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GERMAN INTENTIONS AT THE PARIS MEETING OF COMMUNITY HEADS OF
GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY

1. KOHL WANTS THE MEETING TO BE A POLITICAL GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY
AMONG PARTNERS AND OF SUPPORT FOR REFORM IN THE GDR, POLAND, HUNGARY
AND THE SOVIET UNION. NOT LOOKING FOR DECISIONS.

DETAIL

2. MEETINGS OF MINISTERS ABOUT THE LINE KOHL SHOULD TAKE IN PARIS
TOMORROW ARE STILL CONTINUING IN BONN. BUT THE OVERALL LINE APPEARS
TO BE CLEAR. KOHL, WHOM I SAW SOCIALLY THIS MORNING, TOLD ME THAT
HIS PURPOSE WOULD BE POLITICAL. DECISIONS WERE NOT APPROPRIATE. THE
MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR POLITICAL
SOLIDARITY IN RELATION TO THE GREAT CHANGES IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND
THE MEETING SHOULD BE PRESENTED AS A POLITICAL GESTURE OF SUPPORT
FOR REFORM, NOT ONLY IN THE GDR BUT ALSO IN POLAND, HUNGARY AND THE
SOVIET UNION.

3. KOHL'S OFFICIALS DO NOT EXPECT HIM TO AGREE IN PARIS TOMORROW TO
THE FRENCH IDEA OF A NEW BANK FOR HELPING EASTERN EUROPE. HE MIGHT
GO SO FAR AS TO WELCOME THE IDEA IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL PROBABLY
AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE STUDIED IN DETAIL. GERMAN OFFICIALS DO NOT
BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH THEMSELVES YET HAVE CLEAR IDEAS. THE
GERMANS DO NOT KNOW, FOR INSTANCE, WHETHER THE FRENCH INTEND THAT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BANK COULD BE MADE BY NON-MEMBERS OF THE EC.

4. TELTSCHIK TOLD ME THAT THE GERMANS AGREED WITH THE FRENCH VIEW
THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO COMMUNIQUE FROM THE PARIS MEETING. IT WOULD
BE HUMILIATING TO GET BOGGED DOWN IN ARGUMENTS ABOUT DRAFTING. AT
THE SAME TIME, TELTSCHIK SAID THAT KOHL WAS A BIT ANXIOUS ABOUT
WHAT MITTERRAND MIGHT TELL THE PRESS HAD BEEN THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE
MEETING.

5. KOHL AGAIN STRESSED IN A SPEECH THIS MORNING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN HELP FOR REFORM IN THE GDR. HIS OFFICIALS ARE SAYING THAT AGREEMENT TO MOVE TOWARDS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE GDR WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE WAY OF GIVING EXPRESSION TO THIS IN THE NEAR TERM. THIS CHIMES WITH GENSCHER'S REMARK TO YOU ON 15 NOVEMBER THAT A COMMISSION MANDATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GDR SHOULD NOW BE AGREED (MY TELNO 1115).

THE POLITICAL BACKGROUND IN THE FRG

6. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND KOHL HIMSELF ARE LOOKING GOOD AT PRESENT. THE CHANGE IN THE GDR REFLECTS WELL ON FEDERAL POLICY OVERALL. THE OPENING OF THE GDR FRONTIERS IMMEDIATELY REDUCED THE FLOW OF PERMANENT IMMIGRANTS INTO THE FRG, AND THEREFORE THE RISK OF A POPULAR BACKLASH CAUSED BY NEW COMPETITION FOR HOMES AND JOBS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 30,000 OF THE APPROXIMATELY 280,000 GDR IMMIGRANTS SO FAR THIS YEAR WILL RETURN TO THE GDR OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

7. KOHL AND HIS MINISTERS CONTINUE TO TAKE A DELIBERATELY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC LINE ON THE GERMAN QUESTION. KOHL SET OUT HIS POSITION IN THE BUNDESTAG YESTERDAY (BONN TELNO 1121). THE ONE NEW ELEMENT WAS HIS RECOGNITION THAT HUMANITARIAN AID AND SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE GDR COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE ECONOMIC REFORM THERE. HE MAINTAINED HIS POSITION THAT MAJOR NEW ECONOMIC SUPPORT WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON REFORM.

8. AS YOUR TALKS WITH GENSCHER ON 15 NOVEMBER SHOWED, GERMAN VIEWS ABOUT REFORM IN EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION AND ABOUT EAST-WEST RELATIONS ARE GENERALLY CLOSE TO OURS. THE ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE IS THAT KOHL AND GENSCHER, AND INDEED ALL POLITICAL LEADERS HERE, BELIEVE AND CONSTANTLY DECLARE THAT EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE MAKE ACCELERATION OF INTEGRATION IN THE EC ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT. A MAJOR MOTIVE IS THAT THE GERMANS THINK THAT TO OPPOSE MITTERRAND ON CALLING AN IGC ON MONETARY UNION WILL BE TO INVITE ACCUSATIONS OF DRIFTING EASTWARDS. THAT IS A MATTER FOR STRASBOURG BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO DEPLOY AT THE PARIS MEETING THE LINE IN PARA 7 OF PARIS TELNO 1523. THE GERMANS NEED TO SEE THAT CREATION OF THE SINGLE MARKET MAKES THE PRESENT A PERIOD OF PARTICULAR PROGRESS IN BUILDING EUROPE AND THAT RUSHING AHEAD ON CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS IS HARMFUL.

9. THE OTHER SUBJECT ON KOHL'S MIND RECENTLY HAS BEEN POLAND. HIS VISIT FROM 9 TO 14 NOVEMBER, A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS EXERCISE, PASSED OFF WITHOUT SERIOUS DIFFICULTY. BUT HE MAY BE DISAPPOINTED

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THAT, BECAUSE THE GDR HIJACKED THE HEADLINES, THE VISIT TO POLAND,
LONG BILLED AS AN HISTORIC EVENT, WAS OVERSHADOWED.

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