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OUR TELNO 351: BONN SUMMIT: FRENCH APPROACH

1. DURING A WIDE-RANGING INTERVIEW ON FRENCH TELEVISION ON 28 SEPTEMBER MITTERRAND MADE A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN A NEW GATT ROUND AND INTERNATIONAL TALKS ON MONETARY REFORM. HE REMARKED THAT QUOTE ONE CANNOT AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ON TRADE IN THE FACE OF A REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE ON A SUBJECT AS IMPORTANT AS THE MONETARY SYSTEM UNQUOTE, ADDING THAT THE LDCS WERE JUSTIFIED IN DENOUNCING ATTEMPTS TO SET UP A NEW GATT ROUND WITHOUT PROPER PREPARATION.

2. MITTERRAND BRISTLED AT A SUGGESTION THAT EUREKA MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN BONN: IT DID NOT NEED AMERICAN BLESSING. HE DENIED BEING DISAPPOINTED AT THE RESPONSE TO EUREKA SO FAR: ACCORDING TO HIM MINISTERS OF TECHNOLOGY AT THEIR RECENT MEETING IN ROME HAD AGREED THAT EUREKA SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD. HE ALSO DENIED THAT EUREKA WAS A MILITARY PROJECT.

3. ON SDI HE REMARKED ARCHLY THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT IT WAS FRANCE WAS BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN. NO-ONE SHOULD TAKE FRANCE'S PARTICIPATION FOR GRANTED. BESIDES IT WAS RISKY ACTING AS THOUGH ARMAMENTS WHICH WERE CURRENTLY THE OBJECT OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE ALREADY OBSOLETE AND AS THOUGH ONE WAS EMBARKING ON A NEW ARMS RACE. NEW TECHNOLOGIES WERE INTERESTING, BUT SDI'S STRATEGY WAS QUESTIONABLE.

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