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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: STATEMENT BY KOHL IN
BUNDESTAG

1. DURING A BUNDESTAG DEBATE YESTERDAY KOHL SHARPLY CRITICISED THE BEHAVIOUR OF 'SOME EC GOVERNMENTS', AND SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE A NEW ATTEMPT AT STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN COOPERATION WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH WERE PREPARED TO DO SO. HE WAS WITHDRAWING CARSTENS'S NOMINATION FOR THE SPAAK COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAD INTENDED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF DISTINGUISHED AND INDEPENDENT PERSONALITIES WHO COULD GIVE EUROPE A NEW INSPIRATION. SOME MEMBER STATES HAD HOWEVER UNDERMINED THIS BY NOMINATING OFFICIALS BOUND BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TOOK NOTE, WOULD NOT PREVENT THIS BUT WOULD PURSUE ITS EUROPEAN GOALS IN OTHER WAYS. FRANCO-GERMAN COOPERATION WOULD REMAIN THE CENTRAL PILLAR OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.

2. IN AN ARTICLE APPARENTLY REFLECTING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BRIEFING, THE BONN GENERAL ANZEIGER SAYS THAT THE GERMANS' ATTEMPTS TO RETRIEVE THE ORIGINAL CONCEPTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE HAD FAILED AT THE EPC MINISTERIAL MEETING IN DUBLIN. BRITAIN, DENMARK, GREECE AND THE NETHERLANDS HAD INSISTED ON NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE HANDS WERE TIED BY THEIR OWN GOVERNMENTS.

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