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SUBJECT FDP LEADER MISCHNICK'S COMMENTS ON HIS PARTY'S EASTERN CONTACTS

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SOURCE A QUALIFIED AMERICAN OFFICIAL FROM WOLFGANG MISCHNICK, DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER OF THE FREE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FDP).

1. FDP DEPUTY FLOOR LEADER WOLFGANG MISCHNICK DISCUSSED THE DIFFICULTIES IN INSURING SAFE CONDUCT FOR EAST GERMAN LEADERS IN THE PROJECTED SPEAKERS EXCHANGE WITH THE WEST GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY /SPD/. MISCHNICK SAID THAT HIS OWN PARTY'S LEADERS ARE EXERCISING EXTREME RESTRAINT IN THE MATTER. ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, THEY ARE NOT TAKING A CATEGORICAL POSITION. THEY FEAR THAT IF THEY WERE TO GO ALL-OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE SPD STAND ON THIS ISSUE IT COULD ENDANGER THEIR POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT COALITION. ON THE LOCAL LEVEL, THEY ARE RESTRAINING REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE EAGER TO ESTABLISH BROAD CONTACTS WITH

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THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE EAST GERMAN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDPD).

2. THE LDPD HAS EVADED ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A LETTER FROM THE FDP AFTER THE OPEN FORUM IN BAD HOMBURG AT THE END OF MARCH 1966. (FIELD COMMENT: FOR PREVIOUS COMMENTS FROM MISCHNICK ON THE OPEN FORUM WITH THE LDPD, SEE TDCS-314/05883-66, 9 MAY 1966.) IN VIEW OF THE LDPD'S INTRANSIGENCE, THE FDP IS CONSIDERING SENDING EMISSARIES TO LDPD HEADQUARTERS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FORCE THE LDPD TO PUBLISH THE LETTER IN ITS PARTY ORGAN. UNTIL THIS IS SETTLED, THE FDP LEADERS INTEND TO HOLD TIGHT REINS ON THE REGIONAL PARTY UNITS TO PREVENT WIDESPREAD UNCOORDINATED UNILATERAL CONTACTS WITH EAST ZONE FUNCTIONARIES.

3. FDP BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES RUDOLF OPITZ AND WOLFRAM DORN PLAN TO VISIT MOSCOW AFTER DE GAULLE'S TRIP. WHILE THEIR VISIT WILL BE A BUSINESS TRIP, THEY WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IF THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE AT THAT TIME WARRANTS IT. IF MISCHNICK IS PRESSED AT THE

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COMING FDP PARTY CONGRESS IN NUERNBERG FOR EVIDENCE OF FDP  
PLANNING AND INITIATIVE, HE INTENDS TO CITE THE DORN-OPITZ  
VISIT AS AN EXAMPLE.

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and Youth Report, which provides information on left elements in  
Germany, age 18 or younger. Those indicated by an asterisk are also  
indicated by one or more Embassy officials; those indicated by two asterisks  
are especially attractive to the Bonn Embassy contact, for reasons  
not stated.

**\*\* Wolfram DORN - FDP (NR-W list); age 41.**  
Businessman; studied commercial buying and public administration.  
1959-62 operated own mercantile establishment, since 1962  
director of Deutscher Architekten und Ingenieurverband and  
editor-in-chief of its house organ. 1950-54 deputy chairman  
of Jungdemokraten in NR-W and member of NR-W FDP executive  
board; also FDP executive secretary during this period. 1951-  
65 councillor and mayor of Werdohl, 1952-54 chairman of FDP  
delegation in Altens county council, 1954-61 member of NR-W  
Landtag.  
Committees: Interior; Budget (alternate); Communal Affairs-  
Regional Planning (alternate).

1951-53 ... Young, Bundestag; Deputies, 26 Jan 53, Stuttgart



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