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MY CALL ON LUBBERS AND VAN DEN BROEK: 1600-1730 ON 6 JUNE

SUMMARY

1. USEFUL AND FRIENDLY 90 MINUTE DISCUSSION COVERING PREPARATION FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AGRICULTURAL POLICY (FOLLOW-UP TO TOKYO), AND POST-CHERNOBYL, ARMS CONTROL AND SOUTH AFRICA: THE LAST TWO RECORDED SEPARATELY.

DETAIL

(A) EUROPEAN COUNCIL

2. VAN DEN BROEK SAID HE EXPECTED THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE SOCIO-ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, EMPLOYMENT, THE INTERNAL MARKET, A PEOPLE'S EUROPE SITREP, EC POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AGRICULTURE, AND VARIOUS POCO ITEMS (EG HUMAN RIGHTS, MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA). ALSO POSSIBLY THE DRUGS PROBLEM.

3. I SAID WE WERE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO HAVE A WELL-ORGANISED COUNCIL. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE BOUNCED BY NEW PROPOSALS TABLED AT THE LAST MINUTE. LUBBERS RECALLED VARIOUS OCCASIONS ON WHICH THAT ERROR HAD BEEN MADE BY THE COMMISSION, AND SOMETIMES EVEN MEMBER STATES. I SUGGESTED THAT THE DUTCH

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SHOULD LAY DOWN A CLEAR DEADLINE. LUBBERS AGREED, AND UNDERTOOK TO INCLUDE ONE IN HIS ROUTINE PRE-COUNCIL LETTER TO EC COLLEAGUES, WHICH HE THOUGHT SHOULD ISSUE WITHIN A WEEK.

4. HE ALSO AGREED ON THE NEED FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO GIVE FRESH IMPETUS TO THE INTERNAL MARKET ROLLING PROGRAMME.

5. I SAID WE WOULD WANT TO SEE SUPPORT FOR THE UK/ITALIAN/IRISH INITIATIVE ON EMPLOYMENT (LUBBERS SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE RIGHT). FISCAL AND BUDGET MATTERS WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE DISCUSSED, THOUGH NOT AT GREAT LENGTH. VAN DEN BROEK SAID THE AIM SHOULD BE NO INCREASE IN THE CEILING BEFORE 1988. I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ASSUMING THAT THERE WOULD THEN BE AN INCREASE. LUBBERS SAID HE FULLY AGREED.

(B) AGRICULTURAL POLICY POST-TOKYO

6. I SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO REACH CONCLUSIONS ON GUIDANCE FOR THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL. LUBBERS SAID HE FEARED PROBLEMS IN THE GATT CONTEXT WITH THE FRENCH: HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE CLIMATE OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEBATE IN FRANCE WAS CHANGING FOR THE WORSE. GUILLAUME HAD STARTED INNOCENTLY ENOUGH, BUT WAS NOW GETTING INTO HIS STRIDE. CHIRAC HAD BEEN VISIBLY RELIEVED AT TOKYO BY THE OMISSION OF ANY REFERENCE TO GATT.

7. VAN DEN BROEK RECALLED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH SHULTZ IN HALIFAX THE WISE MEN PROPOSAL AS A WAY OF SEEKING TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT EC/US PROBLEMS. HE HAD THOUGHT IT WELL WORTH CONSIDERING. THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MIGHT NOT BE TOO EARLY TO LAUNCH THE IDEA. I SAID WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO GIVE IT A HARD LOOK. WE ALSO FAVOURED WIDENING THE DEBATE BEYOND THE TRANSATLANTIC CONFLICT ZONE, TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF OTHER INTERESTS. VAN DEN BROEK SAID HE APPRECIATED THE NEED TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF EC AND US POLICIES ON THIRD MARKETS, BUT HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO LIMIT THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE US AND THE COMMUNITY. LUBBERS NOTED THAT ANDREISSEN HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL. SOME PEOPLE FEARED THAT ONCE BROUGHT INTO BEING IT WOULD LEAD TO EC/US NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURE TAKING PLACE OUTSIDE RATHER THAN INSIDE GATT. LUBBERS SUMMED UP IN FAVOUR OF THE WISE MEN IDEA, SAYING THAT

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IF FOREIGN MINISTERS PROVED WILLING TO CONTEMPLATE IT DURING THE WEEKEND THEN AGRICULTURE MINISTERS COULD TAKE IT FURTHER DURING THEIR MEETING ON 9/10 JUNE. I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE IT WAS POTENTIALLY USEFUL WE SHOULD NOT WASTE TOO MUCH ENERGY ON THAT PARTICULAR PROPOSAL, SO LONG AS WE CONTINUED TO ENHANCE THE GENERAL LEVEL OF PERCEPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL PROBLEM, WHICH WAS NOW RISING QUITE FAST.

(C) HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION

8. I EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF CAREFUL PREPARATION IF THERE WAS TO BE ANY QUESTION OF THIS SUBJECT COMING TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. WE WERE NOT AS YET CLEAR WHAT NEW ELEMENT A DECLARATION WOULD ADD TO THE EXISTING POLICY OF THE MEMBER STATES ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

9. VAN DEN BROEK ARGUED THAT THE TWELVE HAD SO FAR NEVER SPOKEN OUT IN A PROPERLY ALL-EMBRACING WAY ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THEIR EXTERNAL POLICIES, THOUGH THEY HAD MADE A START IN THAT DIRECTION IN THE CSCE AND LOME CONTEXTS. THEY NOW NEEDED TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT HUMAN RIGHTS PLAYED AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES: CF GENSCHER'S ATTITUDE IN RELATION TO CENTRAL AMERICA.

10. I NOTED THAT A DECLARATORY APPROACH OF THIS KIND DID NOT COME EASILY TO THE BRITISH, THOUGH THERE WAS NO DOUBTING OUR SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AS INSTANCED BY OUR FIRM STAND ON THAT FRONT IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS.

(D) POST-CHERNOBYL

11. LUBBERS SAID HE WANTED TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF THE PROS AND CONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. I PRESSED THE CASE FOR CARRYING THE DEBATE FORWARD IN THE IAEA. VAN DEN BROEK NOTED THAT EURATOM TOO HAD A ROLE TO PLAY.

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