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MY TELNO 302 : LUXEMBOURG COUNCIL : IGC.

1. SCHLUETER SAID IN A DANISH RADIO INTERVIEW ON 4 DECEMBER THAT AGREEMENTS REACHED AT LUXEMBOURG WERE FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLKETING RESOLUTIONS AND THAT HE THOUGHT THE PRO-EEC PARTIES COULD ACCEPT THEM. EUROPEAN UNION WAS OUT. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT SPOKESMAN, NOERGAARD, WAS STUDIOUSLY NON-COMMITTAL, SAYING THAT HE WOULD WANT TO SEE THE TEXTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT SCHLUETER IS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC OF GETTING THE BACKING OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON 6 DECEMBER.

2. OESTROM MOELLER, MFA, TOLD US THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S TACTICS FOR THE NEXT WEEK WILL BE TO HAVE DISCREET MEETINGS WITH BOTH THE DANISH TRADES UNION CONGRESS, TO DEMONSTRATE THE BENEFITS OF THE INTERNAL MARKET AND THE CONCESSIONS TO DENMARK ON ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS, AND THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. ASSUMING THAT THE MARKET COMMITTEE IS WON OVER THIS WEEK, THE NEXT HURDLE WILL BE A FOLKETING DEBATE ON 10 DECEMBER. HERE THE GOVERNMENT WILL EMPHASISE THAT THERE IS NO MENTION OF UNION AND THAT THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET ON THE PARLIAMENT, THOUGH MOST WANT THE COUNCIL TO HAVE THE LAST WORD. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S EXPECTED REJECTION OF THE AGREEMENTS ON 11 DECEMBER WILL BE USED HERE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE THEREAFTER.

3. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HOLD THE KEY. IF THEY ARE DISPOSED TO HELP SCHLUETER HE WILL ACHIEVE HIS OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING DENMARK ALONG WITH WHATEVER THE UNITED KINGDOM CAN ACCEPT. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME SIGNS LATELY THAT THEIR AGGRESSIVE MOOD IS MODERATING A LITTLE, BUT THEY ARE STILL PLAYING WITH HIGH STAKES.

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