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MITTERRAND/KOHL MEETING 15 FEBRUARY : EC ASPECTS

SUMMARY

1. KOHL RESISTS MITTERRAND PROPOSAL TO BRING FORWARD THE DATE OF THE IGC. AGREES THAT A SPECIAL EC SUMMIT ON THE GERMAN QUESTION BE HELD IN APRIL.

DETAIL

2. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH PRESS, KOHL AND MITTERRAND AGREED AT THEIR DINNER AT THE ELYSEE ON 15 FEBRUARY THAT A SPECIAL EC SUMMIT DEVOTED TO THE GERMAN QUESTION SHOULD BE HELD IN APRIL QUOTE AS PROPOSED BY IRELAND UNQUOTE. BUT KOHL DID NOT (REPEAT NOT) AGREE TO MITTERRAND'S PROPOSAL TO BRING FORWARD THE DATE OF THE IGC FROM DECEMBER, WITH KOHL REPORTED AS REFERRING TO DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE GERMAN ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER. MITTERRAND IS REPORTED AS UNDERSTANDING KOHL'S DIFFICULTIES ON THIS POINT.

3. KOHL IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SUPPORTED MITTERRAND'S IDEA OF GATHERING THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES INTO A CONFEDERATION QUOTE EVEN UNDER ANOTHER FORM UNQUOTE.

COMMENT

4. THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE HAVE CONFIRMED PARAGRAPH TWO. BOSCH (ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR) SAID KOHL AGREED ENTIRELY WITH THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF EC HEADS OF STATE THIS SPRING, BUT HAD SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE IN APRIL RATHER THAN IN MARCH IN ORDER TO DISTANCE IT FROM THE EAST GERMAN ELECTIONS. AS FOR THE IGC, KOHL HAD SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO BRING FORWARD THE STARTING DATE BECAUSE OF THE ELECTORAL TIMETABLE IN GERMANY FOR THE REST OF THIS YEAR. MITTERRAND HAD REPLIED THAT DECEMBER WAS GOOD BUT EARLIER WOULD BE BETTER. HE HAD NOT, HOWEVER, PUT ANY GREAT PRESSURE ON KOHL OVER THE POINT. BOSCH COMMENTED THAT GIVEN THE SHEER VOLUME OF WORK ON THE GERMAN QUESTION AT THE MOMENT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE GERMANS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN AN IGC BEFORE THE END OF

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