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Jonathan Greenwald is Director for Regional Affairs at the Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism in the U.S. Department of State. From 1987 to 1991, he was Political Counselor at the American Embassy in Berlin. This provocative and personal diary will be a valuable resource for anyone wishing to understand the background of the new Germany. Sounds like a winner, so memorize that ISBN number and order it today!

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