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TO IMMEDIATE THE HAGUE

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OF 151526Z MARCH 90

AND TO IMMEDIATE ROME, OTTAWA, TOKYO, WARSAW, PRAGUE, BUDAPEST
AND TO IMMEDIATE OSLO, COPENHAGEN, MADRID, LISBON, LUXEMBOURG
AND TO IMMEDIATE BRUSSELS

MY TELNOS 190 - 192 TO BONN: FIRST MEETING OF THE TWO PLUS FOUR

1. TURS GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST OFFICIAL LEVEL TWO PLUS FOUR MEETING IN BONN ON 14 MARCH. PLEASE SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT (PREFERABLY AT POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL) ON THIS MEETING. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS BRIEFING IS GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE (THE TWO PLUS FOUR AGREED THAT THE DETAILS OF THE MEETING WOULD BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL).

2. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- THE TWO PLUS FOUR PROCESS HAS GOT OFF TO A GOOD START WITH A FIRST MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN BONN ON 14 MARCH (WESTON: UK, ADAMISHIN: USSR, KASTRUP: FRG, ZOELICK AND SEITZ: US, DUFOURCQ: FRANCE, KRABATSCH: GDR).
- AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE PROCEDURES FOR THE OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETINGS, WHICH WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN BONN AND EAST BERLIN. THE CHAIRMANSHIP WILL ROTATE BETWEEN THE SIX. A NUMBER OF PRACTICAL DETAILS WERE AGREED.
- THE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN EAST BERLIN UNDER GDR CHAIRMANSHIP AFTER THE GDR ELECTIONS AND A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED. OUR AIM IS TO HOLD THIS MEETING IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF APRIL. THE PLANNING ASSUMPTION IS THAT THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A MEETING OF THE SIX MINISTERS, PROBABLY IN BONN, WITHIN 4 WEEKS OR SO OF THE GDR ELECTIONS. WE HAVE AGREED ARRANGEMENTS TO ALLOW EXTRA OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETINGS TO BE CONVENED IF NECESSARY.
- IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE TWO PLUS FOUR SHOULD INCLUDE BORDERS, POLMIL QUESTIONS, BERLIN AND FOUR POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. WE WILL WISH TO INCLUDE OTHER ITEMS AS WELL AND DISCUSSION ON THE AGENDA WILL CONTINUE.
- ALL SIX AGREED THAT POLAND SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE TWO PLUS FOUR PROCESS AS SOON AS HER BORDERS WERE DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED THAT POLAND COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN FORMAL TWO PLUS FOUR MEETINGS BUT THAT SUITABLE MODALITIES SHOULD BE AGREED

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FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE POLES. THE UK PRESSED FOR AN EARLY MEETING WITH POLAND, POSSIBLY AS SOON AS THE NEXT OFFICIAL LEVEL MEETING IN EAST BERLIN.

- WE HOPE TO PROVIDE FURTHER BRIEFINGS IN GREATER DETAIL ONCE MEETINGS OF THE TWO PLUS FOUR MOVE ON TO SUBSTANCE.
- 3. FOR TOKYO: WESTON HOPES TO TALK TO OWADA ON THE TELEPHONE ON 16 MARCH.
- 4. WESTON IS ALSO BRIEFING THE POLISH, ITALIAN AND DUTCH AMBASSADORS IN LONDON TODAY.

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