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X-13-WORLD- ADD BRANDT: SOVIET INVASION

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MR. BRANDT SAID THAT THERE WERE STILL FOUR BASIC AREAS OF CONCERN THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE WEST GERMANY WOULD BE PREPARED TO RATIFY ANY NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. THE BASIS FOR SOME FUTURE JUDGEMENT BY THE BUNDESTAG, MR. BRANDT SAID, WOULD BE:

- HOW WILL THE SECURITY GUARANTEES BE TAKEN CARE OF?
- WILL THE TREATY BE A STARTING POINT FOR FURTHER DISARMAMENT STEPS?
- WILL THE TREATY INJURE THE PROCESS OF UNIFYING EUROPE?
- WILL GERMAN INTERESTS, AS AN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY, BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THE AREAS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND USE?

MR. BRANDT SAID THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE UNITED STATES OR THE SOVIET UNION WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE RUMORED PLANS FOR A MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND PREMIER KOSYGIN.

"HOWEVER GENERALLY SPEAKING, " HE SAID, "RESPONSIBLE STATESMEN WILL HAVE TO TALK IN ORDER TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM HAVING TO SHOOT. THIS REMAINS TRUE."

HE SAID THAT HE ANTICIPATED NO GREAT DIFFICULTIES ON THE ISSUE OF TARIFF ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRITAIN WITH THE COMMON MARKET, WHEN HE MEETS WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE THIS WEEKEND.

FRENCH AND GERMAN POSITIONS ARE CLOSE "IN PRINCIPLE" HE SAID. "I THINK THAT WE WILL MAKE PROGRESS. A TRADE ARRANGEMENT (LOWERING OF TARIFF BARRIERS FOR BRITAIN) WOULD NARROW THE GAP PRACTICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY BETWEEN THE SIX AND OTHERS IN EUROPE. THEREFORE WITHOUT CREATING ANY FORMAL LINK, IN PRACTICE THIS WOULD MAKE A FURTHER ENLARGEMENT OF THE COMMON MARKET EASIER."

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