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TELNO 623

OF 181115Z JULY 86

YOUR TELNO 359: CALL ON CHANCELLOR KOHL

1. I SAW KOHL ALONE FOR 50 MINUTES THIS MORNING, MAINLY TO SIGN OFF BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAY, WHICH FOR HIM BEGINS ON 25 JULY WHEN HE GOES TO AUSTRIA.
2. I CONVEYED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE (YOUR TELNO 354). THE STATE VISIT HAD BEEN A TRIUMPH, BUT A TRIUMPHAL ARCH HAD TO STAND ON A FOUNDATION, WHICH IN THIS CASE WAS THE ALMOST PROBLEM-FREE RELATIONSHIP BUILT UP OVER RECENT YEARS. AN EXAMPLE WAS THE EVIDENTLY SUCCESSFUL TALKS WHICH THE NEW GERMAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER HAD HAD THIS WEEK IN LONDON.
3. KOHL DRANK ALL THIS IN WITH EVIDENT APPRECIATION, AND SENT HIS WARMEST WISHES TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN RETURN. HE EVIDENTLY THOUGHT IT TOO EARLY TO TALK ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE SUMMIT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. HE DESCRIBED WALLMANN AS HAVING A WINNING MANNER, UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR.
4. KOHL THEN LAUNCHED INTO SOUTH AFRICA: SEE MIFT.
5. AT THE END OF OUR TALK I SAID I HOPED THE HAPPY STATE OF OUR RELATIONS WAS NOT GOING TO BE DISTURBED BY ARGENTINA. KOHL SAID I COULD RELY ON HIM TO ENSURE THAT THIS DID NOT HAPPEN: SEE SEPARATE TELEGRAM.
6. OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED BY DAG.

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