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WEST GERMANY: INF DEPLOYMENT JEOPARDIZED BY PIPELINE SANCTIONS.
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1. (U) DEFENSE MINISTER APEL HAS PUBLICLY LINKED THE ISSUE OF US SANCTIONS ON THE SOVIET NATURAL GAS PIPELINE WITH DEPLOYMENT OF NATO'S INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES (INF) IN WEST GERMANY.
2. (U) ALTHOUGH HE REAFFIRMED BONN'S NATO TIES AND SUPPORT FOR THE 1979 DUAL-TRACK INF MODERNIZATION DECISION, APEL PREFACED HIS 27 AUGUST REMARKS BY CAUTIONING THAT THE LATTER IS JEOPARDIZED BY THE PIPELINE CONFRONTATION, WHICH HE CLAIMED HAS NOW EXCEEDED THE BOUNDS OF A "FAMILY QUARREL." HE CHARGED THE CONTROVERSY HAS EVOLVED INTO A MATTER OF NATIONAL PRESTIGE, CREATING A STRAIN THAT NATO CANNOT ENDURE INDEFINITELY. THE DEFENSE MINISTER SAID FAILURE TO RESOLVE THIS DISPUTE SOON COULD ENFLAME PUBLIC ATTITUDES, THEREBY HAMPERING INF DEPLOYMENT.
3. (S/NOFORN) THIS HIGH-LEVEL PUBLIC LINKAGE OF THE TWO ISSUES IS LIKELY TO BE REPEATED, BOTH TO FORCE A US COMPROMISE ON THE SANCTIONS AND TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR BLAMING WASHINGTON IF -- AS APPEARS INCREASINGLY LIKELY -- THE BONN COALITION YIELDS TO PACIFIST PRESSURE AND POSTONES INF IMPLEMENTATION.
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