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REF RECENT EXCHANGES ON QUESTION OF "WESTERN CONCESSIONS" RE
BERLIN NEGOTIATIONS.

WISH TO ASSURE YOU OF MY GENUINE CONVICTION THAT YOUR FEARS OF
SOME KIND OF SERIOUS OPERATIONAL INFRINGEMENT UPON RFE'S
RESPONSIBLE FUNCTIONING IN REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS ARE
COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED. SUGGEST WE CONSIDER ISSUE CLOSED AS NO
ONE HERE BELIEVES IT NECESSARY OR USEFUL TO CONTINUE AN
EXCHANGE ON THIS MATTER. I WOULD ADD THAT I BELIEVE
FORMULATION OF PHRASE IN YOUR SEPTEMBER 29 GUIDANCE WAS
SUCH AS TO CAUSE UNDULY GREAT ALARM BASED ON THE GENUINE FEAR
THAT RFE WAS PRESENTING A WEAK LINE AT PRECISELY THAT
TIME WHEN THE U.S. HAS BEEN MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CONVINC
ALL THAT WESTERN POSITION IS VERY FIRM. THESE FEARS NOW SEEM
TO BE ALLAYED. YOU SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE ARE
STILL A FEW PEOPLE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ORGANIZATION
LOOKING FOR WAYS OF MAKING TROUBLE. IN THIS INSTANCE,
HOWEVER, THE ORIGINAL CONCERN ABOUT THE GUIDANCE LINE
WAS UNDOUBTEDLY COMPLETELY HONEST.
END MSG.