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POLAND

REGIME RESPONSE TO WESTERN BROADCASTS AND LEAFLETS

PROPAGANDA 2600
Anti-Western 2601 a

SPD, FDP AND THE BALLOON OPERATION

SOURCE AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION: Radio Warsaw II, October 14, 1956, 19.05 hrs, Polish monitoring p.892; talk by Stefan Chaniec.

AUDIENCE ANALYSIS SECTION COMMENT: This is another attack in the series linking the balloon operation to the possibility of improving Polish-German relations.

EVALUATION COMMENT: None

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(The subject of the talk is the internal situation in West Germany with special reference to the role of the opposition parties)

Excerpt:

"...I am not forgetting about dark things, or even black ones, I know for instance that neither the leader of the Social Democrats Ollenhauer nor the leader of the Free Democrats Dehler are responsible for the balloon operation directed against us. I am even convinced that if their parties, which are now in opposition, were to be returned in the next elections, the American balloons would no longer be able to start from German soil. But it is also a fact that these parties which so often criticize the present policies of Bonn, do not protest against the balloon operation, which is, of course, part and parcel of this very same Bonn policy. It is also a fact that the revanchist outbursts aimed against the Polish German frontier on the Odra-Nysa, have not met with a suitable reaction on the part of those, who on the whole agree that the cold war and the policy from the position of strength has not benefited Germany at all...."

End.