

**Notes from the CC CPSU Politburo Session, November 3, 1989.**

*About Krenz (who replaced Honecker in the GDR)*

**Kryuchkov.** Tomorrow 500,000 [people] will come out to the streets in Berlin and in other cities ...

**Gorbachev.** You hope that Krenz will hold on? But without help from the FRG, we will not be able to keep [the GDR] afloat.

**Shevardnadze.** It would be better if we take down the “wall” ourselves.

**Kryuchkov.** If [we] take it down, it would be hard for them [the East Germans].

**Gorbachev.** The West does not want unification of Germany, but it wants to prevent it with our hands, to push us against the FRG, in order to then exclude [a possibility] of conspiracy between the USSR and Germany.

We will deal with the FRG in the “triangle,” i.e. with the participation of the GDR, and openly, by the way.

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