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1. "DER SPIEGEL" 28 FEB 72 HAS SHORT STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT SCHRUEBBER MUST RETIRE EARLY AND MINISTER GENSCHER WILL MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT DURING WEEK 28 FEB.

2. FOR BKTRUST ONLY: 28 FEB 72 AT 1030 HOURS [ ] CALLED [ ] HQS OFFICER [ ] TO ADVISE THAT SCHRUEBBER HAD BEEN ASKED TO RETIRE BY MINISTER GENSCHER AND ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE 29 FEB OR 1 MARCH. [ ] WHO HAD JUST SPOKEN TO SCHRUEBBER STATED LATTER VERY UPSET AND IS SEEING "A PROMINENT IMPORTANT OFFICIAL" AFTERNOON 28 FEB TO DISCUSS WHAT HE SHOULD DO, IF ANYTHING, TO COUNTERMAND GENSCHER'S ORDER FOR EARLY RETIREMENT. [ ] STATED SCHRUEBBER WAS TOLD BY GENSCHER THAT HE COULD STAY IN JOB UNTIL 31 MARCH 72 IF HE RETIRED VOLUNTARILY; SCHRUEBBER REFUSED.

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