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X/13 C/S -- 1ST ADD DEBRE: INTERVENTION ... (CN 165) XXX PEACE

FINALLY, DEBRE SAID, FRANCE REAFFIRMED THAT DETENTE CONTINUED TO BE THE ONLY POSSIBLE POLICY, BECAUSE NONE OF THE PROBLEMS IN EUROPE, AND IN PARTICULAR NOT THE GERMAN PROBLEM, COULD BE SOLVED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OTHER THAN OF DETENTE.

DETENTE, DEBRE SAID, IMPLIED THE ABSENCE OF ANYTHING THAT COULD LEAD TO A CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO COEXISTING WORLDS. IT ALSO IMPLIED THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EUROPEAN NATIONS COULD STUDY, IN COMMON, ALL PROBLEMS THAT CONCERN EUROPE. FINALLY, IT MEANT A RELAXATION WITHIN THE BLOCS.

FRENCH POLICY COULD BE SUMMARIZED, DEBRE SAID, IN TWO SENTENCES : FRANCE CONDEMNED THE MILITARY INTERVENTION. BUT FRANCE WOULD PURSUE ITS COURSE AIMED AT PREVENTING ANY STRENGTHENING OF THE BLOCS.

FRANCE DESIRED DETENTE TO CONTINUE, BECAUSE, DEBRE REPEATED, IT WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE ROAD.

IT WAS HERE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SPOKE ABOUT AN ACCIDENT THAT SHOULD NOT STOP ALL TRAFFIC. *N*

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