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KOHL INTERVIEW WITH DIE WELT

1. CHANCELLOR KOHL IS INTERVIEWED IN DIE WELT (CONSERVATIVE) TODAY ON EAST/WEST RELATIONS POST-REYKJAVIK. MAIN POINTS ARE:

(A) THE IDEAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN REAGAN AND GORBACHEV ON DISARMAMENT, IF REALISED, WOULD HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE RESTS ON THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE MORE THESE ARE REDUCED, THE LESS EFFECTIVE BECOMES THIS STRATEGY. SIMULTANEOUSLY MEASURES MUST THEREFORE BE TAKEN TO ACHIEVE A TOLERABLE CONVENTIONAL BALANCE IN EUROPE.

(B) IN VIENNA, THE 35 CSCE MEMBER-STATES SHOULD DECIDE AT WHAT NEGOTIATING TABLE, AND WITH WHAT GOALS, CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

(C) REYKJAVIK SHOWED THAT PROGRESS ON ARMS CONTROL COULD TAKE PLACE NOW IN FOUR IMPORTANT AREAS - LRINF ZERO OPTION IN EUROPE (WHICH WOULD REQUIRE AN OBLIGATION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING ABOUT SRINF WITH THE GOAL OF REDUCTIONS TO EQUAL CEILINGS): A 50 PERCENT CUT IN ALL STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS; A GLOBAL CW BAN; AND A STEP-BY-STEP REDUCTION IN NUCLEAR TESTING, IN PARALLEL WITH THE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

(D) THE FRG POSITION ON THE PRINCIPAL DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS ARISING FROM REYKJAVIK COINCIDES WITH THAT OF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS: IN THE FUTURE THESE THREE EUROPEANS SHOULD COORDINATE EVEN MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER.

2. SEE ALSO MIFT.

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