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October 25, 1989, Berlin – CSSR Ambassador to the GDR František Langer to the foreign ministry in Prague. He reports on the intention of the GDR to reopen the border for private travel to Czechoslovakia. “The GDR intends to issue the decision on the allowing of tourist traffic to the same extent as it was in the past.”

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According to information from reliable sources it can be expected that during the next few days the GDR Ministry of Foreign Affairs will contact the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a request (information) with the intention of reopening the Czechoslovak border for tourists from the GDR. The GDR intends to issue the decision on the allowing of tourist traffic to the same extent as it was in the past. At the same time the opinion was expressed that any newly-forming groups of refugees at the Embassy of the FRG in Prague should not cause the Czechoslovak side any problems. The permits for their emigration will be issued through the Embassy of the GDR in Prague in the same way as done in Warsaw.

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