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(In German)

I am completely unable to understand how it is possible to speak of "satisfaction" in view of the contents of the last Soviet note. Of course I expected nothing better. Nonetheless I believed the Soviet Government would limit itself to asserting that all questions would be discussed in Moscow. Instead, the Soviet Government leaves no doubt that in the unification question it will not alter its known position and that, as substitutes, it intends to consider the release of prisoners-of-war and the problem of European security. Nothing else can be construed from the "international" questions mentioned in the note.

GHE and I jointly made up a paper Saturday in which the opinion was expressed that a man of your merits, experience, and qualifications cannot be expected to be plunged into the crowd of journalists on the Federal Chancellor's trip, but instead should have a reserved place in the delegation. The proposal is being submitted to GHEWE, and I hope it will lead to the desired result. As things look now, neither of us will presumably go along.

The last number of the magazine Osteuropa¹ arrived yesterday. It was noticed that on page 320, under the rubric "Contributors to this issue", Alfred G. MEYER is listed as the author of the book, "The Incompatible Allies". This is rendered none the less misleading by the addition in parentheses of the note "together with Gustav HILGER". Although I could not help objecting, I do not believe that the lapse is worth a denial. However, we can discuss this.

¹ Eastern Europe

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