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REUR NYC 33 OF 6 MARCH HERewith OUR JOINT VIEWS.

EXCEPT FOR EXPELLEE ORGANS, VERY LITTLE ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID BY WEST GERMAN PRESS TO ACEN MEETING IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC, UNLESS OPEN FIGHT SHOULD DEVELOP AMONG DELEGATES.

WE RATE THE CHANCES OF AN OPEN FIGHT OR OF A WALK OUT AS BETTER THAN EVEN. POLISH DELEGATES, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD FIND IT POLITICALLY NECESSARY TO DEMAND WESTERN RECOGNITION OF ODER-NEISSE LINE.

WE DOUBT THAT BONN WOULD LAY GREAT STORE BY AN ACEN MEETING OR THAT IT WOULD SEE MUCH PROFIT IN DEVELOPING A CONTINUING RELATIONSHIP. EXPELLEE LEADERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD HAVE A MAJOR INTEREST IN THE MEETING. WITH PASSAGE OF TIME, BULK OF EXPELLEES HAVE BECOME INTEGRATED INTO WEST GERMAN ECONOMY AND SOCIAL ORDER AND NOW VOTE FOR MAJOR PARTIES. BHE FACES ELECTIONS IN BOTH HESSE AND BAVARIA THIS SEPTEMBER WITH GOOD CHANCE OF LOSING ALL REPRESENTATION IN ONE OF THESE TWO LEGISLATURES. EXPELLEE LEADERS HAVE ALREADY QUARRELLED SERIOUSLY WITH NEW REFUGEE MINISTER. AT LEAST ONE KEY LEADER CURRENTLY ENTERTAINING SECRET NEGOTIATIONS FOR JOINING ANOTHER PARTY.

THE GREAT HAZARD OF AN ACEN MEETING IN FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN OUR VIEW IS THAT EXPELLEE
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LEADERS WILL SEEK TO PARTICIPATE OR OTHERWISE TO IDENTIFY THEIR CAUSE WITH THAT OF ACEN. THIS WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE EXPELLEE LEADERS HAVE ASSUMED INCREASINGLY INTRANSIGENT NATIONALIST ATTITUDE TO THE EXTENT THEY HAVE LOST POPULAR SUPPORT, AND BECAUSE SUCH IDENTIFICATION WOULD BE TAKEN IN BONN AND GERMANY GENERALLY AS AN INDICATION THAT U.S. POLICY WAS CONTEMPLATING SUPPORT OF EXPELLEES AND THEIR AIMS.

AS FOR TARGET REGIMES, THEY WOULD IN ALL LIKELIHOOD TIE THE MEETING TO GERMAN REVANCHISM BUT WE DOUBT THIS WOULD HAVE MUCH IMPACT ON OUR AUDIENCES. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED BY REGIME LINE THAT FEC AND RFE ARE CONTROLLED FROM BONN.

MEETING WOULD NOT EMBARRASS RFE AS SUCH, BECAUSE WE DOUBT THAT ACEN WOULD BE POPULARLY IDENTIFIED WITH RFE AND BECAUSE OF MARKED COOLNESS IN SOME RFE-ACEN INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONS.

CAN YOU LET US KNOW WHO THE SPONSOR MIGHT BE?

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