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KOHL ON INF

1. SPEAKING AT A CDU DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE TODAY, CHANCELLOR KOHL SAID THAT HE WAS GRATIFIED AT THE SUPPORT WITHIN THE ALLIANCE FOR THE ZERO OPTION. HIS RECENT TALKS WITH MITTERRAND, LUBBERS AND BUSH HAD REINFORCED HIS CONVICTION THAT THE WEST SHOULD STICK TO THE QUOTE VERY REASONABLE AIM UNQUOTE OF THE ZERO SOLUTION. KOHL WAS CONFIDENT THAT HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TOMORROW WOULD DEMONSTRATE QUOTE COMPLETE UNANIMITY ON ALLIANCE QUESTIONS UNQUOTE.

2. REFERRING TO MITTERRAND'S SPEECH IN THE BUNDESTAG ON 20 JANUARY, KOHL SAID THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO DOUBLE DECISION WAS ESSENTIAL TO SAFEGUARD THE MILITARY BALANCE IN EUROPE, AND TO PREVENT THE SOVIET UNION REALISING ITS AIM OF DECOUPLING EUROPE FROM THE US. IT WAS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY BEFORE 6 MARCH. THE SOVIETS WERE MORE INTERESTED AT PRESENT IN WINNING THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF GERMANS THAN ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN GENEVA.

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