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VISAS FOR THE SOVIET OCCUPIED ZONE OF GERMANY

Note by the German Delegation

It has been reported that the East German Foreign Ministry is considering a plan whereby representatives of the East bloc nations in non-Communist countries would issue East German visas in the same way as Czech Embassies in Denmark and Argentina are now allegedly issuing such visas. According to the plan the following East bloc nations would issue East German visas in the countries indicated:

- (a) Czechoslovakia: Denmark, Norway, Argentina, Switzerland, Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Chile, and Japan.
- (b) Rumania: Great Britain and Turkey.
- (c) Bulgaria: France, Belgium and Italy.
- (d) Poland: Netherlands, Portugal, (probably for Portuguese nationals applying to East bloc missions outside Portugal), Irish Republic, Greece, and Mexico.
- (e) China: Pakistan.
- (f) USSR: Luxembourg, Thailand, and New Zealand.

2. Allegedly the East bloc nations will not inform the Governments to which they are accredited of their intention to issue East German visas because of the possibility that the host countries would object to their issuing the visas.

It is anticipated that if no official announcement is made the host countries would raise no objection to the issuance of the East German visas.

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