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SUBJECT: Senat Views on Current Berlin Developments

Senat has informed Allied Missions that at June 22 session Brandt current Berlin gave Senat following assessment of/situation: He expressed view that current developments do not necessarily presage serious new crisis. Referring to recent expressions of concern by Bonn officials and certain West German papers that new Berlin crisis might be imminent, Brandt expressed belief that such statements inspired by partisan political considerations; i.e., that CDU hoped to derive political advantage from crisis atmosphere. Brandt saw no connection between Communist moves in Berlin situation and Vietnam developments. He does not believe that Soviets interested in diversionary crisis here but that, on contrary, Ulbricht trying to exploit present Soviet problems vis-a-vis Chicomos and Southeast Asia in order to advance GDR objectives and relative autonomy.

1. East German Helicopter Flights: Majority of Senat members expressed grave anxiety and concern over developments of past week.

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With Senat endorsement Brandt sent secret message to Chancellor June 22, making following points: Referring to consultations between FedRep and Allies re helicopter flights, Brandt's message pointedly states that Senat considers matter most important and would appreciate being kept fully informed about contents and results of quadripartite consultations. Emphasizing illegality of SovZone helicopter flights, their significance, and "futility of Allied protests in BASC", Brandt urges Chancellor to advise Allies to protest at higher level, preferably "to approach SovGovernment directly in Moscow."

2. Rail Tariffs and Barge Permits: Brandt not convinced that East German moves in this field necessarily related to other recent Berlin developments, such as helicopter flights, June 15 shooting incident and pass talks, which have increased tensions here. He expressed view that East Germans principally interested in raising West/East German negotiations to government level. Increase in railroad freight rates would present little, if any, financial gain for East Germans, Brandt thought. He estimated that increase would be divided about evenly, with new rates costing FedRep another DM 5.5 million and East Germans paying about 4.5 million. It appeared inevitable, Brandt thought, that East Germans would require separate bill of lading for East German portion of interzonal rail freight

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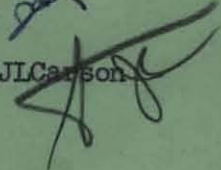
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movements. He told Senat that Federal Transport Ministry representative would visit East Berlin at end of this week to negotiate rail tariff questions with East Germans. Re barge permits, GovMayor informed Senat that Federal Cabinet had approved dispatch of letter to East Germans cited in Bonntel 4954 to Department.

Senat decisions concerning Berlin pass talks/~~reported accepted~~ being reported by airgram.

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