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1. DOOGE COMMITTEE

ACCORDING TO HARTMANN (FEDERAL CHANCELLERY), KOHL TOLD DELORS ON 25 MARCH, THAT THIS WEEK'S COUNCIL SHOULD NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THE DOOGE REPORT. ACCORDING TO HARTMANN, KOHL WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH TO SAY ON THE SUBSTANCE AND WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED WITH PROCEDURAL ASPECTS. THE GERMANS WERE VERY RESERVED TOWARDS THE ITALIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE DOOGE COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET AGAIN TO DEEPEN ITS DISCUSSION OF INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS AND TO THE FURTHER ITALIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD HELP PREPARE DISCUSSION AT THE MILAN COUNCIL. BUT ON THIS SECOND POINT HARTMANN DID NOT KNOW WHICH WAY KOHL WOULD DECIDE. AS MATTERS STOOD, HAVING REFLECTED FURTHER ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORT, THE GERMANS WANTED TO PURSUE MATTERS BILATERALLY, ABOVE ALL WITH OURSELVES AND THE FRENCH, BUT ALSO WITH THE PRESIDENCY. THE QUESTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE COULD ONLY BE DECIDED IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSION AT MILAN. THE TASK OF SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEAR BEFORE IT STARTED WORK.

2. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

YOUR TELNOS 139 AND 140. HARTMANN COMMENTED THAT OUR PAPER GAVE THE GERMANS NO PROBLEMS. WE AND THEY SHARED THE SAME PHILOSOPHY.

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