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X/13 E/W - 2ND ADD LUNS: DETENTE STOPPED (CN-139) XXX PITY

ASKED FOR HIS REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL OF A DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIAN TO ESTABLISH A 20-KILOMETER-WIDE DEMILITARIZED BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST EUROPE, LUNS REPLIED:

"I WOULD SAY ON THE WHOLE THAT IF THE GREAT MISTRUST IS THERE, AND THERE WOULD BE A NO-MAN'S-LAND, IT WOULD PERHAPS ADD TO THE DANGERS BECAUSE IT COULD SUDDENLY BE FILLED.

"IT WILL NEVER BE FILLED BY NATO, BECAUSE NATO, BY ESSENCE, IS NOT AGGRESSIVE. A NEUTRAL BAND OF SIX OR SEVEN MILES WIDE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER WOULD ONLY AVERT INCIDENTS," LUNS SAID.

"BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS BETWEEN RUSSIAN FORCES AND ALLIED FORCES, AND IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT MAKE IT MORE EASY TO DETECT POSSIBLE DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS, SO I AM A LITTLE RESERVED."

AS ABOUT REPORTS OF GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM IN EAST GERMANY, LUNS SAID "IT IS NOT VERY RAMPANT IN THE SO-CALLED DDR, I THINK. IN POLAND AND IN RUSSIA UNPLEASANT PROOFS OF ANTI-SEMITIC FEELING HAVE OCCURRED, WHICH IS TO BE HIGHLY DEPLORED. OF COURSE, THAT WOULD HAVE REPERCUSSIONS, TOO, IF THAT WOULD BECOME THE ESTABLISHED POLICY OF THESE COUNTRIES."

LUNS, SPEAKING ABOUT HIS SCHEDULED SEPT. 18-19 VISIT TO BONN WITH DUTCH PREMIER PETRUS DE JONG, SAID THE BONN GOVERNMENT WAS "NATURALLY WORRIED ABOUT THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS SHOWN GREAT RESTRAINT. IT WAS TAKEN ABACK BY THE INCREDIBLY STIFF NOTE THE RUSSIANS HANDED OVER TO MR. (CHANCELLOR KURT) KIESINGER LAST WEEK. IT WAS NOT FAIR," LUNS SAID.

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