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VISIT TO MOSCOW BY KOHL AND GENSCHER

SUMMARY

1. PRESENTATION IN THE FRG.

DETAIL

2. MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

(A) KOHL CLAIMS TO HAVE ACHIEVED A BREAKTHROUGH, BY GETTING GORBACHEV TO AGREE THAT IT IS FOR THE GERMANS ALONE TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY WANT TO LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE STATE. THE SPD LEADER, VOGEL, HAS COMMENTED THAT THIS IS IN FACT NOTHING NEW.

(B) KOHL TOLD HIS MOSCOW PRESS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE SECURITY QUESTION IN DETAIL WITH GORBACHEV: QUOTE WE WANT TO DISCUSS IT IN CLOSE HARMONY AND WITH GREAT CARE WITH OUR FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON, PARIS AND LONDON, WITH A VIEW TO FINDING A SOLUTION TOGETHER UNQUOTE.

(C) KOHL AND GENSCHER ARE SAID TO HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLANNED CSCE SUMMIT WOULD BE PRECEDED BY A CONFERENCE OF THE FOUR POWERS PLUS THE TWO GERMAN STATES.

(D) IN A RADIO INTERVIEW ON 11 FEBRUARY KOHL SAID HE COULD IMAGINE THAT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC UNIFICATION WOULD QUOTE GO HAND IN HAND UNQUOTE.

(E) ASKED IN A TV INTERVIEW ON 11 FEBRUARY WHETHER THE FRG ELECTION PLANNED FOR DECEMBER WOULD NOW TURN INTO A PAN-GERMAN ELECTION, KOHL REPLIED THAT HE COULD NOT RULE THAT OUT.

(F) IN THE SAME INTERVIEW HE NOTED THAT WHILE IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT AN ENTIRELY NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE WRITTEN FOR A UNITED GERMANY ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WAS THAT THE PRESENT TERRITORY OF THE

GDR COULD SIMPLY DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE PRESENT FRG BASIC LAW
(PRESUMABLY VIA THE ARTICLE 23 ROUTE).

3. THE PRIME MINISTER'S LATEST COMMENTS (FRONT PAGE OF THE SUNDAY
TELEGRAPH) HAVE BEEN REPORTED FROM LONDON BY DPA, AND CAN BE
EXPECTED TO HAVE BEEN ABSORBED BY GENSCHER.

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