

OUTGOING CIPHER MESSAGE

RADIO FREE EUROPE  
MUNICH  
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TO: WALTER INFO DURKEE

FM: GITLIN INFO COOK LANGENDORF

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REUR NYC 38 OF 11 OCTOBER THE WEST GERMAN "EXCEPTIONS"  
WERE PUBLICATION (WITHOUT COMMENT) OF E.E. MEDIA CHARGES  
DIRECTED AGAINST RFE:

DPA, ON 26 AUGUST, MOVED A STORY REPORTING ON ACCUSATIONS  
MADE BY THE SOVIET LITERARY GAZETTE AND ADN OF WEST GERMAN  
AND U.S. COLLABORATION WITH THE "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES."  
DPA REPORT NOTED THAT "IN THE ARTICLE OF THE LITERARY GAZETTE,  
WHERE THIS PAPER AIMS TO PROVE THE ALLEGED MEDDLING OF WESTERN  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES IN THE CZECHOSLOVAK EVENTS, THE MOSCOW  
WEEKLY FURTHER ALLEGES THAT THE ARMS WERE BROUGHT TO THE  
SCHWARZENBERG BARRACKS IN ORDER TO BE SMUGGLED INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
FROM THERE. IN THE PAPER'S OPINION THE FREE RADIO STATIONS  
WITHIN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE IN THE SERVICE OF WESTERN FOREIGN  
COUNTRIES. THEIR EQUIPMENT IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY  
THE RADIO 'FREE EUROPE.'" (THIS REFERENCE WAS INCLUDED IN  
RFEA 108 OF 29 AUG, EXAMPLE NO. 13).

ON SEPT. 3, SUEDEUTSCHER ZEITUNG'S BERLIN CORRESPONDENT  
REPORTED ON EAST GERMAN CHARGES OF MEDDLING BY WESTERN MEDIA  
IN CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIRS. THE REPORT STATED:

"FURTHER, THE SED PAPER NEUES DEUTSCHLAND ASSERTED THAT  
ILLEGAL RADIO STATIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA COOPERATED WITH THE  
MUNICH STATION 'RADIO FREE EUROPE': ON A WAVE LENGTH ON WHICH  
AT 8 P.M. SUNDAY RADIO PRAGUE COULD STILL BE HEARD, A SHORT  
TIME THEREAFTER NEWS OF THE MUNICH STATION WERE BEING BROADCAST."

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A RECENT EXAMPLE APPEARED IN DER SPIEGEL OF 30 SEPT. IN A TWO-  
COLUMN ARTICLE HEADLINED "SOME THINGS WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT"  
IT PUBLISHED COMMENTARY (NO DATE GIVEN) BY KARL-EDUARD VON  
SCHNITZLER, CHIEF COMMENTATOR OF DDR TELEVISION, AND INCLUDED  
THIS QUOTE:

"IN THIS ATMOSPHERE REPEATED CLAIMS OF COMPENSATION OF  
DAMAGES ARE BEING HEARD. COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES WHICH WERE  
CAUSED BY THE INTERVENTION. CLAIMS ARE PUBLICLY MADE TO THE  
FIVE ALLIED POWERS. INDEED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE WAS DONE...

WHO FOR EXAMPLE PROCLAIMED A GENERAL STRIKE AS WELL AS THE  
PARALYZATION OF TRAFFIC? WHO THROUGH ILLEGAL NEWSPAPERS AND  
OVER ILLEGAL RADIO STATIONS HAD APPEALED TO HAVE HUNDREDS OF  
MILLIONS OF LOCAL SIGNS AND ROAD SIGNS AS WELL AS HOUSE NUMBERS  
DESTROYED? THOSE WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE RESPONSIBLE. GOLDSTUECKER,  
PROCHAZKA, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, THE  
BUNDESWEHR AND 'FREE EUROPE' COULD BY THE WAY VERY EASILY  
PAY (FOR COMPENSATION) IN HARD CURRENCY."

EYE NOW RECOGNIZE THAT THE WORDING OF ORIGINAL MESSAGE  
COULD BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT "EXCEPTIONS" INDICATE  
"INITIAL RESPONSE" BY WEST GERMAN MEDIA WAS EDITORIAL  
COMMENT RATHER THAN MERELY THE REPEATING OF E.E. MEDIA  
CHARGES. MY APOLOGIES. LANGENDORF CONFIRMS THAT HE HAS NOT  
RPT NOT NOTED A SINGLE WEST GERMAN MEDIA ADVERSE REFERENCE TO  
RFE.

REGARDS.

END MSG