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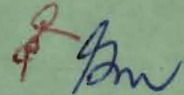
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principle applies for all agreements which can be made in near or distant future: it must be guaranteed that GDR laws will be respected and our republic suffers no damages."

Comment: Editorial appears addressed to Eastern as well as Western advocates of freer travel; content and defensive tone suggest GDR regime attempting inter alia to answer East German population requests to travel westward. It thus furnishes additional GDR evidence that GDR "expectations" presented at Jan 17 Korber-Wendt meeting are addressed in part at least to presumed maximum Western proposal of Jan 3.

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