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1969 FROM CAHELM WHO SPOKE WITH GRUETZMACHER ON 28 JULY.

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COUNTRY : CHINA/WEST GERMANY

DOI : JUNE 1969

SUBJECT : CHINESE COMMUNIST PLANS TO ENCOURAGE TOURIST  
TRAVEL TO CHINA

ACQ : GERMANY, HAMBURG (30 JULY 1969) FIELD NO: EGG-1440

SOURCE : A WHITE COLLAR WORKER WHO IS WELL CONNECTED WITH  
VARIOUS CHINA INTEREST GROUPS IN HAMBURG AND IS PERSONALLY  
ACQUAINTED WITH GRUETZMACHER, FROM WHOM HE OBTAINED THE  
INFORMATION VERBALLY. SOURCE HAS NO EXTENSIVE REPORTING  
RECORD BUT WE HAVE FOUND NOTHING THAT WOULD REFLECT UN-  
FAVORABLY ON HIS VERACITY.

1. GERHARD GRUETZMACHER, FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE WEST  
GERMAN "GERMAN CHINA SOCIETY" (DEUTSCHE CHINA-GESELLSCHAFT -  
DCG), WAS INFORMED IN JUNE DURING TALKS WITH CHINESE  
COMMUNIST OFFICIALS IN EAST BERLIN THAT PEKING WILL SOON  
BEGIN RELAXING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO CHINA. ONE CHINESE  
OFFICIAL, DESCRIBED BY GRUETZMACHER AS THE AMBASSADOR,

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ADMITTED THAT THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION CAUSED CHINA TO NEGLECT ITS TOURIST TRADE. HE SAID THIS SITUATION IS NOW BEING CORRECTED BUT NOTED THAT SUCH CHANGES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE GRADUALLY. AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING TOURISM, HE CONTINUED, A PROGRAM WILL BE DEVELOPED IN 1978 INSURING THAT VISITORS TO CHINA AND ITS REGIONS WILL RECEIVE A FAVORABLE RECEPTION.

2. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS, THE CHINESE OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO GRUETZMACHER THAT PEKING WOULD EXTEND AN INVITATION TO A DCG DELEGATION TO VISIT CHINA IN 1978.

3. FIELD DISSEM: NONE (ALSO SENT    
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