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YOUR TELNO 619: ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT 27 NOVEMBER: MEETING WITH KOHL

1. I SAW KOHL ALONE FOR 45 MINUTES THIS AFTERNOON. AS USUAL HE TALKED A LOT, THIS TIME MAINLY ABOUT A NEW BIOGRAPHY OF HIMSELF BASED ON DOZENS OF HOURS OF INTERVIEWS WITH CHILDHOOD FRIENDS ETC, WHICH HE SAID GAVE THE LIE TO THE PICTURE OF HIM PAINTED BY THE HOTHOUSE PRESS IN BONN. !!!

2. AFTER THANKING HIM FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT ON THE ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT (MY TELNO 1100) I STARTED TO GO THROUGH OUR IDEAS ON THE ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT. HE HAD EVIDENTLY NOT FOCUSSED MUCH ON THIS, BUT ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION THAT THERE WOULD BE 3 MAIN OBJECTIVES: TO HARMONISE BRITISH AND GERMAN POSITIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN LUXEMBOURG, TO ASSESS THE RESULTS OF GENEVA AND TO TAKE STOCK (WITH POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS) OF THE ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONSHIP. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO HEARING THE PRIME MINISTER'S FORECAST FOR 1986, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. !

## EC QUESTIONS

3. KOHL SAID HE WAS BRACING HIMSELF FOR A TWO-HOUR BATTLE THIS EVENING WITH DELORS, MOSTLY ON MONETARY COOPERATION. (LONG DIGRESSION ABOUT PEOPLE WHO IMAGINE THEY CAN GET KOHL TO DO THINGS BY PUTTING HIM UNDER PRESSURE OR BY GOING BEHIND HIS BACK: IT SEEMED TO BE THE FIRST OF THESE THAT DELORS WAS ACCUSED OF.) KOHL AGREED WITH ME THAT TREATY AMENDMENT ON THIS POINT WAS NOT DESIRABLE AND THAT THE REAL NEED WAS TO LIBERALISE CAPITAL MARKETS WHERE THIS HAD NOT YET HAPPENED.

4. KOHL DID NOT RECOGNISE THE WORDS COHESION/DIFFERENTIATION, BUT PUT IN A SCORNFUL REFERENCE TO PAPANDREOU, HIS SPEECH IN MOSCOW AND THE NOTION THAT SOME MEMBER STATES SHOULD DEFEND EUROPE WHILE OTHERS BUSIED THEMSELVES WITH MAKING MONEY OUT OF IT. I SUGGESTED THAT ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED WAS BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL FUNDS. HE NODDED.

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5. KOHL AGREED THAT THERE WAS EVERY REASON TO HOPE THAT A TREATY ON EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY COULD BE READY IN TIME FOR LUXEMBOURG. I ASKED HOW IMPORTANT WAS THE QUESTION OF A SECRETARY-GENERAL, AND HE REPLIED 'BETTER DROP IT'. HIS ONLY CONCERN WAS THAT NEITHER THIS NOR EUREKA (SEE BELOW) SHOULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMISSION.

6. I THOUGHT IT WISE TO MENTION THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, MAKING OUR TWO POINTS ABOUT NOT CHANGING THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE INSTITUTIONS AND ABOUT THE COUNCIL HAVING THE LAST WORD. HE EMPHATICALLY ENDORSED THE LATTER, AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE THE EFFECT OF THE GERMAN PROPOSAL.

### EAST-WEST RELATIONS

7. KOHL SPOKE ABOUT A VISIT BY HONECKER AS IF IT WERE SOMETHING LIKELY TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER. BUT HE WOULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES AGREE TO MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO HONECKER IN EAST BERLIN, AND THIS WAS THE UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH HONECKER WOULD COME TO BONN IF HE CAME AT ALL.

### ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

8. I PAINTED A CHEERFUL PICTURE OF THESE, WHICH KOHL ENDORSED, NOT LEAST IN THE DEFENCE FIELD. HE HAD NOT FORGOTTEN HIS PROMISE TO VISIT BFG AND SAID HE WOULD TRY TO DO SO IN THE SPRING. (HE LET SLIP THAT HE AND MITTERRAND WOULD BE VISITING FRENCH FORCES IN SOUTH WEST GERMANY IN JANUARY.) HE SHOOK HIS HEAD OVER THE EFA AFFAIR, MARVELLING THAT DASSAULT'S INTERESTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVAIL AGAINST THOSE OF FRANCE. HE REPEATED THAT THE LUFTWAFFE'S REQUIREMENT CAME FIRST IN HIS EYES, EXPORT POSSIBILITIES SECOND. I ASKED HOW SERIOUS HE THOUGHT MITTERRAND'S OFFER OF A 5-10 PER CENT FRENCH PARTICIPATION, BUT HE AVOIDED ANSWERING.

9. I SAID THAT THE ONE THING THAT MIGHT CAST A SHADOW ON OUR SUMMIT WAS FOR THE FRG TO VOTE FOR THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLANDS. KOHL LOOKED BLANK, SO I WENT THROUGH THE ARGUMENTS. HE SAID HE WOULD BRIEF HIMSELF.

### OTHER QUESTIONS

10. KOHL SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT EUREKA, BUT DID NOT SOUND AS IF HE HAD MUCH NEW TO SAY. THE TWO IMPORTANT THINGS FOR HIM WERE FIRST, THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD NOT TAKE EUREKA OVER: GERMAN INDUSTRY WOULD NOT STAND FOR HAVING THEIR PROJECTS 'BRUSSELISED': HENCE THE PROPOSAL FOR STRASBOURG AS THE

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SITE OF ANY SECRETARIAT: SECONDLY, UNLIKE SDI, THERE WERE A LOT OF EUREKA PROJECTS WHICH WOULD NOT GET OFF THE GROUND WITHOUT SOME GOVERNMENT FINANCE. AN EXAMPLE WAS THE PROPOSED LINK BETWEEN DATA CENTRES. KOHL ADDED THAT THE FRG MIGHT BE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION FROM BRITAIN BECAUSE INSTITUTES SUCH AS THE MAX PLANCK WERE JURIDICALLY INDEPENDENT OF THE STATE BUT HEAVILY FINANCED BY IT.

11. ON DRAFT DODGERS SEE MY MIFT.

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