONN (EDITORIAL BY CARL GUSTAV STROEHM): "THE DECISION BY U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE...DID NOT COME AS A SURPRISE. THE FIRE DIRECTED AT THE FORMER U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL BY INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES ON THE EAST COAST, AND ESPECIALLY FROM JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, WAS TOO INTENSE.... AFTER ALL
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ITS RECENT DEBACLES, THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO TO AVOID A WALDHEIM CONFLICT WITH CONGRESS AND THE U.S. PUBLIC....

"WASHINGTON'S DECISION WAS BASED ON REASONS WHICH HAVE MORE TO DO WITH DOMESTIC POLICY. IT DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT AUSTRIA, AS A WESTERN DEMOCRACY, IS SITUATED AT ONE OF THE MOST DELICATE POINTS ON THE EUROPEAN MAP....

"U.S.-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS...WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. TO THIS EXTENT THE CASE OF KURT WALDHEIM STOPPED BEING MERELY AN AUSTRIAN PROBLEM LONG AGO."

C. INDEPENDENT/LIBERAL SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG OF MUNICH (EDITORIAL BY JOSEF RIEDMUELLER): "THE DECISION...IS AN EVENT UNIGUE AMONG FRIENDLY COUNTRIES....

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"BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE A REASON FOR AMAZED SURPRISE.... IT WAS CLEAR RIGHT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT THIS PRESIDENT WOULD BE A BURDEN FOR AUSTRIA, NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF HIS REAL OR SUSPECTED DEEDS, BUT BECAUSE OF HIS LACK OF HONESTY TO THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC.

"WALDHEIM CAN DO NOTHING FOR AUSTRIA, NOT EVEN REPRESENT THE COUNTRY AS IT DESERVES TO BE. HE WILL COMPEL AUSTRIA TO BE A PRISONER OF HIS OWN PAST FOR THE SIX YEARS HE IS IN OFFICE.

"THAT WAS ALL PREDICTABLE, BUT TODAY IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO SAY THAT AUSTRIA REFUSES TO BE BLACKMAILED. THE SITUATION IS MUCH WORSE THAN THAT: IT IS RUNNING THE DANGER OF BEING POLITICALLY ISOLATED...."

D. INDEPENDENT GENERAL-ANZEIGER OF BONN (EDITORIAL BY HERMANN EICH): "IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO PROVE AN INDIVIDUAL'S GUILT BEFORE PUTTING HIS NAME ON THE WATCH LIST. ONCE ON THE LIST, A NAME CAN BE STRUCK OFF ONLY IF THE INDIVIDUAL CAN PROVE HIS INNOCENCE.

"THIS REVERSAL OF THE BURDEN OF PROOF GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE LAW IS BEING BENT.... IT IS PARTICULARLY ABSURD THAT A DISTINCTION IS MADE BETWEEN PRIVATE PERSONS...AND OFFICIAL GUESTS."

E. PRO-SPD WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSCHAU OF DORTMUND (EDITORIAL BY JOACHIM WESTHOFF): "THE NICE LEGAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN WALDHEIM AS A PRIVATE PERSON...AND WALDHEIM AS A HEAD OF STATE IS POLITICALLY MEANINGLESS HAIR-SPLITTING. THE AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT IS UNWELCOME IN THE U.S. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT."

F. FRG ARMS EXPORTS

PRO-CDU WEEKLY RHEINISCHER MERKUR OF BONN CARRIED EDITORIAL COMMENT BY WALTER BAJOHR. BAJOHR STARTS OFF WITH THE RECENT CONTROVERSY OVER ARMS EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH AROSE DURING CHAIM HERZOG'S VISIT TO GERMANY. BAJOHR COMMENTS THAT THE FRG HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S FOURTH-LARGEST ARMS EXPORTER DESPITE DOMESTIC LAWS RESTRICTING SUCH WEAPONS SALES. BAJOHR ATTRIBUTES THIS FACT TO ECONOMIC REASONS.

BAJOHR WRITES: "THE GERMAN ARMAMENT INDUSTRY IS WORRIED THAT IT WILL NOT RECEIVE ENOUGH ORDERS ONCE THE MAJOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE LEOPARD 2 AND THE TORNADO HAVE END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPIRED. HOWEVER, A REDUCTION IN PRESENT CAPACITY WILL ALSO RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF JOBS. FURTHERMORE, THE DEFENSE MINISTRY FEARS THAT THE GERMAN ARMS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY WILL LOSE SOME OF ITS TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW. CONSEQUENTLY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE COMBINED INTO MUTUAL EFFORTS AIMED AT GUARANTEEING THAT THE GERMAN ARMS INDUSTRY WILL BE USED TO CAPACITY IN

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THE FUTURE AS WELL.

"BONN WANTS TO CONTINUE RESTRICTING EXPORTS OF HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH BASICALLY MEANS IT DOES NOT ALLOW FOR ANY EXPORTS TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF NATO. HOWEVER, MOST CUSTOMERS AND ARMS MANUFACTURERS ARE INTERESTED IN TRADING FOR PRECISELY THIS EQUIPMENT. THERE IS ALSO HIGH DEMAND FOR OTHER ARMS-RELATED ITEMS SUCH AS LICENSES, BLUEPRINTS AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW. HOWEVER, THE HIGH NATIONAL DEBTS IN MOST THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO STRIKE SUCH COMPREHENSIVE DEALS. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE DECREASING DEMAND, COMPETITION AMONG ARMS EXPORTERS IS BECOMING MORE FIERCE.

"BONN IS ALSO GETTING INTO AN EVEN DEEPER CONFLICT WHEN TRYING TO RECONCILE ITS WISHES WITH EXISTING LEGAL REGULATIONS. IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASED EXPORTS OF CONSTRUCTION COMPONENTS INSTEAD OF COMPLETE WEAPONS SYSTEMS IT WILL BECOME EASIER TO CIRCUMVENT SOME RESTRICTIONS. A CLEAR DEFINITION OF WHERE CIVILIAN USE OF AN ELECTRONIC COMPONENT STOPS AND WHERE THE MILITARY USE COMES IN WILL SIMPLY BE NO LONGER POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE THE TREND TOWARDS MORE SECRECY.

"A CLEAR-CUT SITUATION WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN GERMANY'S BEST INTEREST: IT WOULD CONSIST OF EITHER BARRING ALL WEAPONS EXPORTS WITH ALL THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OR OF COMPLETE FREE TRADE (OF WEAPONS)."

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