

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

In one way or another the concerns have to be addressed, whether in that framework or directly, there clearly needs to be a permanent resolution of their problem. Herr Genscher again today made a very welcome statement that when German unification was discussed they were talking about the peoples of the GDR, of the FRG and of Berlin. And he added: "Nothing less, nothing more." That, I know, is welcomed by the Poles as a restatement of assurances which he and the Federal Chancellor have given already.

What they would like of course is something which is permanent and is binding and which respects their Western border and we believe that that is right and I am sure that at the right time that will be worked out. That is an important aspect of the external, international implications of German unification and we have to find a way of addressing it. It is not clear yet what that way will be but we believe that there has to be found such a way.

QUESTION:

What kind of answer are you waiting for from Moscow, is it just acceptance of the mechanism, of the formula of 2 + 4, or do they want some kind of guarantee on substantive issues?

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I do not know, we have not had the answer yet, I do not know.