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X13 WORLD -- BRANDT POSTPONES DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE

BONN, AUG. 29 (RFE SPECIAL/DEWITT) -- FOREIGN MINISTER WILLY BRANDT HAS POSTPONED HIS DEPARTURE, SET FOR TONIGHT, TO GENEVA WHERE HE IS TO LEAD THE WEST GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE NUCLEAR CONFERENCE.

ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN BRANDT DELAYED HIS TRIP NOT FOR POLITICAL REASONS, BUT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO SEE WHAT PROCEDURE FOR THE CONFERENCE IS WORKED OUT. THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER DOES NOT WANT TO WASTE HIS TIME DURING A POSSIBLE WRANGLE OVER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.

NO NEW DEFINITE DATE FOR BRANDT'S TRAVEL TO GENEVA HAS BEEN SET, BUT SPOKESMEN EXPECT IT TO BE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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