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1. After intimating publicly that more stringent measures against exfiltration activities were in offing (reftel), GDR now seeking to demonstrate its earnest through more frequent announcements of arrests on auto-bahn. Since October 4, GDR media in almost daily reports on subject, have announced detention of a total of five FRG and five West Berlin residents for "misuse of Transit Agreement." Apparently to strengthen their intimidating effect on potential exfiltrators and

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exfiltrates, latest announcements also make the point that those detained will undergo trial in GDR.

2. According to Senat officials, GDR announcements reflect actual increase in arrests on autobahn. ~~Q~~ period October 4 - 9. The number of arrests for ~~first nine days of October~~ August is equal to total number arrested in ~~July~~ and one short of total arrested in September. The Senat is watching closely to see if increase in arrests represents a trend. GDR continues to inform Senat of names of those arrested before making public announcements. When we queried Peter Herz, Senat Chancellery Director, if names released by GDR were known to be ~~former~~ professional exfiltration types, Herz said that Berlin police were checking names. However, none of names released by GDR were on list of "exfiltrators" provided by Kohl to Bahr. Our impression is that, rather than institute searches at checkpoints and risk being accused of violating QA and Transit Agreement, GDR has intensified surveillance of suspected individuals and pick-up points, with arrests taking place on the spot.

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