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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH GENSCHER: SOUTH AFRICA

1. DURING HIS MEETING WITH GENSCHER IN BONN THIS AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT AT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS THE PREVIOUS DAY, THERE HAD BEEN, IN HERR GENSCHER'S ABSENCE, ONLY A PROCEDURAL DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ENCOURAGE REFORM IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE BELIEVED THAT, TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS, WE SHOULD CONSIDER LIFTING THE BAN ON INVESTMENT. GENSCHER SAID ONE NEEDED TO CONSIDER WHAT THE INTENTIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WERE. DID THEY WANT REASONABLE TALKS WITH THE BLACKS? LIFTING THE BAN ON THE ANC AND THE RELEASE OF MANDELA WERE THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR A DIALOGUE ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY. IT WAS TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER CHANGING OUR BEHAVIOUR BEFORE THE DIALOGUE HAD STARTED. HE WANTED CONTACTS WITH THE ANC LEADERSHIP. BRITAIN HAD INVITED MANDELA TO LONDON. THE GERMANS TOO WOULD INVITE HIM. MANDELA HAD MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIS COLLABORATORS AND WOULD BE FULLY UP TO SPEED WHEN HE EMERGED FROM PRISON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AGREED, THOUGH MANDELA'S RELEASE WOULD ITSELF CREATE TENSIONS. GENSCHER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE REACTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE. THERE WERE ALWAYS DANGERS WHEN SOMEBODY IN MANDELA'S POSITION CAME OUT OF PRISON BUT MANDELA STILL SEEMED TO BE A STRONG PERSONALITY.

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED GENSCHER WHETHER HE WOULD ATTEND THE NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. GENSCHER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. EVERYTHING DEPENDED ON THE GDR.

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