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UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 4069: IGC: STATEMENT BY DELORS

1. DELORS WAS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS REPEATED THREATS TO RESIGN AND GENERAL HISTRIONICS IN HIS PREVIOUS JOBS, ESPECIALLY AS FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE. HE BELIEVES THAT HE MUST OCCASIONALLY MAKE A DRAMATIC GESTURE IN ORDER, AS HE SEES IT, TO FORCE OTHERS TO FACE UP TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. IT WOULD BE SURPRISING IF HE INTENDED TO SIT AND SULK THROUGH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF MITTERRAND. HIS THREATS WILL NOT BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY IN FRANCE. BUT HE MAY WELL CONTINUE TO STIR THINGS UP IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO BY ADVERTISING HIS DISSATISFACTION WIDELY IN PRIVATE AND POSSIBLY TO SOME EXTENT IN PUBLIC. HE IS NO DOUBT HOPING FOR URGENT APPEALS TO DESIST, ACCOMPANIED BY PROMISES TO TRY HARDER IN THE IGC. IF THE LUXEMBOURGERS ARE SUITABLY CONTRITE HE MAY PERHAPS DECIDE THAT HE HAS MADE HIS POINT AND CAN RESUME CO-OPERATION WITHOUT LOSS OF FACE.

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