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September 30, 1989, Prague – Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the CSSR Permanent UN Mission in New York. Report of the Territorial Department IV for Minister Johannes on proposals by the GDR leadership for transport of GDR citizens from the Prague embassy of the Federal Republic, and agreement by CSSR officials with this solution.

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For your information only:

During the late evening hours of September 29, the GDR ambassador informed us, by direct order of E. Honecker, that the GDR will react positively to the Czechoslovak proposals – see my 071.893. [Document No. 6]

1. The GDR is prepared to dispatch several trains for citizens of the GDR present at the Federal Republic's embassy in Prague. The GDR will move the trains through Dresden to the border with the FRG. During the trip the GDR will distribute to all the necessary documents for emigration to the FRG. The GDR will not perform inspections in the trains.

2. The GDR will inform the FRG directly when and through which border crossing the people will be handed over to the FRG authorities.

3. The GDR will request the FRG to adopt in Prague the same measures that were taken recently in Berlin; i.e. after the departure of people, to create the conditions so that they can no longer get into the FRG embassy unlawfully.

4. The GDR will request of the FRG that the entire operation be conducted under conditions of full discretion; i.e. without Western mass media and without propaganda.

5. The GDR recommends the action be carried out on Sunday, October 1, 1989.

6. The GDR asks Com. Jakeš for agreement to carry out the operation.

Lenárt and Jakeš were informed of the above recommendation by the GDR. Agreement with the implementation of the operation was given by Com. Jakeš and relayed to Honecker in Berlin. During Saturday, September 30, we expect feedback from the GDR and the FRG. The appropriate Czechoslovak agencies have been informed. You will be regularly informed during the course of the operation.

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