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TWO PLUS FOUR: POLISH BORDERS

SUMMARY

1. AMERICANS CAREFULLY INSCRIBE INTO PUBLIC RECORD KOHL'S POSITION ON POLISH BORDERS AND THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON 14 MARCH OVER POLISH INVOLVEMENT IN TWO PLUS FOUR.

DETAIL

2. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REGULAR DAILY BRIEFING ON MARCH 15, THE WHITEHOUSE SPOKESMAN (FITZWALTER) SAID THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL HAD CALLED PRESIDENT BUSH THAT MORNING TO DISCUSS QUOTE THE AGREEMENT YESTERDAY IN BONN THAT POLAND WOULD BE INVITED (TO THE TWO PLUS FOUR TALKS) AS SOON AS ANY QUESTIONS CAME UP OF PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT POLISH BORDERS. CHANCELLOR KOHL JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE PRESIDENT BUSH WAS AWARE OF THAT AND IN SUPPORT. WE OBVIOUSLY ARE. PRESIDENT BUSH ALSO NOTED THAT HIS (KOHL'S) MARCH 6 RESOLUTION WAS A POSITIVE AND IMPORTANT STEP. THAT'S THE RESOLUTION YOU'LL RECALL THAT REAFFIRMED THE INVIOLABILITY OF THE POLISH BORDERS. UNQUOTE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONING, FITZWALTER PROCEEDED TO READ OUT KOHL'S STATEMENT IN FULL. ASKED WHY HE FELT THE NEED TO DO SO, HE SAID THAT POLISH AMERICANS HAD RAISED THE ISSUE WITH BUSH IN A MEETING WITH HIM THE PREVIOUS DAY. QUOTE MANY IN POLAND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND SEEK REPEATED ASSURANCES. THESE WORDS ARE FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD. PRESIDENT BUSH BELIEVES THAT OUR POSITION IS IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE GERMAN POSITION UNQUOTE.

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