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MY TELNO 925: EUROPEAN ARMS CONTROL COORDINATION

1. SINCE DESPATCHING TUR WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE CHANCELLERY. TELTSCHIK ADMITS THAT THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE IS BASED ON A BACKGROUND BRIEFING GIVEN BY HIM. HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT HOWEVER SUGGEST THAT HE, POWELL AND OTHERS WERE TO BE MEMBERS OF A TRINATIONAL GROUP ON ARMS CONTROL. THIS WAS A SPECULATION ON THE PART OF THE PAPER DERIVING FROM HIS ANSWER TO A GENERAL QUESTION ABOUT HIS PERSONAL LINKS WITH OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS.

2. STABREIT CONFIRMS THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATION WAS MADE AT FRANKFURT BY THE CHANCELLOR ON HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE. THE CHANCELLERY HAVE PREPARED A PAPER ON WAYS OF CARRYING THE PROPOSAL FORWARD, WHICH KOHL HAS NOT YET SEEN. STABREIT WOULD NOT BE DRAWN ON WHAT THIS MIGHT CONTAIN BUT HE DID SAY IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION THAT IT WOULD NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTY FOR THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE IF WE WERE TO ACCEPT THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT INVITATION FOR 11 NOVEMBER.

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