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MY TELNO 441 : INNER GERMAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY

1. INCREASING INTENSITY OF INNER GERMAN CONTACTS.

DETAIL

2. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND AND THE WEST GERMAN PRESS TODAY REPORT ON A WIDE RANGE OS ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE FRG/WEST BERLIN.

3. THE CONTACTS INCLUDE:

A. MEETINGS BETWEEN FRG AND GDR POST MINISTERS. WIDE RANGING IMPROVEMENTS ARE ENVISAGED. THE INSTALLATION OF A FURTHER 188 SEMI AUTOMATIC CONNECTIONS BY 20 DECEMBER WILL TAKE PLACE.

B. FRG AND GDR TRANSPORT MINISTER/STATE SECRETARY. AUTOBAHN AND RAIL LINKS WERE DISCUSSED. FRG ROLLING STOCK IS ALREADY BEING USED IN THE GDR. THE HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK BETWEEN BERLIN AND HANNOVER WAS ALSO MENTIONED AS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR BOTH SIDES.

C. FRG AND GDR METAL WORKERS UNIONS LEADERS ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT ON FUTURE COOPERATION INCLUDING JOINT TRAINING ETC.

D. A VOLKSKAMMER BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCED THE LIKELIHOOD OF A JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR WITH THE GDR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER IFA, TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ENTERPRISE WITH 50% HOLDING ON BOTH SIDES TO PRODUCE A SUCCESSOR TO THE GDR TRABANT (SMALL CAR)

E. AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL CDU NORTH RHEINE WESTPHALIA CHAIRMAN

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(AND FEDERAL MINISTER) BLUM WILL BE A GUEST AT THE INAUGURAL PARTY CONFERENCE OF DEMOCRATIC AWAKENING OVER THE WEEKEND. SPD LEADER, VOGEL HAS MET THE LEADERS OF THE SDP (EAST). VOGEL SAID THAT THE SDP WAS A PARTNER FOR THE SPD. GENSCHER MADE A 'PRIVATE' VISIT TO EAST BERLIN ON 12 DECEMBER WHERE HE MET EPPELMANN (DEMOCRATIC AWAKENING).

F. ON 12 DECEMBER GOVERNING MAYOR MOMPER MET PRIME MINISTER MODROW IN EAST BERLIN. ACCORDING TO NEUES DEUTSCHLAND THEIR TALKS COVERED WIDE RANGING COOPERATION BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND THE GDR, WEST BERLIN'S INVOLVEMENT IN A PROPOSED 'TREATY PARTNERSHIP' IN A WIDE RANGE OF SECTORS AND MOMPER'S SUGGESTION FOR A REGIONAL COMMITTEE. OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS OF COOPERATION PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC TRANSPORT AND BUSINESS FIELDS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

G. CHANCELLOR KOHL WILL EXTEND HIS VISIT TO THE GDR (DRESDEN) FROM 19 TO INCLUDE ALSO 20 DECEMBER (TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION).

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