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1. AT A JANUARY 12 FEDERAL PRESS CONFERENCE, IN WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER AND DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER PARTICIPATED AS WELL, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STOLTZE READ A STATEMENT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM THAT WAS DECIDED UPON IN THAT DAY'S CABINET MEETING. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

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2. BEGIN TEXT: THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT THE SPD AND ITS TOP CANDIDATE DR. VOGEL KEEP DISTANCING THEMSELVES FROM THE SECURITY POLICY OF THE FORMER AND PRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE, ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE INF PROBLEM. THIS CONFIRMS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SPD IS ABOUT TO RESIGN ITSELF TO A COMPLETE WESTERN RENUNCIATION OF COMPENSATORY WESTERN ARMAMENT EVEN IN THE EVENT OF A PARTIAL REDUCTION OF THE SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES DIRECTED AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE. THIS WOULD GRANT THE SOVIET UNION A MONOPOLY IN THE INF FIELD AND, MOREOVER, A CONTRACTUAL RIGHT TO KEEP THREATENING WESTERN EUROPE WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3,000 HIROSHIMA BOMBS.

IN CONTRAST TO THE SPD, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WISHES NOT ONLY TO AVOID THROUGH THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS THE DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES BUT ALSO TO REMOVE THE ALREADY DEPLOYED SOVIET INF. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABIDES BY THE VIEW IT HELD SINCE 1979 THAT A RECIPROCAL RENUNCIATION OF INF BEST COMPLIES WITH THE GERMAN AND EUROPEAN SECURITY INTERESTS. THE ATTITUDE OF THE SPD IMPAIRS THE WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION IN GENEVA. THE SOVIET ARMAMENT EFFORT, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS, ENDANGERS THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE AND OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. NATO'S DUAL TRACK DECISION OF DECEMBER 1979 CONSTITUTES THE APPROPRIATE REACTION OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE TO THIS SOVIET THREAT. THE GOAL OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IN THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA REMAINS THE RECIPROCAL AND COMPLETE RENUNCIATION OF LAND-BASED INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS ALLIANCE PARTNERS WANT NEITHER SOVIET NOR AMERICAN INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES. THIS IS WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ABIDES BY THE ZERO OPTION AS COMMON WESTERN NEGOTIATING POSITION. THE RENUNCIATION OF THE U.S. AND OF THE SOVIET UNION OF AN ENTIRE ARMS CATEGORY WOULD BE A BREAK-THROUGH TOWARD REAL DISARMAMENT. THIS IS WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL.

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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE STILL NEGATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET UNION TOWARD THIS FAR-REACHING OFFER OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROCEEDS FROM THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSALS CONCERNING A PARTIAL REDUCTION DO NOT CONSTITUTE THE FINAL WORD OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP AND THAT THE GOAL OF DISMANTLING ALL SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES AND, THUS, OF RENOUNCING OF COMPENSATORY WESTERN ARMAMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE REMAINING NEGOTIATING TIME UNTIL THE FALL OF THIS YEAR.

IN COMPLYING WITH ITS DUAL-TRACK DECISION, THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IN THE FALL OF THIS YEAR WILL EXAMINE THE EXTENT OF ITS NEED FOR COMPENSATORY ARMAMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE CONCRETE NEGOTIATION RESULTS ACHIEVED IN GENEVA BY THAT TIME. THE PRIORITY GOAL OF A RECIPROCAL RENUNCIATION OF AMERICAN AND SOVIET LAND-BASED INTERMEDIATE-RANGE WEAPONS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE WEST SHOWS A CLEAR AND DETERMINED ATTITUDE. THIS IS WHY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IT INDISPENSABLE THAT IN THIS CASE, TOO, THE NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA ARE CONTINUED WITH THE GOAL OF ACHIEVING A ZERO SOLUTION." END TEXT.

### 3. REPLYING TO QUESTIONS FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER

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STRESSED IT COULD SIMPLY NOT BE ACCEPTED THAT THE WEST SHOULD GRANT MOSCOW A MONOPOLY IN THE FIELD OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES IN RETURN FOR A PARTIAL REDUCTION OF THE SOVIET INF ARSENAL. HE REFERRED TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FINAL SENTENCES OF THE CABINET STATEMENT AND STRESSED THAT THE FALL OF 1983 WOULD REMAIN FOR ALL COUNTRIES CONCERNED THE TIME FOR COMPENSATORY ARMAMENT. BOTH GENSCHER AND WOERNER POINTED OUT THAT THE CABINET STATEMENT REFLECTED THE AGREED VIEW OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND COALITION, AND THAT THERE WAS NO DISAGREE-

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MENT BETWEEN THE COALITION PARTNERS IN THIS RESPECT. IN THIS CONTEXT DEFENSE MINISTER WOERNER STRONGLY REFUTED ALL PUBLIC SPECULATIONS WHICH IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WOULD ONLY BENEFIT THE SOVIET UNION. THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN GENEVA, AND THE WEST OUGHT TO STICK TOGETHER AND REFRAIN FROM UNDERMINING ITS POSITIONS. THE MORE THIS HAPPENED, THE LESSER WOULD BE THE CHANCES OF A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.

4. REPLYING TO CORRESPONDENTS' QUESTIONS FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER STRESSED THAT THE ZERO SOLUTION DID NOT CONSTITUTE AN "AMERICAN INVENTION" BUT A DEMAND OF THE FORMER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT LATER BECAME A DECISION OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. REPLYING TO A QUESTION CONCERNING A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SOVIET PARTY CHIEF ANDROPOV, GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED SUCH A MEETING TO BE MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL; IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL THE BETTER IT WAS PREPARED.  
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