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1. WOLF-RUEDIGER'S ROUTINE REQUEST TO VISIT HESS LATER THIS MONTH WAS VETOED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNOR TODAY ON THE GROUNDS THAT WOLF-RUEDIGER HAD BROKEN THE PROMISE HE MADE ON EACH VISIT TO THE PRISON NOT TO DIVULGE THE CONTENT AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VISIT TO THE MEDIA. SAVIN CLAIMED THAT WOLF-RUEDIGER CONSTANTLY DIVULGED SUCH INFORMATION AND IT WAS TIME HE WAS TAUGHT A LESSON. THE WESTERN GOVERNORS EXPRESSED CONCERN BUT, GIVEN THE REQUIREMENT FOR UNANIMITY, HAD NO OPTION BUT TO ACCEPT THE SOVIET VETO. (OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT SAVIN REJECTED THE APPLICATION ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY.)

2. THE AGREED SPANDAU PROCEDURE PROVIDES THAT THE CHAIRMAN (UK) GOVERNOR SHOULD NOW WRITE TO WOLF-RUEDIGER STATING THAT THE GOVERNORS ARE UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST FOR A VISIT IN MAY BUT SUGGESTING THAT HE MAKE A FURTHER APPLICATION FOR A JUNE VISIT. (THE PRISON SECRETARIAT, HOWEVER, WILL INFORM WOLF-RUEDIGER BY TELEPHONE THAT ANY OTHER ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER MAY STILL APPLY TO MAKE THIS MONTH'S VISIT.)

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3. WE SEE NO WAY ROUND THE SOVIET VETO. THE MATTER COULD BE RAISED AGAIN AT THE NEXT GOVERNORS' MEETING BUT IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT SAVIN WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND OR, INDEED, THAT WE COULD COUNT ON AMERICAN AND FRENCH SUPPORT TO PERSUADE HIM TO DO SO.

4. OUR GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO WRITE TO WOLF-RUEDIGER ON 6 MAY. THE REJECTION OF HIS APPLICATION WILL THEREFORE PROBABLY NOT BECOME PUBLIC UNTIL NEXT WEEK. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS ENQUIRIES WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY THAT A LETTER HAS BEEN SENT TO WOLF-RUEDIGER INFORMING HIM THAT THE GOVERNORS CANNOT ACCEDE TO HIS REQUEST THIS MONTH. IF PRESSED WE WOULD SAY THAT WE CANNOT COMMENT ON QUADRIPARTITE DECISIONS. BUT WE WOULD NOT DISABUSE ENQUIRIES OF ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE REJECTION OF THE REQUEST HAD IN FACT RESULTED FROM A SOVIET VETO.

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