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INF: GERMAN ATTITUDES.

SUMMARY

1. WITH GENSCHER ABOUT TO MEET GROMYKO IN VIENNA AT THE WEEKEND, AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT'S ACTION WEEK BEGINNING SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE STILL CLAIMING THAT A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE IN GENEVA, AND ARE EMPHASIZING THEIR COMMITMENT, EVEN IF DEPLOYMENT PROVES NECESSARY, TO A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH THE EAST. LARGE SCALE ANTI-INF DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED THROUGHOUT THE FRG DURING THE COMING WEEK (DETAIL IN MIFT). THE AUTHORITIES ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN CONTROL THEM, BUT SOME VIOLENCE SEEMS INEVITABLE.

DETAIL

2. GENSCHER, SPEAKING IN THE BUNDESTAG ON 13 OCTOBER, DESCRIBED A SOVIET MONOPOLY IN INF AS UNACCEPTABLE, BUT SAID THAT:
(A) THE WEST REMAINED ANXIOUS FOR AGREEMENT AT GENEVA WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. IF THE RUSSIANS WOULD GIVE UP THEIR INSISTENCE ON TAKING ACCOUNT OF THIRD COUNTRY SYSTEMS, THE WAY TO AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE FREE. WHAT YOU AND



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MITTERRAND HAD SAID ON THE SUBJECT AT UNGA WAS AN ADDITIONAL REASON FOR MAKING A DRASTIC REDUCTION IN SOVIET AND AMERICAN STRATEGIC POTENTIAL, AS PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD ADVOCATED.

(B) THOSE WHO, IN THEIR CONCERN AT THE POSSIBLE FURTHER DEPLOYMENT, DISMISSED THE DANGER TO WESTERN EUROPE CREATED BY EXISTING SOVIET DEPLOYMENT, ENDANGERED THE SUCCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRIBUTED TO DESTABILISATION IN EUROPE.

(C) THE FRG WOULD ADHERE TO ITS LONG-STANDING POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH ITS EASTERN NEIGHBOURS, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION.

3. THE FEDERAL SPOKESMAN HAS REJECTED THE SOVIET ALLEGATION THAT INF DEPLOYMENT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE EASTERN TREATIES. HE DESCRIBED THE VARIOUS STORIES THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ABOUT TO BREAK OFF THE GENEVA TALKS AS PART OF A PROPAGANDA WAR OF NERVES, DESIGNED TO FUEL THE PEACE MOVEMENT'S ACTIVITIES. VOLKER RUEHE, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE CDU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY, WHO WENT WITH BAHR TO MOSCOW EARLIER THIS WEEK, HAS CLAIMED HE WAS TOLD IN MOSCOW THAT THOUGH THE RUSSIANS WOULD INTERRUPT THE GENEVA TALKS IF DEPLOYMENT BEGAN, THEY WOULD NOT BREAK OFF THE TALKS COMPLETELY. AN EARNEST OF THEIR INTENTIONS WAS THAT THE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEE'S SOVIET HOSTS HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO BONN FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1984.

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INF: PEACE MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

1. THE PRE-PROGRAMMED CLIMAX TO THE FRG PEACE MOVEMENT'S AUTUMN CAMPAIGN AGAINST INF STATIONING WILL TAKE THE FORM OF AN ACTION WEEK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FROM 15 TO 22 OCTOBER. THE MAIN DEMONSTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MAJOR CITIES AND AT US MILITARY BASES. THE AUTHORITIES EXPECT UP TO A MILLION PEOPLE TO TAKE PART INCLUDING, ON 22 OCTOBER, SOME 300,000 IN BONN ALONE.

2. PEACE MOVEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN NOTABLE FOR THEIR ORDERLINESS AND LACK OF VIOLENCE. THIS TIME THE PREVAILING VIEW IS THAT SOME VIOLENT INCIDENTS WILL BE INEVITABLE, THOUGH THE AUTHORITIES ARE EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE SITUATION.

3. AUTONOMOUS GROUPS IN THE PEACE MOVEMENT ARE KNOWN TO BE MORE INCLINED TO VIOLENCE THAN THE MAINSTREAM, AND TO BE INTENDING TO FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS ON THE NORTHERN PARTS OF BREMERHAVEN AND NORDENHAM WHERE MILITARY EQUIPMENT COMING BY SEA FROM THE USA IS LANDED. A CURTAIN-RASING BLOCKADE OF US BARRACKS AT BREMERHAVEN ON 13 OCTOBER, INVOLVING SEVERAL HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS, PASSED OFF WITH ONLY MINOR CLASHES WITH THE POLICE, BUT ONE DEMONSTRATOR IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL WITH HEAD INJURIES.

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4. ALL THE EVIDENCE IS THAT GERMAN AND AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS RATHER THAN BRITISH ONES WILL BE THE MAIN TARGETS. ONLY A FEW MINOR DEMONSTRATIONS OUTSIDE BRITISH MILITARY SITES ARE EXPECTED. THIS EMBASSY, ALONG WITH THOSE OF THE USA, USSR, FRANCE, CHINA, INDIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA, WILL BE THE TARGET OF A HUMAN CHAIN DEMONSTRATION ON 22 OCTOBER, AND WE MAY GET THE BACKWASH OF DEMONSTRATIONS ON OTHER DAYS AGAINST NEIGHBOURING BUILDINGS. (WE ARE TAKING SUITABLE PRECAUTIONS.)

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