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MIPT: SHULTZ IN BONN: MIDDLE EAST

1. TELTSCHIK (DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO THE CHANCELLOR) HAS TOLD US THAT SHULTZ ADMITTED TO KOHL DURING THEIR TALKS YESTERDAY THAT THE AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS WERE NOW IN CLOSER HARMONY, AND CLAIMED THIS CREATED NEW CARDS WITH WHICH TO ACHIEVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES FROM LEBANON.

2. SHULTZ SAID THAT THE AMERICANS WERE CONDUCTING INTENSIVE TALKS WITH THE SYRIANS IN DAMASCUS AND WASHINGTON. THEY WERE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE USSR, TRYING TO PERSUADE MOSCOW TO INFLUENCE SYRIA TO BE REASONABLE. NEVERTHELESS, SHULTZ FEARED FURTHER ESCALATION NOT ONLY IN LEBANON BUT IN THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR.

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DOMESTIC POLITICAL BASE.

3. SHULTZ AND KOHL HAD DISCUSSED KING HUSSEIN'S NEW INITIATIVE,
WHICH HUSSEIN HAD DESCRIBED IN A LETTER TO REAGAN WHICH HE HAD
COPIED TO KOHL. TELTSCHIK EXPLAINED THAT THE GERMANS HAD ALREADY
TOLD THE AMERICANS LAST WEEK THAT HUSSEIN'S IDEAS WERE CONSTRUCTIVE
AND URGED THEM TO SUPPORT THEM. SHULTZ HAD TOLD KOHL YESTERDAY
THAT THE AMERICANS WERE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND TO PRESS ISRAEL
TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE.

4. TELTSCHIK ASKED US WHETHER THE BRITISH HAD HEARD FROM HUSSEIN,
AND HAD BEEN SPEAKING TO THE AMERICANS ON THE SAME LINES AS
THE GERMANS. GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHAT ANSWER WE SHOULD GIVE.

5. ACCORDING TO US EMBASSY SOURCES, GENSCHER RAISED THE QUESTION
OF HOW TO DEAL WITH QADAFI, IMPLYING THAT IF HE COULD NOT BE
RESTRAINED THE BEST COURSE MIGHT BE TO CULTIVATE HIM. SHULTZ
SHOWED NO ENTHUSIASM FOR THE IDEA.

6. NENAD PLEASE REPEAT FURTHER IF REQUIRED.

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