

# CONFIDENTIAL

GRS 230

CONFIDENTIAL

FM BONN

TO PRIORITY FCO

TELNO 1108

OF 181810Z NOVEMBER 85

INFO ROUTINE BMG BERLIN, WASHINGTON, PARIS

INFO SAVING MOSCOW

*ms*

MIPT NOT TO ALL: DRAFT DODGERS IN BERLIN

1. CHANCELLOR KOHL RAISED THIS WITH ME TODAY. HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE BUNDESWEHR LOSING THE MANPOWER, BUT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT AN ANNUAL INFLUX INTO WEST BERLIN OF A GROUP OF MALCONTENTS EQUIVALENT TO 1 PER CENT OF THE ELECTORATE. THE WHOLE POLITICAL SPECTRUM OF BERLIN WAS BEING COLOURED BY THEIR PRESENCE: LOOK AT THE SPD. KOHL HAD A PRAGMATIC APPROACH AND DID NOT WISH TO TOUCH THE BASIC FEATURES OF BERLIN OR THE ALLIED GUARANTEE OF ITS SECURITY, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING TWO OR THREE GOOD PEOPLE ON TO THE PROBLEM. HE HAD MENTIONED IT TO PRESIDENT REAGAN AND FOUND HIM SYMPATHETIC. MITTERRAND TOO, THOUGH THERE WAS A GAP BETWEEN THE ELYSEE AND THE QUAI D'ORSAY ON THIS AS ON OTHER BERLIN POINTS. SO THE KEY WOULD REST WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

COMMENT

2. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE WHAT EXACTLY KOHL MEANT AND HOW THE MATTER CAN BEST BE HANDLED. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD KEEP IT OFF THE AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT.

BULLARD

BONN WILL PASS TO BMG BERLIN  
FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO MOSCOW

REPEATED AS REQUESTED

LIMITED

WED

EED

PS

PS LADY YOUNG

PS MR EGGAR

PS/PS

MR DEREK THOMAS  
MR SAMUEL

# CONFIDENTIAL