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MY TELNO 349: EC/GERMANY: COMMISSION STATEMENT

SUMMARY

1. BANGEMANN REPORTS ON FIRST MEETING OF NEW COMMISSION GROUP TO CONSIDER IMPACT ON COMMUNITY OF GERMAN INTEGRATION.

DETAIL

2. AT A SHORT-NOTICE PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY EVENING (WHICH BY ALL ACCOUNTS WAS A VERY CONFUSED AFFAIR) BANGEMANN REPORTED ON THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP OF COMMISSIONERS WHICH HE CHAIRS, TO LOOK AT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF GERMAN INTEGRATION IN TERMS OF THEIR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY. THE GROUP IS TO MEET WEEKLY FROM NOW ON.

3. AMONG THE POINTS WHICH BANGEMANN IS REPORTED TO HAVE MADE (NO PRESS RELEASE OR TRANSCRIPT WAS ISSUED) WERE THE FOLLOWING:

(I) THE COMMISSION EXPECTED THAT THE 5 GDR LAENDER WOULD ACCEDE TO THE FRG, PERHAPS FOLLOWING A REFERENDUM IN EACH REGION, SOON AFTER THE 18 MARCH ELECTIONS.

(II) GERMAN PLANS FOR MONETARY UNION NEED NOT CAUSE CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY'S OWN FORWARD PLANNING. BANGEMANN SAID THE PERIOD FORESEEN FOR (EC) ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION WAS LONG ENOUGH TO FIT GERMAN MONETARY UNION INTO IT.

(III) PAPERS UNDER PREPARATION WITHIN THE COMMISSION WOULD LOOK AT A NUMBER OF CONSEQUENCES OF GERMAN UNIFICATION FOR EC POLICIES, FOR EXAMPLE AGRICULTURE AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS, AND ESPECIALLY THE EC BUDGET.

P.T.O (v. important)

(IV) QUESTIONED ON THE LIKELY IMPACT ON THE LATTER, BANGEMANN SUGGESTED (WITHOUT GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS A FIRM CALCULATION OF ANY SORT) THAT THE FRG WOULD HAVE TO BEAR 70/80 PER CENT OF THE COST OF INTEGRATING THE GDR INTO COMMUNITY, WITH THE REST COMING FROM THE EC BUDGET. HE FELT THAT SOME SLIGHT SHIFT IN EC RESOURCES WAS INEVITABLE. *only 70-80%*

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