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YOUR TELNO 625: QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS

1. I TOOK ACTION WITH CARLUCCI THIS AFTERNOON, MAKING THE POINTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF YOUR TUR.
2. CARLUCCI SAID THAT HE SAW TWO POSSIBLE PROBLEMS. THE FIRST WAS THE ITINERARY. THE PRESIDENT WAS PROPOSING TO SPEND ONLY A COUPLE OF HOURS IN BERLIN, FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF AIRPORT STOP-OVER IN BONN, BEFORE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. THERE WERE NO PLANS TO VISIT PARIS. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A FOUR POWER MEETING IN ITALY. THE ONLY WAY, THEREFORE, WOULD BE TO RE-ARRANGE THE PROGRAMME TO ALLOW FOR A DAY'S EXTENSION IN BERLIN. THE SECOND PROBLEM WAS OF COURSE THE ITALIANS. THE ADMINISTRATION WAS PARTICULARLY CONSCIOUS OF ITALIAN SENSITIVITIES IN THE WAKE OF THE G5/G7 PROBLEMS, AND A FOUR POWER MEETING RISKED MAKING THAT SITUATION FAR WORSE.
3. CARLUCCI ALSO SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HOPED THAT THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON GORBACHEV'S PROPOSALS - AND PARTICULARLY ON THE SRINF ASPECTS - WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT.
4. CARLUCCI SAID THAT HE WAS NEVERTHELESS SURE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD WISH TO GIVE THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUGGESTION VERY CAREFUL THOUGHT. HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH HIM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND LET ME KNOW THE RESULT.

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