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WASHINGTON TELNO 276: GERMAN ISSUES

11. I HAVE REPORTED IN SEPARATE TELEGRAMS THE INCREASED FEELING OF FRAGILITY AND RAPID CHANGE ON THE GERMAN QUESTION.

2. ON A NUMBER OF THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN TUR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND. IF WE MOVE FAST, THE WESTERN ALLIES CAN HAVE REAL INFLUENCE.

3. I SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A MOVE BY THE THREE ALLIES AND THE FRG ABOUT NATO (PARAGRAPH 6(A) OF TUR). THE FEELING IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS THAT WHILE A UNITED GERMANY SHOULD BE IN NATO, SOME SPECIAL MILITARY STATUS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE GDR. THERE ARE VARIOUS IDEAS ABOUT WHAT STATUS, BUT THE MOST COMMON ONE APPEARS TO BE THAT ONLY GERMAN FORCES SHOULD BE STATIONED IN THE GDR. I THINK THAT THE IDEA OF A TRANSITION PERIOD FOR SOVIET TROOPS TO REMAIN IN THE GDR OUGHT TO BE SALEABLE HERE. THE AIM, I TAKE IT, WOULD BE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE RUSSIANS TO BE SEEN TO AGREE TO CONTINUED PERMANENT STATIONING OF AMERICAN (AND OTHER) FORCES IN WEST GERMANY.

4. WEST GERMAN RESISTANCE TO MEETINGS OF THE FOUR POWERS REMAINS STRONG. (MY TELNO 1137). I WOULD NOT EXCLUDE THE GERMANS EVENTUALLY AGREEING TO A MEETING OF THE FOUR POWERS WITH THE TWO GERMANIES. BUT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE NOT TO INCLUDE THIS ELEMENT, WHICH IS SO UNPALATABLE TO THEM IN ANY EARLY PACKAGE OF WESTERN PROPOSALS.

5. I WOULD ALSO FAVOUR A BRITISH MOVE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GDR AND THE EC. THE GERMANS HAVE DECIDED TO INTEGRATE THE TWO ECONOMIES STRAIGHT AWAY (MY TELNO 1137). GERMAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION MEANS THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON WHAT, IN EFFECT, WILL BE A TRANSITIONAL PHASE TO FULL MEMBERSHIP BY THE EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED GERMANY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY NEED TO BEGIN SOON. THE UK COULD GAIN SOME KUDOS HERE BY RECOGNISING THIS EARLY ON AND HELPING FASHION THE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES. THIS COULD ALSO HAVE FOR US THE HELPFUL BYPRODUCT OF PUTTING US IN A GOOD POSITION TO ENSURE THAT THE ENSUING PLAYING FIELD WAS LEVEL AND THAT ALL COMMUNITY FIRMS ENJOYED EQUAL ACCESS TO THE GDR MARKET.

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