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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

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INFO IMMEDIATE PARIS (FOR SIR J BULLARD), BONN.

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

1) ec Protocol D.

Sir P Moore, Buckingham Palace

Mr. Butler, No 10

Sir R. Armstrong, Cabinet Office

2) See draft submission + pa.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF D DAY

1. AT THE END OF A WORKING BREAKFAST THIS MORNING, GENSCHER SAID THAT HE WISHED TO RAISE A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE POINT. HE WAS CONSCIOUS THAT PLANS WERE UNDERWAY TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, A DAY WHICH HAD PARTICULAR CONNOTATIONS FOR THE FRG AS WELL AS FOR OTHER WEST EUROPEANS. THE FRG WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF WHATEVER WAS SAID PUBLICLY ON THAT OCCASION, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS SAID, WOULD REFLECT AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO LOOK MORE TO THE FUTURE THAN TO THE PAST. WE WERE TODAY ALL ALLIES IN THE FACE OF A COMMON THREAT. HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER OR HOW THE RUSSIANS MIGHT TRY TO EXPLOIT THESE CELEBRATIONS TO THEIR OWN END. IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IF, AT THIS STAGE, FORMER ALLIANCES WERE ACCORDED MORE IMPORTANCE THAN PRESENT ALLIANCES.

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2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE WAS CONSCIOUS THAT THE CELEBRATIONS WERE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN LONDON. HE WAS VERY AWARE THAT THE POINT GENSCHER WAS MAKING WAS AN IMPORTANT ONE. HE WAS NOT SURE HOW MANY PUBLIC SPEECHES WERE INTENDED AT THE CELEBRATIONS, BUT HE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF WHAT GENSCHER HAD SAID.

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