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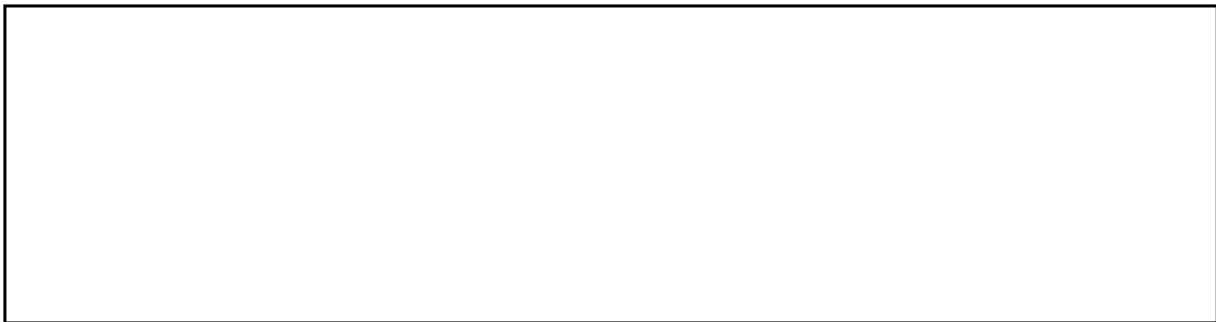
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- 1. Behind the political scenes something new is going on in Eastern and Western Germany : The establishment and the consolidation of an independent united Germany. While only a limited number of German groups side directly with Great Britain or the USA and Francophile trends are confined to capitalistic groups, the pro-Soviet tendencies, if not the pro-Communist ones, gained ground even among prominent groups. This is characteristic of the way Germany is to develop.
- 2. Germany does not consider the East as an economic competitor. German products are needed by the eastern countries while the West fears the German production, tries to destroy it and oppresses and defames Germany.
- 3. Although the development of friendly relations has been impaired by the prolonged occupation, it nevertheless became obvious that the Eastern disposition and mentality is much more congenial to the German mind than that of the West. The oppressed German is in need of warm-heartedness and this psychic need of the Germans will be a decisive factor in politics for a long time.

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4. Great Britain did much to offend German feelings in the field of culture. The USA tries to superimpose its valueless way of life on German traditions. France's refined propaganda is **intelligible only to educated Germans**. Thus Germany's psychic and cultural needs are not satisfied by the West. On the other hand, it appeared that there are men in the Eastern Occupation Forces who have a heart for German cultural problems and this can hardly be said of the Western Occupation Powers. Therefore there is an increasing tendency among young Germans to lean to the East, and the Soviets will take advantage of this development, while the British continue to apply colonial methods, while the Americans commit many **irreparable** psychological blunders and the French satisfy only some intellectual **connoisseurs**, Germany is **inclined to turn** to the East.

5. It is for these reasons that an agreement will be reached between politicians in West and East Germany and Germany's unification will eventually be achieved. This German-Soviet rapprochement will become a fact, even in the face of the Western Occupation Forces. Germany is marching straight ahead into the camp of the Eastern bloc.

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