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W/GER - 2ND ADD MORNING INTRO - STATEMENT... (CN 41) XXX SAID

THE WEST GERMAN DISARMAMENT REPRESENTATIVE, SWIDBERT SCHNIPPENKOETTER, LEFT FOR GENEVA TODAY AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT FOLLOWS THURSDAY, HE SAID.

AHLERS DECLARED THE GOVERNMENT WAS OF THE UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT WEST GERMANY WAS NOT UNDER ANY PRESSURE TO SIGN THE TREATY AGAINST THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME.

BECAUSE OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK DEVELOPMENTS THE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT WEST GERMANY SHOULD HAVE A "THINKING PAUSE." AHLERS SAID.

SOME PROBLEMS STILL NEED CLARIFICATION, AHLERS SAID, SUCH AS THE "FORMER ENEMY STATES ARTICLE" IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER REFERRED TO BY THE SOVIETS AND ALSO THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EURATOM AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY IN VIENNA.

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