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SUMMARY

1. CLEAR SIGNS OF SPD UNSOUNDNESS ON A UNITED GERMANY'S EVENTUAL RELATIONSHIP TO NATO.

DETAIL

2. THIS WAS A MAJOR THEME OF THE WEHRKUNDE CONFERENCE IN MUNICH ON 3-4 FEB. STOLTENBERG SPOKE OF A UNITED GERMANY BEING IN NATO BUT RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF LIMITS ON FORCES IN EAST GERMANY. GERMAN MEMBERSHIP OF NATO WAS ENDORSED, AND NEUTRALITY REJECTED, BY SPEAKERS FROM CDU AND FDP. SOME OF THESE ECHOED THE IDEA OF A SPECIAL STATE FOR THE GDR, FOR INSTANCE THAT GERMAN BUT NOT OTHER NATO FORCES MIGHT BE STATIONED THERE.

3. SPD SPEAKERS AGREED THAT A UNITED GERMANY SHOULD BE IN NATO, BUT FOR A TRANSITIONAL PHASE. AFTER THAT WOULD COME A EUROPEAN PEACE ORDER WHICH AS USUAL THEY COULD NOT DESCRIBE CONVINCINGLY. THEY SAID THAT NEUTRALITY HAD APPEAL IN THE GDR TODAY, WHERE IT MEANT LEAVING THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO'S ENTIRELY DIFFERENT NATURE, AS A COMMUNITY OF GERMAN VALUES BASED ON CONSENT, WAS NOT KNOWN.

COMMENT

4. IF THE SPD IN EAST GERMANY CAME OUT BEFORE THE ELECTION THERE FOR NEUTRALITY OR AGAINST NATO, THAT MIGHT MAKE THE FEDERAL SPD MORE UNSOUND ON A UNITED GERMANY BEING IN NATO. A GREAT DEAL WILL DEPEND ON THE POSITION TAKEN BY LAFONTAINE, WHO WILL DECIDE ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE THINKS WILL WIN VOTES IN DECEMBER.

5. YOU WILL GET QUESTIONS ON THIS AFTER YOUR SPEECH HERE ON 6 FEBRUARY. I SUGGEST THAT YOU SAY THAT GERMANY MUST BE IN NATO AND THAT THE QUESTION OF DEPLOYMENTS IN EAST GERMANY NEEDS DISCUSSION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.

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