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SUBJECT: SOVIET PLANS FOR EAST BERLIN

AT YESTERDAY'S QUADRIPARTITE MEETING, THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVE (ONCKEN) SAID THAT THE FRG HAD RECEIVED A REPORT INDICATING THAT EVEN BEFORE KHRUSHCHEV'S OUSTER, THE USSR MAY HAVE DECIDED TO INCORPORATE EAST BERLIN INTO THE GDR IN 1965. ACCORDING TO WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A GOOD SOURCE, BREZHNEV EXPRESSED THIS IDEA ON OCTOBER 7 IN EAST BERLIN.

BREZHNEV REPORTEDLY TOLD A GROUP OF TOP EAST GERMAN FUNCTIONARIES THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS STICKING TO ITS LINE

TO CHANGE THE TDR ELECTION LAW IN 1965. "EAST BERLIN WOULD NO LONGER BE CUT OUT", AS ONCKEN PUT IT. THIS WOULD MOST PROBABLY OCCUR IN THE SPRING OF 1965. THE SETTLEMENT WOULD BE "BINDING UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (VOELKERRECHTLICH VERBINDLICH)." AS A RESULT THE CAPITAL OF THE GDR WOULD NOT BE SUBORDINATED TO ANY RULES EXCEPT THOSE PROCEEDING FROM THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE GDR.

THE SOURCE COMMENT ON THIS REPORT WAS THAT IT ADDED TO OTHER INDICATIONS THAT WE MIGHT SOON HAVE TO RECKON WITH EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE SPECIAL STATUS OF EAST BERLIN. ONCKEN SAID THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED "TWO OR THREE" SIMILAR REPORTS SINCE MID-OCTOBER. THE MOST THAT COULD BE SAID WAS THAT IT MIGHT HAPPEN, AND THE FONOFF WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING OF ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS RECEIVE ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

AT ANOTHER POINT IN THE MEETING AND IN A DIFFERENT CONTEXT, ONCKEN COMMENTED THAT SED GERMAN POLICY STILL WAS NOT CLEAR AFTER THE MOSCOW CHANGES. THE GDR WAS KEEPING UP ITS OLD ROUTINES AND DEMANDS IN PRE-ESTABLISHED FIELDS OF NEGOTIATION (PASSES, RAILWAYS, ETC.), BUT THERE WERE NO NEW DEPARTURES.

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ULBRIGHT WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LEADERS, AND ALSO TO WIN MOSCOW OVER TO THE SED TOUGH LINE ON GERMANY AND BERLIN.

COMMENT:

THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SED IS CONCERNED TO SELL MOSCOW A HARD LINE ON BERLIN IS NOW WIDESPREAD IN GERMANY. THE EMBASSY WILL COMMENT THEREON IN A BROADER MESSAGE ON CURRENT DEALINGS BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE ZONE.

THE REPORT ON BREZHNEV WAS EARLIER SENT IN BY CAS, WHO TEND TO DISCOUNT IT.

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