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FRANCE/GERMANY

1. THE NEW FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER VISITED BONN ON 3 APRIL TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO GENSCHER. THE DISCUSSIONS LASTED ABOUT TWO HOURS. DISCUSSION TOUCHED ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING EAST-WEST RELATIONS, CDE, CSCE, THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, CAP AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE TOKYO ECONOMIC SUMMIT. AS REGARDS THE CAP, THE PRESS SAY THE EMPHASIS WAS ON THE NEED FOR FRANCE AND GERMANY TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER BUT NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO RECONCILE EXISTING POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT E.G. OVER MCAS.

2. RAIMOND TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAD BEEN EXCELLENT AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL WELCOME HE HAD HAD, WHICH 'CORRESPONDED TO THE QUALITY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR RELATIONS'. GENSCHER SAID THE TWO AGREED ON THE NEED TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER WORSENING OF EC-US DISAGREEMENTS OVER TRADE BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN WESTERN EUROPE AND AMERICA AS A WHOLE.

3. OFFICIALS IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT EMPHASIZE THAT THE TALKS WERE OF A VERY GENERAL CHARACTER AND WERE SIGNIFICANT MAINLY AS A DECLARATION OF INTENT BY BOTH SIDES TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION. IN HIS PRESS STATEMENT GENSCHER MADE MUCH OF THE FACT THAT RAIMOND HAD CHOSEN TO COME TO BONN SO SOON AFTER HIS APPOINTMENT AND BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY OTHER VISITS.

4. CHIRAC IS EXPECTED HERE ON 17 APRIL. IT IS REPORTED THAT HE AND KOHL HAVE ALREADY HAD TWO CONVERSATIONS ON THE PHONE SINCE THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN PARIS. THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED TO MEET FOR THE FIRST FORMAL ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS IN MAY.

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