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FALKLANDS: GERMAN PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT YESTERDAY MADE WHAT SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS
TODAY CALL HIS FIRST PUBLIC CRITICISM OF BRITAIN'S HANDLING
OF THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT.

2. SPEAKING AT A MEETING OF THE SPD PARLIAMENTARY PARTY, HE SAID
THAT QUOTE SOLIDARITY WITH BRITAIN AS AN ALLY GAVE THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT THE OPPORTUNITY, AND PERHAPS ALSO THE MORAL DUTY,
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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAD AGREED TO THE EXTENSION OF EC SANCTIONS
ONLY AFTER QUOTE OVERCOMING SERIOUS INHIBITIONS UNQUOTE. THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN WAS STILL TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS
POWER TO END THE FIGHTING, AND IT THEREFORE SUPPORTED ALL ATTEMPTS
AT MEDIATION.

3. SOBOTTA (RHEINISCHE POST), WHO IS CLOSE TO THE CHANCELLOR,
COMMENTS ON SCHMIDT'S REMARKS IN TODAY'S PAPER. HE SAYS THAT BONN
STANDS ON THE SIDE OF BRITAIN, BERLIN'S PROTECTING POWER, OUT OF
NECESSARY COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS OWN OBVIOUS
INTERESTS. BUT THIS SUPPORT IS GRUDGING AND FULL OF RESERVATIONS
STEMMING FROM INCOMPREHENSION AT MANY ASPECTS OF MRS THATCHER'S
FALKLANDS STRATEGY. BRITAIN'S LOSSES SEEMS STEADILY TO DIMINISH
HER READINESS FOR A CEASEFIRE. GERMANY WILL NOT GO THROUGH THICK
AND THIN WITH BRITAIN, DESPITE OR EVEN BECAUSE OF BERLIN.

4. GENSCHER IS REPORTED AS HAVING SAID IN A RADIO INTERVIEW IN
BRUSSELS YESTERDAY THAT THE EC HAD EXPRESSED ITS HOPE AND EXPECTAT-
ION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT, AND
THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED AS WELL AS THE
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND LATIN AMERICA ALL POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NEGOTIATION MUST BE USED.
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