

Prime Minister

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Amendments 1 & 2
 seem harmless enough.
 Amendment 3 shows the
 French are still silly.
 Perhaps we might prepare a

Bonn Economic Summit: Political Declaration

counter-amendment

to make it
 more difficult
 for

I understand that a message is on its way from the Federal Chancellor with an up to date text of the draft political declaration on the 40th anniversary of the end of the Second World War (now received, and attached to your minute of 29 April).

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2. The latest draft contains three significant amendments from the version agreed the weekend before last by political directors and Personal Representatives. Two of the amendments have been made at the request of Mr Nakasone and the third to meet the susceptibilities of President Mitterrand.

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3. The amendments are as follows:

1. In paragraph 2, Mr Nakasone could not accept the reference in the second sentence to "the vanquished". The sentence has been redrafted without that word.

2. At Mr Nakasone's request, a sentence has been added at the end of paragraph 3, expressing the hope that the division of Korea can be brought to an end in freedom.

3. You will remember the vexed sentence at the end of paragraph 5 about the Geneva talks. President Mitterrand has indicated that he is not prepared to accept any reference to the United States in this sentence. The Germans have accordingly proposed a revised sentence which reads:

"We welcome the opening of negotiations in Geneva and urge the Soviet Union to act positively and constructively in order to achieve significant agreements there."



This sentence would be acceptable to President Mitterrand. It remains to be seen whether it will be acceptable to the President of the United States. I suppose it might be, since at least it implies that all the other Summit countries are lined up with the United States in urging the Soviet Union to act positively and constructively.

4. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

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