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Reunification

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All of Europe is raving about M.S. [Gorbachev] in Berlin. And many people are "whispering in our ear:" it is very well that the USSR has spoken up now, although in a delicate way, against the "reunification of Germany."

[Vadim] Zagladin has just returned from a tour across France. He met with many people--from Mitterrand to city mayors. He sent a shower of cables to Moscow about his conversations. And everyone says in a single voice--nobody needs one Germany. And [foreign policy adviser of the French President Jacques] Attali talked with us about a revival of a solid Franco-Soviet alliance, "including military integration--camouflaged as the use of armies in the struggle against natural disasters."

Thatcher ... in her conversation with M.S. ... suddenly asked us "not to take notes." She is decidedly against "the reunification of Germany." But, she says, I cannot speak about it back home, or in NATO.

In brief, they want to prevent this [reunification] with our hands.

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