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BRUSSELS, ROME, MODUK (DS17), SOFIA, BELGRADE, BUCHAREST,
BUDAPEST, EAST BERLIN, WARSAW, PRAGUE.

EAST BERLIN TELNO 142 AND PARA 4 OF MY TELNO 1214: POSSIBLE
WARSAW PACT SUMMIT.

1. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONFLICTING RUMOURS HERE.

ACCORDING TO THE FRG EMBASSY THE BULGARIAN CHARGE IN BONN HAS
CONFIRMED THAT THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WARSAW
PACT WILL MEET IN MOSCOW BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER. THIS
INFORMATION WAS GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO A GERMAN QUESTION WHEN THE
BULGARIAN PAID AN OFFICIAL CALL TO HAND OVER A COPY OF THE RECENT
WARSAW PACT COMMUNIQUE.

2. AGAINST THAT, THE ROMANIANS TELL US THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE
PROPOSED A SUMMIT FOR LATE NOVEMBER, AS A RESPONSE TO THE
LIKELY REAFFIRMATION OF NATO INF DEPLOYMENT PLANS IN THE BUNDESTAG
DEBATE AND AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF NATO DEFENCE MINISTERS.
THEY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT AN IMMINENT SUMMIT, BUT SPECULATED THAT IF
ONE WAS IN PROSPECT IT MIGHT BE ARRANGED DIRECTLY THROUGH CENTRAL
COMMITTEES.

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