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558. FOER R3. PRESSBYRAAN. POL 1:1. RE 'ESTONIA'-KATASTROFEN.

TASS AATERGER FOELJANDE UTTALANDE AV MID-TALESMAENNEN DEMURIN IDAG OM KATASTROFEN MED FAERJAN 'ESTONIA'. I MEDDELANDET NAEMNS ATT RYSK RAEDDNINGSTJANST AER BEREDD DELTA I RAEDDNINGSSARBETET. VIDARE NAEMNS ATT MID UNDERSOEKER UPPGIFTERNA OM TVAA RYSKA MEDBORGARE BLAND PASSAGERARNA OCH HAR FRAMFOERT BEGAERAN VIA RYSKA AMBASSADEN I STOCKHOLM OCH HELSINGFORS.

TASSCIT:

MOSCOW SEPTEMBER 28 TASS - BY TASS DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT YURI KOZLOV:

-RUSSIA CONSIDERS THE DEATH OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS OF THE 'ESTONIA' FERRY TO BE A COMMON GRIEF AND IS READY TO RENDER ALL THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE CATASTROPHE. SPOKESMAN OF THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY MIKHAIL DEMURIN TOLD TASS ON WEDNESDAY.

-WE KEENLY FEEL THE TRAGEDY. THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRY FOR EMERGENCIES AND HAS ALREADY INFORMED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS THE SWEDISH AND FINNISH AUTHORITIES ABOUT ITS READINESS TO SEND AEROMOBILE

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RUSSIAN RESCUE FORCES TO THE SHIPWRECK AREA TO SEARCH FOR THOSE  
IN DISTRESS AND RENDER THEM POSSIBLE HELP+. HE SAID.

DEMURIN ADDED THAT RUSSIA HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL  
REQUESTS FOR HELP SO FAR. +HOWEVER. OUR RESCUERS ARE READY TO  
QUICKLY LEAVE FOR THE DISTRESS AREA+. HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS CHECKING  
WHETHER TWO RUSSIAN CITIZENS HAD BEEN ONBOARD THE FERRY. THE  
NECESSARY REQUESTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE RUSSIAN EMBASSIES  
IN STOCKHOLM AND HELSINKI.

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