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	11	MARGINS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF 5 MARCH: GERMAN		
	12	UNIFICATION		
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	14	1. In a private discussion in the margins of the FAC,		
	15	Genscher told me that he thought it had been a great		
	16	mistake, even in domestic terms, for Kohl to have raised		
	17	the issue of reparations to Poland. Genscher had spent		
	18	one and a half hours with Kohl trying to talk the issue		
	19	down. I said that now that the frameworks for discussing		
	20	German unification seemed to be pretty well on track apart		
	21	from this Polish issue and Lafontaine's opposition to		
	22	NATO membership. Genscher said Lafontaine would be strongly		
	23	criticised in his own party. The Soviet Union would agree		
	24	at the end of the day to German membership of NATO after		
	25	the Germans had agreed to pay for the Russian troops to		
///	26	stay in the GDR and then to pay for their departure.		
//	27	2. I said I was glad about the decision to hold a meeting		
/	28	of the two plus four next week. Genscher said it would		
	29	be difficult to get far on substance but the meeting		
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