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KOHL/BUSH MEETING AT CAMP DAVID

1. FEDERAL CHANCELLERY'S ACCOUNT OF KOHL/BUSH MEETING SHOWS THAT GERMAN POSITION ON FUTURE OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN EAST GERMANY IS IN IMPORTANT RESPECTS UNFORMED. KOHL WANTS US FORCES TO STAY IN WEST GERMANY, WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

DETAIL

2. IN TELTSCHIK'S ABSENCE, KAESTNER OF HIS DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY BRIEFED ME TODAY ON KOHL'S MEETING WITH BUSH AT CAMP DAVID. KAESTNER WAS PRESENT. HE SAID THAT THE AMERICANS AND THE GERMANS HAD AGREED THAT ALL EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE 2 PLUS 4 FORUM AND COULD NOT BE DECIDED BY THE AMERICANS AND GERMANS ALONE. FUTURE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN EUROPE HAD BEEN THE MAJOR THEME AT CAMP DAVID. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT UNITED GERMANY SHOULD BE A MEMBER OF NATO AND THAT NO ORGANISATIONS OR FORCES OF NATO SHOULD BE STATIONED IN EAST GERMANY. KOHL HAD TOLD BUSH THAT HE WANTED US FORCES TO STAY IN WEST GERMANY AND THAT THEY SHOULD RETAIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE PRESENT BASIS, SUBJECT TO WHAT MIGHT BE AGREED IN ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. KOHL HAD SAID THAT SOVIET FORCES IN EAST GERMANY COULD REMAIN FOR A TRANSITION PERIOD. WHEN BUSH HAD ASKED WHY KOHL WANTED THE RED ARMY TO STAY AT ALL, THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR HAD REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN PRACTICAL TERMS FOR 380,000 TROOPS TO DEPART QUICKLY. KOHL HAD ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF ONE MAJOR POINT IN DISCUSSION OF THIS WITH THE RUSSIANS TURNED OUT TO BE FUTURE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF SOVIET FORCES IN EAST GERMANY, WHICH AT PRESENT WERE MET LARGELY BY THE GDR.

3. KAESTNER SAID THAT THE AMERICANS AND THE GERMANS HAD AGREED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE APPLICATION TO EAST GERMANY OF ARTICLES 5 AND 6 OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY NEEDED FURTHER CONSIDERATION. SOME SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE REQUIRED. KAESTNER REMARKED IN PASSING THAT ONE POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE THAT THESE TWO ARTICLES WOULD BE EXTENDED TO EAST GERMANY ONCE THE SOVIET FORCES HAD DEPARTED. THE

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AMERICANS AND THE GERMANS HAD AGREED THAT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL. KOHL WAS CONSIDERING ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL BEFORE LONG. I SAID THAT, IF NATO WAS TO GUARANTEE EAST GERMANY'S SECURITY, THE MEANS TO DO THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE AVAILABLE. WHAT WAS KOHL'S INTENTION REGARDING THE MEANS THAT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN EAST GERMANY? KAESTNER SAID THAT THE ANSWER TO THIS KEY QUESTION WAS STILL UNCLEAR.

4. KAESTNER SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE DISCUSSION AT CAMP DAVID OF THE OTHER EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION, NAMELY GDR/EC AND ALLIED RIGHTS (FOR DISCUSSION OF THE GERMAN/POLISH FRONTIER SEE MY TELNO 257). THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF MOMPER'S IDEA THAT ALLIED GARRISONS MIGHT STAY IN BERLIN SO LONG AS SOVIET FORCES STAYED IN EAST GERMANY.

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