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UKREP BRUSSELS TELEGRAM 1148: INFORMAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL: 28 APRIL

SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENCY GLOSSES ON MR HAUGHEY'S LETTER OF 25 APRIL ADD NOTHING SIGNIFICANT. GERMAN UNIFICATION AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE MORNING. POLITICAL UNION OVER LUNCH. THE REST IN THE AFTERNOON.

DETAIL

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE MY IMPRESSIONS OF HOW MR HAUGHEY INTENDS TO HANDLE THE INFORMAL COUNCIL, BASED ON A BRIEFING OF EC AMBASSADORS IN DUBLIN TODAY BY NOEL DORR, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. THE TADISEACH WROTE TO EACH OF HIS COLLEAGUES LAST NIGHT (TEXT AVAILABLE IN ECD). DORR CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OTHER PRESIDENCY DOCUMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE COUNCIL. THE LETTER WAS INTENDED TO SET OUT IN A SCHEMATIC FORM THE WAY IN WHICH MR HAUGHEY THOUGHT THE COUNCIL MIGHT DEVELOP.

4. MR HAUGHEY HOPES TO CONFINE TO 10 MINUTES THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. GERMAN UNIFICATION AND EASTERN EUROPE WILL OCCUPY THE REST OF THE MORNING. EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION WILL BE TAKEN OVER LUNCH AND RESUMED IN PLENARY SESSION AFTER LUNCH ONLY IF DELEGATIONS INSIST ON THIS. CSCE, NARCOTICS AND OTHER MATTERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE END.

GERMAN UNIFICATION

5. THE OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO AGREE ON PROCEDURES FOR THE SMOOTH INTEGRATION OF EAST GERMANY INTO THE COMMUNITY. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSSION ON 21 APRIL SHOWED A WIDE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON THE COMMISSION DOCUMENTS. THE OUTCOME ON 28 APRIL SHOULD HAVE TWO ELEMENTS: GERMAN UNIFICATION MUST CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY: AND ALSO REASSURE THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

6. MY GERMAN COLLEAGUE SAID THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL WOULD SEEK THE SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT OF HIS PARTNERS AND WOULD BE READY TO RESPOND TO ANY REMAINING ANXIETIES ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHERS OF GERMAN UNIFICATION. THE ECOFIN COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE REASSURED PARTNER STATES THAT THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE BENEFICIAL AND NOT DAMAGING.

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EASTERN EUROPE

7. THE TAOISEACH EXPECTS NO DIFFICULTY IN AGREEING ON THE LINES OF THE COMMISSION'S APPROACH: ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS ADAPTED TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH COUNTRY AND DEPENDANT UPON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DEMOCRACY AND FREE MARKET ECONOMIES.

EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION

8. POLITICAL UNION IS SEEN AS A THIRD OBJECTIVE, ADDITIONAL TO THE COMPLETION OF THE INTERNAL MARKET AND RAPID PROGRESS TOWARDS EMU. MR HAUGHEY EXPECTS NO MORE THAN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES FOR FURTHER WORK. BUT HE KNOWS THAT SOME PARTNERS WILL PRESS FOR MORE (MY TEL NO 369 - NOT TO ALL). AND IS HIMSELF REPORTED AS HAVING TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MADRID ON 25 APRIL THAT HE HOPED FOR EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON A SECOND INTER GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE LATER THIS YEAR. MY FRENCH, GERMAN AND BELGIAN COLLEAGUES CRITICISED THE TAOISEACH'S LETTER AS INSUFFICIENTLY PRECISE. DORR DEFENDED IT AS PRUDENT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

9. THE BELGIAN PAPER AND THE FRANCO-GERMAN LETTER WOULD BE ON THE TABLE. THERE WOULD BE NO NEW PRESIDENCY DOCUMENT. I WAS ASKED ABOUT YOUR REFERENCE TO BRITISH IDEAS. I SPOKE ON THE LINES OF YOUR SPEECH IN PARIS ON 24 APRIL, AND DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THE TEXT. I AGREED WITH THE PRESIDENCY THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I DID NOT EXPECT A BRITISH PAPER.

CSCE

10. NO DETAILED DISCUSSION EXPECTED.

11. A. DRUGS. THE TAOISEACH HAD ENCOUNTERED LIVELY CONCERN DURING HIS RECENT TOUR. THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE HAS CONFIRMED TO ME SEPARATELY THAT THEY EXPECT NO MORE THAN PERFUNCTORY DISCUSSION ON 28 APRIL POINTING TO A SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE AT THE JUNE COUNCIL:

B. THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS. MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE EXPECTS PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO RESTATE THE TRADITIONAL FRENCH POSITION SEMI COLON

C. THE GREEK PRIME MINISTER WANTS TO RAISE CYPRUS. MY GREEK COLLEAGUE CONFIRMED THAT MITSOTAKIS UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS CAN BE NO MORE THAN PUTTING DOWN A MARKER SEMI COLON

D. MR HAUGHEY DEVOUTLY HOPES THAT THERE NEED BE NO DISCUSSION OF LITHUANIA.

ADMINISTRATION

12. OUTSTANDING ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS ARE TO BE SETTLED BY THE ANTICI GROUP AT 1900 ON 27 APRIL. DORR CONFIRMED THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WOULD HAVE TO END AT 1830 BECAUSE CHANCELLOR KOHL MUST LEAVE AT 1900. THE TAOISEACH SEEMS TO HAVE AGREED THAT KOHL SHOULD ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH HE AND DELORS WILL GIVE AT 1830 AND SHOULD ADDRESS IT BRIEFLY BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR THE AIRPORT.

13. DINNER IS OPTIONAL. THE BELGIAN, GREEK AND PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTERS AND DELORS WILL STAY FOR IT. THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR AND THE PRIME MINISTERS OF SPAIN AND ITALY WILL NOT. REPLIES ARE AWAITED FROM DENMARK, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG AND NETHERLANDS. I SAID THAT I

THOUGHT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO GET BACK TO LONDON. THE PRESIDENCY DO NOT INTEND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TO CONTINUE OVER DINNER. UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, DORR AGREED THAT IF THERE WAS ANY QUESTION OF THIS HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WHO HAD LEFT DUBLIN COULD BE REPRESENTED AT DINNER BY MEMBERS OF THEIR DELEGATION

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