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FM EAST BERLIN
TO DESKBY 181700Z FCO
TELNO 320
OF 181545Z OCTOBER 89
AND TO IMMEDIATE KUALA LUMPUR

IN FCO FOR WED AND EED
KUALA LUMPUR FOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S PARTY

MY TELNO 318 : LEADERSHIP CHANGE : MESSAGES

SUMMARY

1. NO MESSAGES TO BE SENT AT THIS STAGE.

DETAIL

2. KRENZ HAS BEEN ELECTED SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SED AS HONECKER'S SUCCESSOR. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO SEND MESSAGES ON A CHANGE OF PARTY LEADERSHIP.
3. WHEN THE VOLKSKAMMER MEETS (POSSIBLY NOT UNTIL ITS SCHEDULED SESSION IN EARLY DECEMBER) TO ELECT KRENZ (AS PROPOSED BY THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE) AS HEAD OF STATE IT WOULD THEN BE 'NORMAL' PROCEDURE FOR THE QUEEN TO SEND HIM A MESSAGE (AS HEAD OF STATE OF A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UK IS IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS).
4. DSP VOL 75 DOES NOT COVER THIS QUESTION AND THERE IS NO LOCAL PRECEDENT. HONECKER REPLACED ULBRICHT IN 1971 BEFORE THE UK ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.
5. WE SHALL COMPARE NOTES WITH EC/NATO PARTNERS AND SEND CONSIDERED ADVICE. ANY GUIDANCE YOU COULD GIVE US BASED ON PRECEDENT IN OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD BE WELCOME.

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