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SUBJECT: BRANDT ON US VISIT, GERMAN AND BERLIN PROBLEMS

IN ADDRESS TO BERLINERS TAPED IN US AND BROADCAST HERE APRIL 18, GOVMAYOR BRANDT CONVEYED GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND SAID PRESIDENT HAS EXPRESSED TO HIM HIS STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN BERLIN AND HIS ADMIRATION FOR BERLINERS' ATTITUDE IN FACE OF COMMUNIST PRESSURE AND PROVOCATIONS. PRESIDENT HAD REAFFIRMED US DETERMINATION TO DEFEND RIGHTS AND FREEDOM OF BERLIN AND CONTINUE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF JUST AND LASTING

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SOLUTION OF GERMAN PROBLEM. BRANDT SAID VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT POLICY OF SMALL STEPS COULD BE DEVELOPED FURTHER IN INTEREST OF HUMAN BEINGS CONCERNED. WITH REFERENCE TO COMMUNIST MEASURES DURING PERIOD APRIL 1-10, VICE PRESIDENT HAD REMARKED THAT SUCH PIN PRICKS SERVED ONLY TO STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN US AND BERLINERS AND TO REMIND AMERICANS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS, BRANDT REPORTED.

GOVMAYOR EMPHASIZED REPEATEDLY THAT US INTEREST IN EUROPE, GERMANY AND BERLIN HAS NOT REPEAT NOT DIMINISHED, AS EVIDENCED BY HIS TALKS WITH US LEADERS, HIS US RADIO AND TV INTERVIEWS, AND PROMINENT COVERAGE GIVEN TO SITUATION IN BERLIN AND ON

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-2- 1450, APRIL 20, FROM BERLIN

✓ ACCESS ROUTES BY AMERICAN PRESS DURING FIRST HALF OF APRIL. REFERRING TO RECENT COMMUNIST HARASSMENT AND INTERFERENCE, BRANDT REITERATED HIS PROPOSAL THAT MODALITIES OF ACCESS SHOULD BE CODIFIED AND IMPROVED. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT "GREAT POSERS COULD NOT AVOID GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION" TO SUCH POSSIBILITIES AS INTERNATIONAL ACCESS AUTHORITY OR CORRIDOR TYPE SOLUTION FOR BERLIN ACCESS. PERIOD APRIL 1-10 HAD REVEALED SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST CAPABILITY TO DISRUPT ACCESS. IT WOULD BE WRONG, THEREFORE, TO RELAX NOW THAT INTERFERENCE WAS OVER, WITHOUT GIVING FURTHER THOUGHT TO LESSONS LEARNED.

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✓ RE QUESTION OF NEW INITIATIVE ON GERMANY, BRANDT STRESSED THAT SUCH MOVE MUST BE PREPARED CAREFULLY AND THAT THERE MUST BE CLARITY CONCERNING OBJECTIVES. WESTERN NEGOTIATORS MUST BE PREPARED NOT ONLY FOR FIRST DAY BUT ALSO FOR SECOND AND THIRD DAY OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. THEY MUST ANTICIPATE SOVIET COUNTER-PROPOSALS. THERE MUST BE AGREED WESTERN POSITION ON ALL PERTINENT POINTS. ABOVE ALL, SPECIFIC GERMAN PROPOSALS MUST BE WORKED OUT WITH REFERENCE TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. BRANDT EMPHASIZED THAT SO FAR NONE OF THESE PREREQUISITES EXISTED. HOWEVER, A GERMANY INITIATIVE WORTHY OF THE NAME MUST NOT BE LIMITED TO PROPAGANDA EXERCISE: IT MUST NOT CONSIST OF PROPOSALS ADVANCED IN HOPE THAT SOVIETS WOULD REJECT THEM, ANYWAY. ON CONTRARY, PROPOSALS MUST BE MADE IN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PROGRESS STEP-BY-STEP. *Rusk line*

✓ BRANDT STATED THAT IN LIGHT PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN GERMANY, HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT NECESSARY GERMAN PREPARATIONS FOR SUBSTANTIVE INITIATIVE ON GERMANY COULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GERMANS COULD BECOME MORE ACTIVE BY END OF THIS YEAR. WHILE RULING OUT POSSIBILITY OF INITIATIVE FOR PRESENT, BRANDT SAID THAT ALLIES WOULD SOON MAKE USEFUL AND IMPORTANT DECLARATION REAFFIRMING THEIR KNOWN POSITIONS ON GERMAN QUESTION AND RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, THUS ASSURING THAT 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR WOULD BE MARKED "NOT ONLY BY COMMUNISTS TO FISH IN TROUBLED PAST, BUT ALSO BY CLEAR WESTERN WORDS POINTING TOWARD THE FUTURE." HULICK BT

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