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GERMAN UNIFICATION : SECURITY ASPECTS

SUMMARY

1. GENSCHER APPARENTLY SHIFTS POSITION ON THE FUTURE OF THE EAST GERMAN ARMED FORCES.

DETAIL

2. IN A REPORT FILED FROM OTTAWA ON GENSCHER'S VISIT, THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE REPORTS TODAY GENSCHER'S VIEWS ABOUT THE TWO PLUS FOUR PROCESS. ACCORDING TO GENNRICH, THE PAPER'S POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, GENSCHER APPEARED TO THINK THAT IN A UNITED GERMANY, WHICH BELONGED TO NATO AND WAS NOT DEMILITARISED, BUT WITHOUT NATO UNITS BEING DEPLOYED EASTWARDS, A TERRITORIAL FORCE NOT SUBORDINATED TO NATO COULD BE FORMED ON THE TERRITORY OF THE PRESENT GDR FROM MEMBERS OF THE NVA.

COMMENT

3. AUSWAERTIGES AMT OFFICIALS AGREE WITH US THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME GENSCHER SEEMS TO BE ACCEPTING THAT GERMAN TERRITORIAL FORCES (IE NOT JOINT POLICE FORCES) WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE FORMER GDR AFTER UNIFICATION. IF SO, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS THE POSITION HELD BY KOHL AND STOLTENBERG. GENSCHER MAY HAVE DECIDED THAT HIS PREVIOUS INSISTENCE THAT THERE BE NO GERMAN TROOPS IN THE FORMER GDR WAS UNTENABLE. BUT HE HAS NOT (NOT) YET SAID TO DIRECTLY.

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