

QUESTION:

Would it be possible at any point for a united Germany within NATO to have any kind of Soviet or Warsaw Treaty troops in the Eastern portion?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

You do have at the moment a large number of Soviet troops in the GDR and clearly one of the questions to be addressed, one of the questions in which the Soviet Union has a clear interest, is what the future arrangements for those should be.

QUESTION (Olivia Ward, Toronto Star):

To follow up on that question, how would the future of a NATO united Germany affect current negotiations on troop withdrawals and troop strength in Europe?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I do not think they would. I mentioned manpower, we have now CFE discussions covering manpower levels. We believe that the relatively new American proposals are a correct Western move, as it were, in those negotiations and I do not think there is an intimate connection between that and the German question we are now considering.