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M/13 W/GER - 1ST ADD BRANDT TO GENEVA (CN-221) XXX SIGNED

AHLERS REITERATED TODAY THAT BONN WOULD CONSULT WITH THE WESTERN POWERS WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD TERMED THE ARTICLES "OBSOLETE, IN REGARD TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC" TO ASCERTAIN THEIR ATTITUDE BUT WOULD MAKE NO APPROACH TO MOSCOW. THE OTHER PROBLEM TO BE STUDIED IS THAT OF A SATISFACTORY VERIFICATION AND CONTROL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EURATOM AND THE VIENNA ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.

AHLERS SAID THAT NO DECISION ABOUT A WEST GERMAN SIGNATURE UNDER THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY WOULD BE MADE UNTIL THESE QUESTIONS HAD BEEN CLARIFIED AND THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BECAME MORE "TRANSPARENT". THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS INVOLVED NOT ONLY THE DEVELOPMENTS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE MIGHT NOT RATIFY THE TREATY BEFORE THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

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