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MY TELNO 462 : INNER GERMAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY

1. WEIZSEACKER'S SPEECH ON REUNIFICATION, AS WELL AS OTHER WEST GERMAN CALLS FOR CALM, REPORTED PROMINENTLY IN THE EAST GERMAN PRESS.

DETAIL

2. PRESIDENT WEIZSAECKER'S INTERVIEW ON EAST GERMAN TELEVISION LAST NIGHT WAS REPORTED IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND TODAY. POINTS PICKED OUT WERE:

A. '' WE HAVE TO PROCEED WITH GREAT CARE. WE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE (IN THE GDR'S AFFAIRS).'' NO-ONE SHOULD USE THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR THEIR OWN PRESENT PURPOSES.''

B. '' NO-ONE FROM HERE (FRG) SHOULD STIR THINGS UP. I THINK THAT WE TOO HAVE SOMETHING TO LEARN ABOUT THE WAY IN WHICH THIS PROCESS WILL CONTINUE. THEREFORE WE SHOULD THINK WITH THEM AND COOPERATE, BUT NOT PRESCRIBE WHAT WILL HAPPEN AND CERTAINLY NOT ACT IN A PATRONISING MANNER.''

C. '' MY VIEW IS THAT WE ARE ONE NATION, AND WHAT BELONGS TOGETHER WILL GROW TOGETHER, BUT IT MUST NOT BE FORCED TOGETHER. WE NEED TIME. IF IT IS TO GROW TOGETHER, THEN IT CAN ONLY DO SO ON THE BASIS OF THE EXISTING SITUATION, NAMELY TWO STATES OF ONE NATION SEMI CLN AND ONLY WHEN THE TWO OF THEM ARE FOLLOWING A SOUND COURSE CAN THEY GROW TOGETHER IN A SOUND WAY.''

D. HE WAS IN FAVOUR OF RAPID HELP FOR THE GDR.

E. '' GERMAN HISTORY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHANGING PATTERN OF GERMAN INFLUENCE ON OUR NEIGHBOURS AND OUR NEIGHBOURS' INFLUENCE ON US. THAT IS NOT A LIMITATION OF OUR SELF-DETERMINATION, BUT IT IS

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HOWEVER A CHALLENGE TO OUR GOOD SENSE AND OUR CO-RESPONSIBILITY
FOR EUROPE AS A WHOLE.''

3. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ALSO REPORTS CALLS BY MISCHNIK (FDP) NOT TO
STIR UP THE DEBATE ABOUT REUNIFICATION AND MOMPER'S REMARKS AT
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN WEST BERLIN ABOUT HIS INTEREST
IN THE SUITABILITY OF THE REFORM PROCESS IN THE GDR. NEUES DEUTSCH-
LAND DID NOT REPORT THAT MODROW HAS ACCEPTED MOMPER'S INVITATION
TO VISIT WEST BERLIN.

COMMENT

4. GIVEN THE FRAGILE STATE OF CENTRAL AUTHORITY IN THE GDR AT THE
MOMENT IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT WESTERN
POLITICIANS, ABOVE ALL THOSE IN THE FRG WHO COMMAND RESPECT IN THE
GDR, (WHICH VON WEIZSAECKER DOES) HAVE BEEN GIVEN PROMINENCE
HERE.

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