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AT DINNER LAST EVENING GENERAL HEUSINGER, CHIEF ARMED FORCES STAFF, STATED TO MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF HE HAD RETURNED FROM VISIT TO U.S. WITH GLOOMY PICTURE OF U.S. FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS PRESENTED BY PENTAGON TO HIM. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THESE DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE REFLECTED IN NATO DISCUSSION IN PARIS NEXT MONTH.

SUBSEQUENTLY, IN A CONVERSATION WITH FORMER WEHRMACHT GENERAL WIETERSHEIM IN PRESENCE OF SAME OFFICER, HE STATED U.S. AND USSR COMING TO STALEMATE REGARDING STRATEGIC ATOMIC WEAPONS. RESULT WOULD HAVE TO BE MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS IN NATO ON "CONVENTIONAL" WEAPONS IF WESTERN EUROPE TO BE IN POSITION TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST SOVIET AGGRESSION. CLEAR IMPLICATION HE SEES NEED FOR EXPANDING CONVENTIONAL NATO FORCES.

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