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MY TELNO 926 : ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS: PRESS CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF CHANCELLOR KOHL'S STATEMENT.

TEXT BEGINS

1. MADAM PRIME MINISTER, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS STATE SECRETARY STOLZE HAS JUST SAID, WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED OUR CONSULTATIONS - THE 12TH SUCH ANGLO-GERMAN CONSULTATIONS IN BONN. HOWEVER IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN ADDITIONAL WEIGHT BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO ME - WHICH HAS GIVEN ME PARTICULAR PLEASURE - TO ACCOMPANY HER TO BERLIN FOR HER FIRST VISIT THERE DURING HER PERIOD OF OFFICE. I THANK HER MOST WARMLY FOR THIS.
2. YOUR VISIT TO BERLIN IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE FOR US ALL. IT IS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP TO ALL GERMANS WHICH REFLECTS THE DEEP ALLIANCE BETWEEN US THAT YOU ARE TO VISIT THE OLD GERMAN CAPITAL  
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THAT WE SHALL TRAVEL TOGETHER TO THE REICHSTAG, AND THAT YOU WILL OBTAIN A PERSONAL IMPRESSION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE SITUATION IN BERLIN. IT IS ONLY POSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND THE DIVISION OF OUR FATHERLAND AND THE DIVISION OF THE CITY WHEN ONE SEES IT WITH ONE'S OWN EYES, AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THIS GESTURE.
3. THIS 12TH ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN BONN SINCE THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT HERE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I VISITED YOU FOR DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON 10 DAYS AGO. THAT THIS SHOULD BE SEEN AS THE NORMAL COURSE OF EVENTS SHOWS HOW GOOD ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS ARE. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHICH GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER, OR OF CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT, WE SHARE THE BASIC POLITICAL VALUES. OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP HAS SOLID AND WELL-BUILT FOUNDATIONS. IT IS BASED ON THE COMMON INTERESTS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND GIVEN SUBSTANCE IN OUR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, BOTH IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND IN NATO. GREAT BRITAIN IS ALSO A GUARANTOR OF OUR SAFETY - THE SAFETY OF OUR FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THE RHINE ARMY HELPS TO MAINTAIN OUR COUNTRY'S FREEDOM: GREAT BRITAIN IS ALSO ONE OF THE PROTECTING POWERS IN BERLIN.

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4. ALL OUR DISCUSSIONS- MY OWN WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THOSE OF MY COLLEAGUES WITH THEIR MINISTERIAL COUNTERPARTS - HAVE SERVED TO INTENSIFY OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE NATURALLY TALKED ABOUT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN OUR OWN COUNTRIES, AND OF THE PRIME OBJECTIVES OF BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS TO GET OUR ECONOMIES MOVING, AND TO TACKLE UNEMPLOYMENT - PARTICULARLY UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

WE ALSO DISCUSSED INTENSIVELY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, WHERE WE ARE FULLY AGREED THAT THE INCREASE IN PROTECTIONISM IS A DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE ALSO SPOKEN ABOUT UNSATISFACTORY DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE EC, A SUBJECT WHICH IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WE GERMANS SINCE WE TAKE OVER THE PRESIDENCY IN THE NEW YEAR AND SHALL HAVE TO DO OUR UTMOST TO ENSURE THAT, EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES, THE COMMUNITY REMAINS A VALID NEGOTIATING PARTNER.

5. WE WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES IS ESSENTIAL IF EUROPE IS TO SURVIVE. WE MUST CLEAR UP THE VARIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF RECENT MONTHS: FOR US THIS PARTNERSHIP MEANS CLOSE LINKS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A SENSIBLE ASSESSMENT OF OWN INTERESTS. WE BOTH AGREED THAT THE SOLUTION WHICH HAS NOW BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE STEEL ISSUE IS AN OPTIMISTIC SIGN FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.

6. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE ALSO COVERED THE WORRYING DEVELOPMENTS IN POLAND. BOTH GOVERNMENTS WATCH WITH GREAT SYMPATHY THE VERY SERIOUS SITUATION IN WHICH THE POLISH PEOPLE FIND THEMSELVES. WE ARE AGREED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO OFFER HUMANITARIAN HELP, AND ABOVE ALL WE ARE AGREED THAT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT MUST STICK TO THE TREATIES IT HAS SIGNED. I AM OF COURSE REFERRING TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO GUARENTEE FREEDOM FOR TRADE UNIONS AND CHURCHES.

7. IN CONNECTION WITH DEFENCE POLICY WE AGREED THAT A CONTINUATION OF CLOSE COOPERATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE WAS ESSENTIAL, AND THAT BRITAIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAD A PARTICULAR CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IN THIS AREA. WE JOINTLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS, AND IF POSSIBLE PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS. I HAVE ALREADY EMPHASISED THAT MY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, JUST LIKE THAT OF MY PREDESSOR, STANDS BY BOTH PARTS OF THE NATO TWO-TRACK DECISION, THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WISHES TO BE A RELIABLE AND DEPENDABLE PARTNER IN THE ALLIANCE, THAT WE STAND BY OUR WORD, AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION MUST KNOW THAT ONLY A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE CAN PREVENT THE STATIONING GOING AHEAD AS FORESEEN IN BOTH PARTS OF THE TWO-TRACK DECISION.



8. THOSE WERE THE REMARKS WHICH I HAVE TO MAKE. I SHOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS ONCE AGAIN FOR THE FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL NATURE OF OUR TALKS. I FOUND THIS MOST ENCOURAGING, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE INTEND TO HOLD THE NEXT CONSULTATIONS IN APRIL - PROBABLY ON 22 APRIL - IN LONDON.  
TEXT ENDS

BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME, THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS AFTER THE TWO PRINCIPALS HAD SPOKEN.  
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