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FCO TEL NO 179 TO PEKING: BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN

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VAN WELL LAST NIGHT TOLD PUS THAT GENSCHER HANDED TO BREZHNEV A LETTER FROM SCHMIDT MAKING THE POINT THAT JUNE WOULD BE INCONVENIENT AND OFFERING A DATE AFTER 23 JULY. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION ON THE SOVIET SIDE (INCLUDING REFERENCES TO THE INCONVENIENCE OF LATE JULY BECAUSE OF SUMMER HOLIDAYS) BREZHNEV SAID THAT HE ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND THAT HE WOULD MAKE THE VISIT QUOTE IN THE COURSE OF THE YEAR UNQUOTE. THEY SHOULD DISCUSS DATES. AS REGARDS AN ANNOUNCEMENT, THE SOVIET SIDE WISHED NOTHING TO BE SAID BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY 10 APRIL. THEY WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH BONN ABOUT THE TIMING. VAN WELL SPECULATED THAT BREZHNEV WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE VISIT WITH THE POLITBURO AT ITS MEETING ON 9 APRIL. BUT HE AGREED WITH THE PUS'S COMMENT THAT THERE COULD BE OTHER AND MORE SINISTER REASONS ALSO FOR THIS SUGGESTED DELAY.

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