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MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM INTERACTION COUNCIL

1. ISAMU MIYAZAKI (YOUR TELNO 276 REFERS) TODAY DELIVERED A LETTER DATED 16 APRIL FROM HELMUT SCHMIDT AND EX-PRIME MINISTER TAKEO FUKUDA TO MRS THATCHER DRAWING HER ATTENTION TO THE FINAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE INTERACTION COUNCIL (THE CLUB OF FORMER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) AFTER THEIR 4TH MEETING HELD IN JAPAN, 7-10 APRIL. MIYAZAKI IS A MEMBER OF THE POLICY BOARD. (MR GALLAGHAN, WHO HAD BEEN INVITED, WAS IN THE GV BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.)
2. THE FINAL STATEMENT CONTAINS A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THREE MAIN POLICY AREAS: POPULATION, WITH ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT; PEACE AND SECURITY, AND REVITALIZATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.
3. SCHMIDT AND FUKUDA SAY THEY CONSIDER MANY OF THESE PROPOSALS RELEVANT TO THE ISSUES ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT AND CONSEQUENTLY WISH TO BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS. MIYAZAKI TOLD US THAT MR TAKASONE, GIVEN THE SAME LETTER, HAD FIRST COMMENTED JOKINGLY THAT THE THUNDER OF THE SUMMIT WAS BEING STOLEN AND THEN MORE SERIOUSLY THAT THE SUGGESTIONS WERE VALUABLE.
4. MIYAZAKI MADE IT CLEAR THAT NO REACTION BEFORE THE SUMMIT WAS EXPECTED. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE LETTER BE KEPT LETLAND AFTER THE SUMMIT. THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MAY OF COURSE BE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF THESE STATESMEN WITH DUE POLITENESS, BUT THERE IS NO LOVE LOST BETWEEN FUKUDA AND TAKASONE AND THE PROPOSALS OF THE INTERACTION COUNCIL ARE UNLIKELY TO BE GIVEN PARTICULAR WEIGHT IN JAPAN.
5. THE ORIGINAL OF THE LETTER GOES BY BAG TO THE DEPARTMENT. IT WILL PROVIDE POWELL WITH A COPY ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.

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