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MY TELNO 518 (NOT TO ALL) : TORONTO SUMMIT

SUMMARY

1. GERMANS DO NOT EXPECT IMPORTANT STEPS FORWARD ON POLITICAL
MATTERS AT TORONTO. FEDERAL CHANCELLOR WANTS TO PLAY SOUTH AFRICA
DOWN.

DETAIL

2. VON RICHTHOFEN, POLITICAL DIRECTOR AT THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT, TOLD
ME TODAY THAT THE GERMANS THOUGHT THAT THE DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL
MATTERS AT THE TORONTO SUMMIT WOULD INVOLVE NO IMPORTANT NOVELTIES.
HIS MAIN CONCERN WAS THAT A CANADIAN IDEA THAT THE HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES SHOULD PREPARE A DRAFT POLITICAL DECLARATION
SHOULD NOT PREVAIL, AND THAT OFFICIALS SHOULD PREPARE ANY DRAFT. THE
MAIN SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE EAST-WEST RELATIONS FOLLOWING
THE MOSCOW SUMMIT, TERRORISM AND TROUBLE SPOTS IN THE THIRD WORLD.
THE CANADIANS WANTED SOUTH AFRICA TO BE DISCUSSED. BUT THERE WERE
DIFFERENCES ON THIS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AND GENSCHER, AND
KOHL WOULD WANT SOUTH AFRICA TO RECEIVE LITTLE ATTENTION, IF ANY, AT
TORONTO.

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