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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

QUADRIPARTITE BREAKFAST: SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW.

1. GENSCHER (WHO OTHERWISE TOOK ONLY A SMALL PART IN THE DISCUSSION) VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON SCHMIDT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL WOULD GO FIRST, AND IT WOULD THEN BE FINALLY DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT SCHMIDT WOULD GO. (THE IMPLICATION HOWEVER WAS THAT HE WOULD). IF HE DID, IT WOULD BE AT THE END OF JUNE OR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF JULY IE AFTER THE VENICE SUMMIT AND BEFORE THE OLYMPIC GAMES. THE GERMAN ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GO DURING AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. SCHMIDT WOULD GO ON HIS OWN BEHALF, BUT WOULD NOT ADOPT A POSITION AT VARIANCE WITH THE ALLIANCE OR WITH THE NINE. HE WOULD BEHAVE AS THE FRENCH HAD IN RECEIVING GROMYKO. LORD CARRINGTON AGREED THAT TALKING TO THE RUSSIANS WAS A GOOD THING AT PRESENT, BUT REFERRED TO THE RECENT TIMES EDITORIAL ON THE DANGER OF THE QUOTE DANIFICATION UNQUOTE OF EUROPE. HE HOPED THAT THE GERMANS WOULD MAKE SOME ROBUST PRO-WESTERN AND PRO-ALLIANCE OBSERVATIONS BEFORE THIS VISIT. GENSCHER AGREED AND SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE FACILITATED BY THE ATTACKS ON THE FRG IN THE LATEST WARSAW PACT COMMUNIQUE.

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