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US/SOVIET SUMMIT : FRG REACTION

SUMMARY

1. UPBEAT REACTION FROM KOHL AND GENSCHER. PRESS COMMENT ON CHANCES OF GORBACHEV CONCEDING GERMAN MEMBERSHIP OF NATO.

DETAIL

2. TODAY'S PRESS (YESTERDAY WAS A HOLIDAY IN THE FRG) REPORTS THAT BUSH RANG KOHL TWICE DURING THE SUMMIT TO KEEP HIM INFORMED. BAKER ALSO RANG GENSCHER TWICE. KOHL, WHO WILL MEET BUSH IN WASHINGTON ON 8 JUNE, SAID ON 3 JUNE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE SUMMIT HAD IMPROVED THE PROSPECTS FOR SETTING THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION. THE REQUIREMENTS WERE FORWARD MOVEMENT IN CSCE AND THE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND IMPROVED COOPERATION (PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC) BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HE BELIEVED THAT "THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF UNIFICATION COULD BE SOLVED ON TIME. THIS INCLUDED THE ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP OF A UNITED GERMANY".

3. GENSCHER STRESSED ON 4 JUNE THAT GORBACHEV'S RECOGNITION IN WASHINGTON OF GERMANY'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHICH ALLIANCE IT BELONGED TO WOULD MAKE THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION 'FUNDAMENTALLY' EASIER TO ANSWER. REFERRING TO SHEVARDNADZE'S LETTER TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF OTHER CSCE SIGNATORY STATES HE SAID THAT HE HOPED AGREEMENT ON GERMANY'S ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP COULD BE REACHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN PAN-EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM. THERE WERE GOODS FOR HOPE THAT THE CSCE SUMMIT IN AUTUMN WOULD LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A NEW EUROPE.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTES THE FAILURE AT THE SUMMIT TO ACHIEVE THE HOPED FOR BREAKTHROUGH ON GERMAN MEMBERSHIP OF NATO. SOME PAPERS SUGGEST THAT WESTERN INFLEXIBILITY HERE COULD ENDANGER PROGRESS IN

CFE, CSCE AND THE 2 PLUS 4. OTHERS HOWEVER COMMENT THAT GORBACHEV APPEARS STILL NOT TO HAVE THOUGHT THROUGH THE QUESTION OF GERMANY REMAINING IN NATO: HIS 'NO' AT THE SUMMIT WAS PROBABLY NOT HIS LAST WORD. WITH VERY FEW GOOD CARDS LEFT TO PLAY, GORBACHEV MAY BE BLUFFING.

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