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MIPT: MY CALL ON HERR GENSCHER, 13 APRIL: TRANSATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS

1. AFTER OUR DISCUSSION ON THE FALKLANDS GENSCHER RECALLED THAT WHEN HE WAS IN WASHINGTON IN MARCH HE HAD SUGGESTED TO THE AMERICANS THE INTRODUCTION OF GYMnich-TYPE MEETINGS BETWEEN NATO MEMBERS, AS A WAY OF IMPROVING TRANSATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS. THE US HAD WARMLY SUPPORTED THIS PROPOSAL. IT HAD HAPPENED TO COINCIDE WITH SIMILAR PROPOSALS BY COLOMBO, WITH WHOM HE WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT IN ROME LATER THIS WEEK.

2. HE THOUGHT HIS OWN SUGGESTION WAS MORE PRACTICABLE THAN COLOMBO'S. SOME WAY HAD TO BE FOUND OF PREVENTING TRANSATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS BEING MONOPOLISED BY THE LARGER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES: ALLIANCE PUBLIC OPINION WAS FORMED IN OSLO AND THE HAGUE AS WELL AS BONN AND LONDON. A FORUM CONFINED TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE USA WOULD HAVE THE DISADVANTAGE OF EXCLUDING IMPORTANT NATO FLANK COUNTRIES. (NORWAY AND TURKEY WHO, LIKE THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, WERE ON THE FRONT LINE AND SPAIN AFTER HER ACCESSION TO NATO), AS WELL AS CANADA.

3. GENSCHER HOPED VERY MUCH THAT, WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS NEXT DISCUSSED AMONG FOREIGN MINISTERS, YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE HIS PROPOSAL YOUR FULL SUPPORT.

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