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1. According to rumors prevalent in high SED, Foreign Ministry, and press circles in East Germany, the following developments are expected to take place in the near future:
  - a. Walter Ulbricht will resign his position as Deputy Minister President and will withdraw from the East German government altogether. He will, however, retain his position as Secretary of the SED Central Committee, at least for the present.
  - b. A Ministry of Defense will be established, and will be headed either by Erich Honecker, former chairman of the Free German Youth (FDJ), or by Major Paul Markgraf, former Police President of East Berlin, now in the People's Police.

2. [Redacted] the Russians have ordered the East German government to build up the prestige of the leaders of the former bourgeois parties, such as Otto Nuschke, Chairman of the East German CDU. Prior to the recent Helsinki meeting of the Communist-sponsored World Peace Council, Nuschke had been ordered by the Russians to utilize that event for the establishment of closer relations with Western church officials.

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