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SUMMARY

1. GENSCHER MOVES TOWARDS KOHL'S POSITION ON SHEVARDNADZE'S DECOUPLING PROPOSAL. SAYS UNITED GERMANY MUST NOT BE BURDENED WITH OPEN QUESTIONS, EVEN WHERE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY. UNDERLINES NEED TO TAKE FULL ACCOUNT OF SOVIET CONCERNS.

DETAIL

2. ON 10 MAY THE BUNDESTAG DEBATED THE 2 PLUS 4 MINISTERIAL OF 5 MAY. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT GENSCHER DID NOT IN TERMS REJECT SHEVARDNADZE'S DECOUPLING PROPOSAL BUT THE THRUST OF HIS REMARKS WAS COMPATIBLE WITH KOHL'S POSITION. MAIN POINTS:
(A) HE STRESSED THAT GERMANY SOUGHT THE RAPID SETTLEMENT OF ALL THE EXTERNAL POLITICAL ASPECTS OF GERMAN UNITY. THE GERMAN PEOPLE HAD A RIGHT TO SEE THE EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF UNIFICATION CLARIFIED WITHOUT DELAY. THE AIM OF THE 2 PLUS 4 TALKS WAS TO ACHIEVE THE REMOVAL OF 4 POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, THEREBY ESTABLISHING FULL SOVEREIGNTY FOR A UNITED GERMANY. A UNIFIED GERMANY MUST NOT BE BURDENED WITH OPEN QUESTIONS, EVEN WHERE TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE NECESSARY. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WAS STILL DETERMINED TO SUBMIT THE END RESULTS OF THE 2 PLUS 4 TALKS TO THIS AUTUMN'S CSCE SUMMIT
(B) AS IN HIS REMARKS TO THE FDP PARLIAMENTARY PARTY ON 8 MAY (PARA 3 OF TUR) GENSCHER AGAIN ARGUED THAT THE UNITED GERMANY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO BELONG TO AN ALLIANCE. WHEREAS A NEUTRAL GERMANY COULD HARDLY BE SEEN AS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN EUROPE, A UNITED GERMANY WHICH HAD RIGHTS EQUAL TO THOSE OF OTHERS AND WAS IN NO WAY SINGULARISED OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR STABILITY, ONE OF THE FOUNDATION STONES OF THE NEW EUROPE. TO SINGULARISE A UNITED GERMANY WOULD REPLACE ONE PROBLEM WITH ANOTHER.
(C) HE EMPHASISED, ON STANDARD LINES, THE CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THE NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF SOVIET

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