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1. The statement contained in reference B is of course an entirely official statement. To get such machinery in motion would be a most complex, cumbersome undertaking, and most likely, a futile one at this point. I therefore raised the issue with Boerner in a very frank manner asking him what he would be prepared to do unilaterally should CAMEL's fears materialize. I got from Boerner the unequivocal statement - and I have no reason to disbelieve it - that HICOG would not permit Soviet Zone papers to be a competitive threat to papers in the Western Zone. Should such state of affairs come to pass, HICOG would be prepared with money at its disposal to support the West Berlin press until such time as tripartite high policy matters had been resolved.

2. It is not believed that anything else has to be done by your base in this connection at this time.

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