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MINISTERIALDIREKTOR KRAPF YESTERDAY EXPRESSED TO DCM HIS VIEW THAT THE TRIPARTITE DECLARATION TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET-GDR TREATY, PLUS THE ACCOMPANYING GERMAN STATEMENT MADE IN BONN, WOULD RELIEVE MUCH OF THE PRESSURE FOR A REUNIFICATION INITIATIVE. IN HIS VIEW, THIS ACTION WOULD PROBABLY ENABLE THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO RELAX UNTIL AFTER THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

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HOWEVER, KRAF CONTINUED, THE AMBASSADORIAL GRUP IN WASHINGTON SHOULD CONTINUE ITS STUDY OF SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE POSSIBLE MANDATE FOR A FOUR-POWER COMMISSION.

KRAPF WAS CAREFUL O POINT OUT THAT HE WAS GIVING ONLY HIS PERSONAL OPINION AND THAT NO DECISIONS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD YET BEEN MADE BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. HE KNEW THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SCHROEDER FELT AS HE DID, BUT CONCEDED THAT FURTHER ATTACKS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER BY HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES MIGHT REVIVE SCHROEDER'S DESIRE FOR A REUNIFICATION INITIATIVE SOONER THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE ANTICIPATED.

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