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ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: MISCELLANEOUS POINTS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ASKED (TELECON ANDERSON/CONNOR), FOR ADVICE ON GENSCHER'S PERSONAL LIKES AND DISLIKES, AND FOR TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO USE SOCIALLY WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL.

2. AS REGARDS GENSCHER, THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON ADVICE FROM HIS PRIVATE OFFICE. HIS TASTES ARE SIMPLE AND ABSTEMIOUS, PARTLY FOR WEIGHT-WATCHING REASONS. HE DRINKS FRESH LEMON JUICE AND TOUCHES LITTLE WINE, SPIRITS OR BEER. HE LIKES TO EAT GRAPES (WHITE OR BLUE), SAVOURY BISCUITS AND NORMAL FOODS IN MODERATION. HE HAS NO GREAT APPETITE FOR READING, OUTSIDE OFFICIAL MATERIAL. HE LIKES MOST TYPES OF MUSIC, NOTABLY THE CLASSICAL REPERTOIRE, WITHOUT HAVING ANY SPECIAL FAVOURITES.

3. FOLLOWING ARE OUR OWN SUGGESTIONS FOR TALKING POINTS WITH KOHL:

(A) LOCARNO: SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY ON 1 DECEMBER, THE EVE OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. (PROFESSOR JAMES JOLL IS LECTURING IN BONN ON 2 DECEMBER ON THE SUBJECT).

(B) CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS: WILL KOHL BE GOING TO AUSTRIA? (HE HAS A FLAT IN ST. GILGEN).

(C) KOHL'S PLANS FOR A NEW MUSEUM OF HISTORY-CUM-ART GALLERY IN BONN. (THIS IS VERY MUCH A KOHL PROJECT: TO BUILD A NEW COMPLEX ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN BONN AND BAD GODESBERG, WHICH WOULD GIVE GERMANS A NEW FOCUS TO EXAMINE THEIR HISTORY (SOMETHING KOHL FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT) AND A NEW CULTURAL CENTRE IN BONN).

(D) WHAT SORT OF WINE HARVEST THIS YEAR, PARTICULARLY IN RHEINLAND-PFALZ? HAS THE GERMAN WINE-TRADE RECOVERED FROM THE GLYCOL SCANDAL? (KOHL'S HOME LAND OF RHEINLAND-PFALZ PRODUCES CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF WINE AND HE IS SOMETHING OF AN EXPERT ON IT. THERE HAS BEEN NO KNOWN INSTANCE OF THE DIRECT DOCTORING OF GERMAN WINE WITH GLYCOL: WHERE GLYCOL WAS FOUND, IT WAS A RESULT OF (ILLEGAL) MIXING WITH AUSTRIAN WINES WHICH HAD THEMSELVES BEEN DOCTORED. PRELIMINARY REPORTS ARE THAT THIS YEAR'S VINTAGE IS LIKELY TO BE SMALL IN QUANTITY, BUT VERY GOOD).

(E) THE EXHIBITION OF GERMAN ART 1905-85 AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER AND KOHL ARE TO VISIT. (CRITICS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT THIS OVER-EMPHASISES THE EXPRESSIONIST TRADITION TO THE EXCLUSION OF OTHER SCHOOLS. ON 26 NOVEMBER KOHL IS TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION OF 20TH CENTURY GERMAN MASTER DRAWINGS, IE MANY OF THE SAME ARTISTS AS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY, IN THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY IN BONN).

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(F) THE NEW BIOGRAPHY OF KOHL MENTIONED IN MY TELNO 1107 (FILMER AND SCHWAN, ECON VERLAG 1985). THIS IS A FRANK BOOK, CONTAINING EVERYTHING FROM HOW KOHL WAS BOTTOM IN MATHS AT SCHOOL TO "WHAT I DISLIKE ABOUT HIM" BY PETRA KELLY OF THE GREENS. KOHL'S PLEASURE AT THE BOOK IS ANOTHER SIGN OF HIS THICK SKIN.

(G) HIS SPEECH IN CAMBRIDGE, OF WHICH WE GATHER THE THEME IS TO BE "GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY: PERSPECTIVES FOR THE FUTURE".

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