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(This item failed to appear in some budgets
last night.)

X/13 W GERM -- KIESINGER CALLS FOR NATO SUMMIT
(EMBARGOED FOR AUTOMATIC RELEASE AT 1930 HOURS MT)

BONN, AUG 25 (DPA/GND) -- CHANCELLOR KURT GEORG
KIESINGER CALLED TONIGHT FOR A SUMMIT MEETING OF
GOVERNMENT HEADS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES.

HE MADE HIS CALL IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SOUTH-WEST
STATE RADIO NETWORK IN WHICH HE DISCUSSED THE CONSEQUENCES
OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT BONN WANTED TO CONTINUE
ITS FOREIGN POLICY BUT SAID HE PREFERRED IT TO BE CALLED
"A POLICY OF PEACE" RATHER THAN "A POLICY OF RELAXATION".

KIESINGER SAID THAT THE NATO SUMMIT SHOULD CONSIDER
"WHAT CAN BE DONE TO GIVE NEW LIFE TO THIS TIRED AND
PALE WEEKDAY ORGANISATION".

HE STRESSED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN IN ANY WAY THAT NATO
SHOULD BE FILLED WITH "A WARLIKE SPIRIT" BUT SHOULD HAVE
THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS DUTY TO WATCH OVER THE
FREEDOM AND SECURITY OF THE WESTERN PEOPLES.

THE CHANCELLOR SAID HE CONSIDERED IT POSSIBLE THAT
GENERAL DE GAULLE -- WHO, HE CLAIMED, HAD NEVER WANTED TO
LEAVE THE ALLIANCE -- MIGHT STATE HIS RELATIONSHIP TO NATO
"STILL MORE CLEARLY AND MORE DECISIVELY".

KIESINGER SAID THAT DE GAULLE KNEW THAT NO PEACE ORDER
COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT IN EUROPE IF A POWERLESS WEST EUROPE
STOOD OPPOSITE AN OVER-ARMED RUSSIA.

THE CHANCELLOR COMMENTED THAT HE AWAITED HIS TALKS WITH
DE GAULLE IN BONN ON SEPT 28 "WITH GREAT SUSPENSE".

(NOTE 1930 MT EMBARGO)

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