

RESTRICTED

057511  
MDHIAN 9011

RESTRICTED  
FM MOSCOW  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 1740  
OF 261150Z OCTOBER 88  
INFO IMMEDIATE BONN  
INFO PRIORITY OTHER CSCE POSTS

MY TELNO 1733: SOVIET UNION/WEST GERMANY: VISIT OF KOHL: DAY TWO  
SUMMARY

1. RUSSIANS AND GERMANS CONDUCTED A ROUND OF MINISTERIAL MEETINGS  
ENDING WITH A FURTHER MEETING WITH GORBACHEV IN PLENARY. SIX  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS ARE SIGNED.

DETAIL

2. THE SECOND DAY OF CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO MOSCOW BEGAN WITH A  
MORNING SESSION WITH THE SOVIET PRIME MINISTER, RYZHKOV ON ECONOMIC  
AND TRADE COOPERATION. RYZHKOV RAISED THE QUESTION OF 1992. HE  
POINTED TO THE FACT THAT A 'UNIFIED MARKET' WOULD SHORTLY BE  
EVOLVING IN EASTERN EUROPE. ACCORDING TO TASS, BOTH SIDES AGREED ON  
THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE MUTUALLY PROFITABLE LINKS BETWEEN THE  
TWO ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES.

3. WHILE THIS WAS GOING ON, THE GERMAN TEAM OF GENSCHER, SCHOLZ THE  
DEFENCE MINISTER, REISENHUBER THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY, TOEPFER THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND NUCLEAR  
SAFETY AND KIECHLE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY HAD  
BILATERALS WITH THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS ON THE SOVIET SIDE.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON THE TWO SIDES MET AGAIN IN PLENARY. ACCORDING  
TO PRAVDA, GORBACHEV SPOKE WITH SATISFACTION ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR  
SOVIET/GERMAN COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, MACHINE BUILDING,  
ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. HE WAS PLEASED BY THE  
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SEND A GERMAN COSMONAUT TO THE ORBITING  
SPACE STATION 'MIR' AND THE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN SIGNED TO  
MODERNISE 200 PLANTS IN THE FOOD SECTOR. GORBACHEV SAID THAT A NEW  
ERA OF SOVIET/GERMAN RELATIONS WAS OPENING UP.

5. BOTH SIDES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE 'EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL CONTACTS BETWEEN DEFENCE MINISTERS.'

6. THE FOLLOWING INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED ON 25  
OCTOBER: ON ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, A CULTURAL AGREEMENT FOR  
1988-1989, ON NUCLEAR ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION, ON INCIDENTS AT SEA, ON  
MODERNISATION OF THE FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY, AND ON SPACE RESEARCH.

BRAITHWAITE

PAGE 1  
RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

0511  
MDHIAN 9011

YYYY

DISTRIBUTION 252

MAIN 252

EUROPEAN POLITICAL

SOVIET (-)

NNNN