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COMMUNIST PARTICIPATION IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

- Q. The President has sail that the Western Alliance has never been stronger than during his Administration. Yet we see the increase in Communist participation in Western Ruropean governments. Does the President feel that Communist dominated Western European governments, or those with Communist participation pose a threat to NATO?
- A. The President and the Secretary of State have each stated publicly that Communist participation in Western European governments would pose considerable problems for the Alliance.