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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF PRIVATE OFFICE
WAS RECEIVED FROM EAST BERLIN TELEGRAM NUMBER 318 OF 18 OCTOBER.

BEGINS:

INFO IMMEDIATE BONN, BMG BERLIN, MOSCOW, WASHINGTON, UKDEL NATO
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TELECON WEEKS/WORDSWORTH (WED) : GDR LEADERSHIP CHANGE

SUMMARY

1. HONECKER, STEPS DOWN FROM ALL THREE OF HIS JOBS. KRENZ
REPLACES HIM. NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER OTHER LEADERSHIP CHANGES
WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

DETAIL

2. RUMOURS BEGAN CIRCULATING THIS MORNING WITH THE ARRIVAL
IN EAST BERLIN OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM THE PROVINCES
THAT A SPECIAL CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.
THESE RUMOURS WERE GIVEN FURTHER SUBSTANCE BY INFORMAL REMARKS
MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT THEY "HOPED" THAT
"CHANGES" WOULD BE ANNOUNCED.

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