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WE CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED HERE THAT THE HARASSMENT OF THE PAST WEEK WILL HAVE LEFT THE EAST GERMANS AND EVEN THE SOVS WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY CAN IN THE FUTURE INTERFERE WITH ALLIED ACCESS IN THIS WAY WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION. THE ALLIES, WOULD IN FACT, RESPOND MORE VIGOROUSLY TO SOV EFFORTS DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST ACCESS WITH THE END PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING A NET REDUCTION IN IT. GIVEN

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THE LIKELY MISREADING OF ALLIED INTENTIONS, THERE EXISTS A RISK OF FUTURE CONFRONTATION ON THIS ISSUE. AS ONE MEANS OF WARNING THE SOVS IN ADVANCE, A STATEMENT COULD BE MADE BY THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY PERHAPS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A PRESS CONFERENCE. SUCH A STATEMENT WOULD HAVE THE FOL SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

(1) TO PUT THE PEACEFUL ASSEMBLAGE OF THE BUNDESTAG IN BERLIN IN ITS PROPER CONTEXT.

(2) TO RECALL THE LEGAL BASIS AND RIGHTS OF THE ALLIES TO BE PRESENT IN BERLIN AND TO ENJOY FREE ACCESS.

(3) TO DISPEL MISUNDERSTANDING BY THE PUBLIC-- AND TO FORESTALL MISCALCULATION ON THE PART OF THE SOVS-- EXPLAIN THAT THE US AND ITS ALLIES DID, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, DELIBERATELY ACT WITH A GREAT DEAL OF RESTRAINT IN THE FACE OF THE PROVOCATIONS AND ACTION OF INTIMIDATION WITH WHICH THEY WERE FACED.

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By CL NARA, Date 7-6-00

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(4) TO EMPHASIZE THAT NEITHER THE SOVS NOR THE EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST LEADERS SHOULD MISTAKE THIS DEMONSTRATION OF RESTRAINT AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS OR LACK OF RESOLVE TO RESPOND WITH MEASURED BUT APPROPRIATE COUNTER ACTIONS SHOULD THEY PERSIST IN THIS SORT OF INTERFERENCE.

(5) TO RESTATE US COMMITMENT TO BERLIN AND GERMANY.

WE RECOMMEND THAT SUCH A STATEMENT BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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