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GENEVA SUMMIT: INITIAL GERMAN REACTIONS

SUMMARY

1. INITIAL GERMAN REACTIONS, PURELY ON THE BASIS OF PUBLIC DECLARATIONS IN GENEVA, VERY POSITIVE.

DETAIL

2. WHEN I SAW GENSCHER TODAY HE SAID THAT THE US/SOVIET DECLARATION CONTAINED A LOT THAT THE FRG HAD BEEN HOPING TO HEAR. THE TWO LEADERS HAD MENTIONED ALL THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS IN A HELPFUL WAY. ALL IN ALL, ONE COULD SAY THAT THE TWO SUPERPOWERS HAD AT LEAST GONE SOME WAY TOWARDS CONSTRUCTING THE SORT OF GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF RELATIONS WHICH NIXON AND BREZHNEV HAD PUT THEIR NAMES TO IN 1972.

3. AUSWAERTIGES AMT OFFICIALS THIS MORNING WERE IN HIGH SPIRITS AT THE APPARENT OUTCOME OF THE SUMMIT. THE DRAFT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMENT (NOT YET ISSUED) IS VERY UP-BEAT. POINTS WHICH STRIKE THE GERMANS AS PARTICULARLY POSITIVE ARE:

(A) THE VERY FACT OF SUCH A DETAILED DECLARATION, AND THE PARALLEL SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SHULTZ AND SHEVARDNADZE:

(B) THE ABSENCE OF SOVIET LINKAGE TO SPACE, WHICH GORBACHEV WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE SOUGHT TO WRITE INTO THE DECLARATION:

(C) THE PUSH FOR A GLOBAL BAN ON CW:

(D) ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, THE LANGUAGE ON 50 PER CENT REDUCTION AND ON AN INF INTERIM AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS THE SELECTIVE REITERATION OF THE 8 JANUARY COMMUNIQUE FORMULA (IE NO REFERENCE TO ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS).

4. ONE COMMENT ON THE APPARENT SUCCESS OF WESTERN IDEAS IS THAT GORBACHEV MAY SIMPLY BE BIDDING HIS TIME, CALCULATING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT WILL RAISE EXPECTATIONS IN THE WEST, IN THE RUN UP TO VARIOUS ELECTIONS, AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION CAN PLAY THIS TO ADVANTAGE IN THE COMING NEGOTIATIONS.

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5. THE CDU PARTY (RUEHE) HAVE WELCOMED THE OUTCOME, SEEING IT AS LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS: THIS POSITIVE IMPULSE MUST NOW BE STRENGTHENED.

6. FOR THE SPD BRANDT DESCRIBED THE RESULT AS THE BEST THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AT PRESENT FROM A 2 1/2 - DAY MEETING. THIS COULD LEAD TO A NEW PHASE IN THE DETENTE PROCESS. VOGEL COMMENTED THAT GENEVA HAD IMPROVED THE CHANCES FOR A HONECKER VISIT TO THE FRG.

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