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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 195 OF 06 MARCH  
INFO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS, ROME, PARIS  
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YOUR TELNO 90: EC FINANCING

1. I SPOKE SEPARATELY TODAY TO TELTSCHIK (CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE) AND RUHFUS (FOREIGN MINISTRY) AS INSTRUCTED IN PARA 4 OF TUR. WITH RUHFUS I ALSO SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR TELNO 85. I SAID I SAW A RISK OF A TECHNICAL DISAGREEMENT IN BRUSSELS TURNING INTO A FIRST CLASS POLITICAL CRISIS BETWEEN LONDON AND BONN. IT WAS A QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE INVOLVING CHANCELLOR KOHL AND THE PRIME MINISTER PERSONALLY. I EARNESTLY ADVISED THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO ADVOCATE ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH WAS NOT STRICTLY COMPATIBLE WITH WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED BY THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PERSONALLY AT FONTAINEBLEAU. WE SHALL PURSUE THIS FURTHER AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

2. RUHFUS, WHO I THOUGHT SHOWED SIGNS OF OVERSTRAIN, SAID GRUMPILY THAT IT WAS A PITY THAT THE EARLIER GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED. AS THINGS STOOD, WE MIGHT WIN OUR POINT BUT AT THE EXPENSE OF MUCH POLITICAL BITTERNESS IN BONN. I SAID THAT THIS WAS NOTHING COMPARED WITH THE BITTERNESS IN LONDON IF THE CHANCELLOR APPEARED TO BE GOING BACK ON FONTAINEBLEAU.

3. TELTSCHIK, WHO WAS EVIDENTLY LESS ABREAST OF THE DETAILS, AGREED THAT IT HAD BEEN PERFECTLY CLEAR AT FONTAINEBLEAU THAT THE PAYMENT OF 1000 MECU TO BRITAIN WOULD BE MADE IN 1985 AND WOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT ON THE RATIFICATION PROCESS OR ANYTHING ELSE. THIS HAD ALSO BEEN CLEAR AT KOHL'S MEETING WITH MITTERRAND LAST WEEK. BUT HE NOTED MY POLITICAL POINT AND PROMISED TO MAKE KOHL AWARE OF IT.

4. I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY OUR TALKS TODAY WITH OTHER GERMAN OFFICIALS.

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