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Telegram¹ from the Turkish Ambassador in East Berlin, Metin Mekik², to the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Normal

East Berlin, 28 June 1990, 3.30 p.m.

Matthias Gehler³ the Government Spokesman of the German Democratic Republic, by issuing a statement to the press following the meeting held yesterday by the Government of the Democratic German Republic stated that the Government would not make any explanation (negative) concerning the all-Germany election dates.

In accordance with the relevant news issued on the ADN Bulletin, Gehler stated that the government of the Federal Republic of Germany aspired to hold the elections this year in December; however, if the reunification process progresses too rapidly, the psychological state of the people of the Democratic German Republic should be taken into consideration; the transition to a market economy is a new application that has created fear among the people. The economic, monetary and social union of the German Democratic Republic and the Federal Republic of Germany would be formed on 1st of July, and he reaffirmed that the internal border controls would be removed between the two countries.

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