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(CN 157) XXX SUSPENSE

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THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THE PLANNED MEETING BETWEEN WEST GERMAN ECONOMICS MINISTER KARL SCHILLER AND THE EAST GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER JORST SOELLE WILL BE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

HE COMMENTED THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD APPROVED THIS MEETING IN PRINCIPLE, "IN THIS SITUATION NOW IT IS UNTHINKABLE THAT WE SHOULD HOLD SUCH TALKS."

ASKED IF THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD LATER, HE SAID: "WHETHER IT CAN BE HELD LATER DEPENDS ON A DEVELOPMENT THAT WE DESIRE BUT WHICH WE ALONE ARE NOT IN A SITUATION TO BRING ABOUT."

THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT THE SOVIET CLAIM TO FORCIBLE INTERVENTION AGAINST THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC MUST BE DECLARED UP BEFORE WEST GERMANY COULD SIGN THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY.

KIESINGER ACCUSED THE SOVIET UNION OF TRYING TO FORCE ALL THE COUNTRIES IN ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE TO MAKE THE SAME RESISTANCE AGAINST ALL FORMS OF IMPROVEMENT OF THE CLIMATE.

HOWEVER, HE PLEDGED THAT BONN WOULD CONTINUE TO TRY AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ITS EASTERN NEIGHBOURS.

KIESINGER REITERATED THAT WEST GERMANY DID NOT WANT TO BREAK THE CONNECTION BETWEEN MOSCOW AND THE OTHER EASTERN COUNTRIES. "WE HAVE NOT THOUGHT ABOUT LOOSENING UP THE WARSAW PACT," HE DECLARED.

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