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1. We share Bonn's view that it is too early to know if spate of recent GDR exfiltration arrests represents trend. According to Senat report, 61 West Germans and West Berliners were arrested on transit routes January 1-September 30 (Jan, 4; Feb, 3; March, 9; April, 6; May, 6; June, 3; July, 9; August, 10; and Sept, 11). From GDR announcements we know at least 11 persons were arrested in first half of October.

2. It is clear GDR is continuing to put pressure on Senat, as well as FRG, to take measures against

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exfiltration. At Oct 9 Kunze-Mitdank meeting, Mitdank attacked Senat for not halting activities of commercial exfiltrators operating out of West Berlin, and gave Kunze list of 20 alleged exfiltration operatives with their addresses. (Among them was Kay Mierendorff, responsible for involvement of number of U.S. Forces personnel.) Mitdank also supplied details about three West Berliners who had been arrested for exfiltration activities and asked what Senat would do about cases such as these. Kunze replied that Senat would check to see if West Berlin laws had been violated.

3. Senat Chancellery Head Herz ^{commented} ~~commented~~ to Mission officer that it appeared that increased GDR vigilance on transit routes had resulted in arrest of amateur altruistic exfiltrators along with commercial operators. He believed that GDR had not made all-out effort in past to stop private attempts on transit routes.

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