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COUNTRY WEST GERMANY/CZECHOSLOVAKIA/USSR

DCI [REDACTED]

SUBJECT SOVIET [REDACTED] OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
AND ON EAST-WEST GERMAN RELATIONS

ACQ [REDACTED]

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. IN DISCUSSING THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA, AN OFFICIAL [REDACTED] COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT AFFORD TO TOLERATE COUNTER-REVOLUTION THERE WHICH WOULD DRIVE THE PEOPLE INTO THE HANDS OF THE WEST. IF NECESSARY THE SOVIET UNION WOULD STEP IN AND "HELP THE WORKERS" IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA JUST AS IT DID THOSE

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IN HUNGARY TWELVE YEARS AGO.

2. THE OFFICIAL JUDGED THE TIMING FOR THE SITUATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BE EXCELLENT IN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY INVOLVED IN VIETNAM AND IN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND THE WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO COPE WITH THE EAST GERMAN PRESSURE ON BERLIN. HE SAID THAT ULBRICHT COULD GO ALL THE WAY AND CLOSE OFF BERLIN AND NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN. HE SAID THAT THE WEST GERMAN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IS SO WEAK AND DEPENDS SO MUCH ON SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES, GREAT BRITAIN, AND FRANCE THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF WEST GERMANY WERE TO OFFER TO RECOGNIZE THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT PROMINENT WEST GERMAN POLITICIANS ARE ALREADY CONSIDERING THIS POSSIBLITY. ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD OF COURSE STRENGTHEN ULBRICHT'S POSITION, RECOGNITION OF EAST BERLIN MIGHT IN THE LONG RUN BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF WEST GERMANY, SINCE PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GERMAN STATES IN A PERIOD OF DETENTE WHICH WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. IT MIGHT EVEN BE POSSIBLE THAT IN SUCH A SITUATION LIBERAL ELEMENTS IN EAST GERMANY WOULD WIN AN UPPER

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HAND THERE AS THEY HAVE DONE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. [REDACTED] THE QUESTION OF WHETHER EAST GERMANY COULD ACCEPT RECOGNITION BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IS THE SUBJECT OF SOME DEBATE AMONG SOVIET OFFICIALS [REDACTED] IT HAS ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE EAST GERMANS SHOULD RAISE THEIR DEMANDS SO THAT THE WEST GERMANS WOULD NOT EVEN CONSIDER RECOGNITION. ONE GROUP OF SOVIET OFFICIALS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IS OF THE OPINION THAT IT IS OF NO INTEREST WHETHER THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC RECOGNIZES EAST GERMANY OR NOT SINCE THE SOVIET UNION IS IN EAST GERMANY AND IS GOING TO STAY THERE TO SAFEGUARD ITS INFLUENCE IN THAT AREA. ANOTHER GROUP, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT A LOT CAN BE GAINED FROM BONN'S RECOGNITION OF THE EAST GERMAN REGIME, BUT THIS SECOND GROUP THE SOVIET [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS DREAMERS.

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4. IN THE OPINION OF THE FIRST GROUP, THE SOVIET UNION WILL HAVE ALMOST A FREE HAND IN EUROPE FOR ABOUT THE NEXT TWO YEARS, SINCE THE UNITED STATES WILL NEED AT LEAST THAT

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LONG TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM AND ITS PROBLEMS AT HOME. THE SOVIET UNION MUST USE THIS TIME TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POSITION IN EUROPE, AND FOR THIS REASON IT CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE A COUNTRY LIKE CZECHOSLOVAKIA LEAVING ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND SERVING AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS LIKE HUNGARY AND BULGARIA TO DO THE SAME. THE SOVIET [REDACTED] CLASSED ALL THE BALKAN STATES AS UNRELIABLE. THEY FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF GERMANY IN WORLD WAR TWO AND MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST THEMSELVES.

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6. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE STATEMENT IS HARDLY A GENUINE OUTLINE OF THE KREMLIN'S CURRENT POLICY TOWARD EUROPE, BUT [REDACTED] THE INADEQUACY OF WESTERN POWER IS A THEME WITH WHICH THE SOVIETS EXPECT TO FIND GROWING GERMAN AGREEMENT. [REDACTED]

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