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MY TELNO 342 AND WASHINGTON TELNO 1563: FEDERAL CHANCELLOR'S INVITATION TO MOSCOW.

1. ARNOT, HEAD OF THE SOVIET DEPARTMENT IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT, HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CONSULTATION REFERRED TO IN PARA 5 OF MY TUR WILL BE DONE THROUGH THE FEDERAL GERMAN EMBASSIES IN THE THREE CAPITALS. THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN DRAFTED AND ARE AT PRESENT WITH THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR AND HERR GENSCHER. ARNOT EXPECTS THEM TO ISSUE QUOTE SHORTLY UNQUOTE BUT COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC.

2. ON THE TIMING OF THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT TO MOSCOW, THE DRAFT INSTRUCTIONS (PRESUMABLY REFLECTING THE CHANCELLOR'S WISHES AS CONVEYED TO OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH ARNOT DID NOT SAY THIS) INDICATE THAT THE CHANCELLOR DOES NOT WANT THE VISIT RELEGATED TO THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR BUT IS PREPARED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. ASKED WHETHER THE GERMANS FORESAW DIFFICULTIES ABOUT THIS TIMING IN RELATION TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND GERMAN NON-PARTICIPATION IN THEM, ARNOT SAID THAT THEY SAW NO DIFFICULTY FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW. THE RUSSIANS MIGHT OF COURSE SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. (IN OTHER WORDS THE GERMANS WOULD

NOT EXPECT A VISIT BY THE CHANCELLOR TO MOSCOW IN LATE JUNE OR JULY TO AFFECT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN A BOYCOTT OF THE GAMES, BUT THEY RECOGNISE THAT THE BOYCOTT COULD CAUSE THE RUSSIANS TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE INVITATION.)

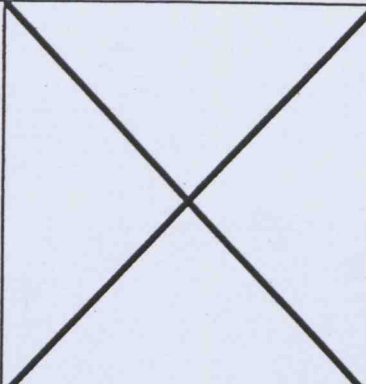
3. IF THE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUE ALONG THE LINES PREDICTED BY ARNOT, IT WILL I THINK MEAN THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN ACCOUNT OF OUR CONCERN THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE SUMMIT MEETINGS WHICH ARE IN PROSPECT TO CO-ORDINATE AN ALLIANCE BRIEF FOR THE VISIT AND ALSO THAT THEY WANT TO AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF UNDUE HASTE IN TAKING UP THE INVITATION. THE PROPOSED TIMING WILL ALSO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CHANCELLOR'S DESIRE FOR THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE SOON ENOUGH TO ENABLE HIM TO INFLUENCE SOVIET REACTIONS TO ANY FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE IRAN CRISIS. ON THIS BASIS, AND ASSUMING THAT THE GERMANS CONFIRM THE CHANCELLOR'S READINESS TO SPEAK TO A CO-ORDINATED ALLIANCE POSITION, I HOPE THAT OUR RESPONSE CAN BE IN RATHER MORE POSITIVE TERMS THAN THOSE UNDER CONSIDERATION BY BRZEZINSKI (PARA 3 OF WASHINGTON TOR), WHICH SEEM TO POINT TOWARDS INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT. DEFERRING THE VISIT UNTIL AFTER THE VENICE SUMMIT WILL MEET WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MAIN AMERICAN CONCERN: AND IT WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT HERE IF THE UK AND THE US WERE TO LINE UP ON THE DISCOURAGING SIDE OF THE FENCE WITH THE FRENCH (SEE PARIS TELEGRAM NO 379) GOING ALONG WITH SCHMIDT'S DESIRE TO STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS STILL REASONABLY HOT.

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