To DIRECTOR

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CADORY DTLINEN

RE BRLN 2385 (IN 23212)* (RELAYED MUNI)

1. EVEN IF DDR ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED UP BY ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR GERMAN OFFICIALS OR BEIRAT TAKE EASTERN BAIT AND ANNOUNCE IMPENDING DTLINEN TERMINATION. WE RATHER ANTICIPATE WESTERN PRESS WILL QUERY ALL CONCERNED. IN RESPONSE SUCH QUESTIONS REQUEST FOLLOWING LINE BE USED BY ALL RATHER THAN ASCRIBE ACTIONS RE DT LINEN TO CAWASH SENAT INTIATIVE AS OUTLINED PARA 3A REF: DT LINEN BEIRAT HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN DISCUSSING FUTURE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVEN EXISTENCE DT LINEN BUT NOT REACHED FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO VEREIN YET. IN COURSE THESE DELIBERATIONS CAWASH SENATE WERE INFORMED THEY TAKING PLACE.

2. ABOVE LINE ALSO SUITED TO INDICATE ANY ACTIONS RE DT LINEN BEING TAKEN IN REASONABLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AND NOT NECESSARILY RELATED OVERALL BERLIN PROBLEM. SEEMS TO US STILL MOST IMPORTANT NOT TO BE PRESSURED INTO PRECIPITOUS STATEMENTS OR ACTIONS WHICH MAY IMPINGE ON AGREED ORDERLY PHASING DT LINEN TERMINATION.

3. SINCE MAJOR PRESSURE FOR WEST BERLIN ANNOUNCEMENT SEEMS TO COME FROM LIPSCHITZ REQUEST YOU SEE HIM ON 23 FEB AND TRY PERSUADE HIM THAT THIS NO OCCASION OR TIME FOR GRANDSTAND PLAY AND THAT DRAMATIZATION DT LINEN TERMINATION BY ANNOUNCEMENT HE DESIRES MAKE WILL IN OUR VIEW ONLY STRENGTHEN BENEFITS FOR EAST

5. Since upswing represented in initial discussions and central files mentioned by DDR radio please include Munich all further traffic these matters so substance developments can be passed upswing.

END OF MESSAGE

C/S COMMENT: *Concerns recommendations to DTLinen on termination to Verein.