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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1049 OF 22 MARCH 1984

INFO IMMEDIATE BRUSSELS COPENHAGEN THE HAGUE ROME DUBLIN PARIS
BONN LUXEMBOURG ATHENS

INFO ROUTINE LISBON MADRID STRASBOURG

COREPER (AMBASSADORS) 22 MARCH
FOLLOW-UP TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL

SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED SPECIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH. SECRETARIAT TO ISSUE REVISED VERSION OF FINAL PRESIDENCY DRAFT CONCLUSIONS INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS AGREED UP TO APPROXIMATELY 5PM ON 20 MARCH.

DETAIL

2. LEPRETTE (PRESIDENCY) ANNOUNCED THAT A FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL WAS SUMMONED FOR 10 AM ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH. (A TELEX HAS ALSO ISSUED.) THE AGENDA WOULD BE QUOTE FOLLOW-UP TO EUROPEAN COUNCIL UNQUOTE. THE PURPOSE WAS TO ASSESS WHERE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AND WHERE IT COULD NOT BE, SO THAT WORK COULD CONTINUE WHERE IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD. (COMMENT: THERE WAS NO SUGGESTION OF TRYING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE MAIN - BUDGETARY IMBALANCES - NEGOTIATION.) HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO GIVE FURTHER DETAILS.

3. RUTTEN (NETHERLANDS) ASKED WHETHER IT WAS THE INTENTION TO GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL ON POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AND WHETHER THE INTENTION WAS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON POINTS ON WHICH THERE HAD BEEN NO AGREEMENT. LEPRETTE REPLIED THAT HE ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE DISCUSSION ON ALL POINTS.

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I DREW ATTENTION TO THE DIFFICULTY THE DATE WOULD POSE FOR YOU BUT SAID THAT YOU WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT. I AGREED THAT THE AIM SHOULD BE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING POINTS, NOT SIMPLY TO TAKE NOTE OF THEM.

5. DIMADIS (GREECE) WONDERED HOW PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON ONLY SOME ASPECTS OF THE PACKAGE, ALL PARTS OF WHICH WERE INTERDEPENDENT. O'Rourke (IRELAND) ASKED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WORK OF THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL. LEPRETTE REPLIED THAT IT WAS UP TO MINISTER TO SEE HOW FAR THEY COULD PROGRESS ON THE PACKAGE. AS FOR AGRICULTURE, THERE WOULD BE BRIDGES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNCILS: THE TWO CHAIRMEN WOULD BE IN CLOSE TOUCH.

6. DONDELINGER (LUXEMBOURG) ASKED FOR A TEXT REFLECTING THE LATEST STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS. OTHERS SUPPORTED HIM. ERSBOELL SAID THAT SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE DAY COVERING THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LAST VERSION OF THE PRESIDENCY'S DRAFT CONCLUSIONS PLUS OTHER POINTS AGREED ON THE AFTERNOON OF 20 MARCH, IE REFLECTING THE STATE OF DISCUSSION AT ABOUT 5 PM. IN ANSWER TO RUTTEN, HE SAID THAT LUBBERS' AMENDMENT ON TRANSPORT WOULD BE INCORPORATED. I ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENCY INTENDED TO HAVE A FURTHER COREPER MEETING ONCE THE NEW TEXT EXISTED TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN MINISTERS. RUTTEN SUPPORTED AND SUGGESTED A MEETING ON MONDAY. THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEW TEXT SUCH AS THE PHRASE IN THE OWN RESOURCES SECTION : QUOTE ...APRES ACCORD DONNE SELON LES PROCEDURES NATIONALES UNQUOTE, WHICH SEEMED TO REVERSE THE NORMAL ORDER OF THINGS. ERSBOELL DREW ATTENTION TO THE TYPING ERROR IN THE SAME SECTION (ON OWN RESOURCES) WHERE THE SECOND 1986 SHOULD READ 1988. LEPRETTE RULED THAT THE ANTICI GROUP WOULD MEET LATER TODAY TO EXAMINE THE NEW TEXT AND LIST ANY POINTS OF DIFFICULTY. COREPER WOULD MEET IF NECESSARY ON MONDAY.

7. POENSGEN (GERMANY) ASKED TWICE HOW MINISTERS WERE GOING TO GET A NEUTRAL PICTURE OF THE POINTS REMAINING OPEN AND THE REQUESTS FOR AMENDMENT WHICH HAD NOT BEEN AGREED. ERSBOELL THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PAPER REFLECTING DISCUSSION TO 5 PM THERE WOULD BE A NOTE OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH KOHL HAD MADE, PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENCY AND CONFIRMED BY THE GERMAN DELEGATION. I CHALLENGED THIS: THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE AT LEAST ONE PROPOSAL. THERE WAS NO REASON TO PICK OUT KOHL'S. EITHER ALL PROPOSALS SHOULD BE RECORDED OR NONE. IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO LEAVE IT TO EACH DELEGATION TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PUT ITS OWN PROPOSALS IN WRITING. LEPRETTE REPLIED THAT THE UK WAS FREE TO CIRCULATE A DOCUMENT IF IT WISHED. I RETORTED THAT THE SAME APPLIED TO THE FRG. AFTER FURTHER (HELPFUL) INTERVENTIONS FROM DONDELINGER AND O'Rourke (THE LATTER'S MIND BEING MAINLY ON THE MILK QUESTION) IT WAS AGREED THAT NO NEW PROPOSALS WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARIAT. PICKING UP AN EARLIER REMARK OF DONDELINGER'S AND THE PRESIDENCY'S INTRODUCTION, I SAID THAT FAR FROM SIMPLY COMING TO ASSESS THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, I WAS SURE YOU WOULD WANT TO TRY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT AT THE

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8. AFTER THE MEETING ERSBOELL GAVE ME IN CONFIDENCE THE TEXT
OF THE GERMAN PROPOSAL (SEE MIFT).

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