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Reference is made to BSC/Ops/078. We believe that it is certainly worthwhile to try to exploit the Eastern Bureau of the Telegraf, and to help in setting up some more suitable quarters for it. We also believe that it would be perfectly all right to run this operation jointly with the British if they are agreeable.

One question in this connection is not quite clear to us. BSC 688 and 689 described the very thorough censorship job which is being done by the Russians and we do not quite see how mail from the Russian Zone, addressed to the Eastern Bureau of the Telegraf, would get through unopened. We do not know who the addressee of such mail would be but it seems that if the mail does arrive apparently unopened, this might be an indication of Russian awareness of such correspondence going on and possible clamping down on the senders at some opportune moment.

One other consideration has come up and that is our belief that CANLET's political prognoses are perhaps a little bit too optimistic, which might be reflected in his general evaluation of developments; see Paragraphs 4 and 5 of BSC 644, which show quite a serious under-evaluation of SED strength.

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