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DUBLIN TELNO 419: CHAIRMANSHIP OF AD HOC SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
EEC INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS

SUMMARY

1. TELTSCHIK SAYS THAT KOHL IS DETERMINED TO SECURE THE  
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CARSTENS.

DETAIL

2. TELTSCHIK RAISED THIS WITH ME DURING A LUNCH A DEUX TODAY.  
HE SAID THAT KOHL WOULD NOT GIVE UP HIS ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE  
CHAIRMANSHIP FOR CARSTENS. GIVEN THE SAGA OF THE CHOICE OF THE  
NEW COMMISSION PRESIDENT, WHICH TELTSCHIK ADMITTED KOHL HAD  
MISHANDLED, IT WAS NECESSARY TO THE CHANCELLOR TO PRODUCE A  
SUCCESS ON THIS MATTER. HE SAID THAT IT WAS A PITY THAT THE  
GERMANS HAD PUT FORWARD THEIR CANDIDATE SO LATE. HE REPEATED  
THE KEY POINTS IN YOUR TELNO 449. TELTSCHIK SAID THAT GENSCHER  
HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF AGREEMENT ON DOOGE HAVING BEEN REACHED  
AT THE GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL ON 23/24 JULY. THE FRENCH (COMPARE  
PARAGRAPH 4 OF TUR) HAD YESTERDAY TOLD THE GERMANS THAT THEY HAD  
ADVISED THE IRISH TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF CARSTENS. TELTSCHIK  
ARGUED THAT IRELAND OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE IN WITHOUT LOSS OF  
FACE, GIVEN THE IMMENSELY GREATER SENIORITY OF CARSTENS AND HIS LONG  
EXPERIENCE OF EC MATTERS AS STATE SECRETARY IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT.

3. TELTSCHIK SAID THAT, IF CARSTENS WAS NOT ACCEPTED, THE GERMANS  
WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE ~~BRXXXKX~~ SPAAK COMMITTEE. HE EXPRESSED  
ASTONISHMENT. SURELY ADVANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN  
COOPERATION WAS ONE OF KOHL'S MAJOR INTERESTS? SURELY THE GERMANS  
COULD FIND ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, IF  
CARSTENS DID NOT GET THE CHAIRMANSHIP? TELTSCHIK RETREATED  
SLIGHTLY: HE SAID HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE LATTER WAY OUT BUT  
HAD WANTED TO EMPHASISE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE CHANCELLOR  
VIEWED THE CANDIDATURE OF CARSTENS. TELTSCHIK LET  
DROP THE THOUGHT, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE  
FOR CARSTENS TO HAVE THE CHAIRMANSHIP AND DOOGE THE "EXECUTIVE  
CHAIRMANSHIP" OF THE COMMITTEE.

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4. TELTSCHIK MADE NO ATTEMPT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE BRITISH POSITION ON THIS MATTER.

5. KOHL EVIDENTLY WANTS TO GET A PROMINENT POSITION FOR A TOP GERMAN IN ORDER TO RESTORE HIS REPUTATION DOMESTICALLY IN MATTERS CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS. HE APPARENTLY HOPES TO RAILROAD THE EC. PRESUMABLY THERE WILL BE STRONG RESISTANCE FROM THE IRISH AND OTHERS. WE SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A BACK SEAT.

6. WE WILL ASK THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY FOR AN ACCOUNT OF KOHL'S MEETING WITH FITZGERALD TOMORROW.

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