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Summary:

In response to Western reports about the Tiananmen Square protests, Chief Erich Mielke alerts State Security to suppress all offensive anti-Chinese activity and propaganda in the GDR.

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The denunciation campaign of Western media in connection with the recent developments in the P[eople[™]s] R[epublic of] C[hina], in particular the resolute measures in suppression of the counterrevolutionary unrest in Beijing have led to an increase in provocative and pointed actions of negative enemy forces against the measures of the Chinese party and state leadership as well as against PRC institutions and citizens in the GDR. In particular, provocatory gatherings, the spreading of appeals and propagandistic writings as well as anonymous phone calls threatening provocations have occurred. Mindful of the further developments of the political situation in the PRC, increased vigilance is necessary.

The heads of responsible service units have to assure that:

-all signs of such negative enemy activities and their instigators are immediately checked and clarified;

-any provocatory actions against the PR China, in particular its embassy in the GDR, its privileged personnel, other official representations and their staff as well as all other PRC citizens are preempted and, respectively, effectively suppressed;

-above all any form of spreading of appeals to such activities and of propagandistic writings against the policy of the PR [of] China are prevented by appropriate means;

-persons who intend to undertake such activities are prevented from reaching the GDR capital by appropriate means;

-the responsible agencies in line with the determination of my 9 June 1989 communication (VVS 44/89) are informed about the participants in such activities, their behavior, and the measures introduced against them;

-all indications of such planned activities as well as the political-operative measures designed to prevent them preemptively are communicated without delay to the responsible service units. Information on operationally particularly significant measures are to be passed to me immediately.

Mielke Army General