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September 29, 1989, Prague – Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to CSSR Permanent UN Mission in New York. Report of the territorial department IV for Minister Johanes on the newest Czechoslovak proposals and other steps to resolve the situation at the embassy of the Federal Republic in Prague. “The GDR must take a more active part in the interest of easing the entire set of problems...”

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After the return of Lenárt from the meeting in Varna, a working meeting was held on September 29 at the [CPCz] Central Committee about the problem of GDR citizens at the FRG's embassy in Prague (now 2700 people as of noon today).

After the meeting (Lenárt, Štefaňák, Sadovský, Kadnár) it was recommended to Langer in Berlin to immediately visit Axen or director Sieber of the Department of International Politics, SED Central Committee, and inform them of the Czechoslovak proposals:

1. The GDR must take a more active part in the interest of easing the entire set of problems; the Czechoslovak side expects that the GDR Ambassador will officially request the Czechoslovak authorities to strengthen protective measures around the FRG embassy, so as to block access through the garden to citizens of the GDR.
2. The GDR could announce it on the fortieth anniversary of amnesty.
3. As part of the amnesty, to give an order for the GDR embassy consulates to provide passports and exit visas to the FRG for citizens of the GDR, and the consulates of the FRG would stamp into the GDR passports the right to enter FRG territory (this will allow for selectivity on the side of the GDR).
4. The GDR will furnish buses to the FRG embassy in Prague, and will transport its citizens with travel documents via GDR territory to the border with the FRG, where they will be released.

According to the last information from the embassy in Berlin, Langer visited Sieber and delivered the proposals. We are awaiting a response from the GDR.

Moreover, *Rudé právo* and the Czechoslovak Press Agency received instructions from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare a strong commentary against the policies of the FRG (pan-Germanism, neo-revanchism, and territorial revanchism, disruption of the easing of tensions).

The meeting with the FRG Red Cross took place on September 29 after preliminary soundings at the FRG embassy. Conducted correctly from the side of the FRG, unlike the behavior of Sudhoff.

The Czech side is requested to solve technical humanitarian problems, provide storage spaces for medical supplies, accommodation for personnel from the FRG Red Cross outside the FRG embassy, etc. These requests will be met. We strictly reject the Hungarian model. We also refuse to provide another building for the FRG embassy with so-called extraterritorial rights.

General Secretary Jakeš has been informed of the Czechoslovak proposals to the GDR.

Štěpán informed Sadovský that on the evening of September 29 the towing service would begin to remove abandoned GDR cars that are clogging up the area around the FRG embassy.

You will be informed of further developments.

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