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INFO IMMEDIATE BONN, WASHINGTON

A KOHL-BUSH SUMMIT?

1. WHEN I SPOKE TO PIERRE LELLOUCHE IN CHIRAC'S OFFICE ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EDU DINNER AND MEETING TO BE HELD IN PARIS ON 25/26 FEBRUARY (OUR TELNO 104, REPEATED TO BONN ONLY) HE TOLD ME THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING. THIS HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY.

2. LELLOUCHE ADDED THAT VOGEL (CDU) HAD GIVEN AS THE REASON FOR KOHL'S INABILITY TO ATTEND THAT THERE WAS TO BE A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN KOHL AND PRESIDENT BUSH AT CAMP DAVID ON 25 FEBRUARY. THE CHANCELLERY HAD NOT (NOT) ADVANCED THIS AS A REASON, AND IT WAS THEREFORE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SURE AT THIS STAGE WHETHER VOGEL'S INFORMATION WAS RELIABLE.

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