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MY TELNO 326: POSSIBLE VISIT TO LONDON BY DE MAIZIERE

SUMMARY

1. DE MAIZIERE WOULD LIKE TO STOP OVER IN LONDON FOR A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER ON 9 OR 12 JUNE. STEINBACH HOPING FOR SEPARATE TALKS.

DETAIL

2. THE GDR NEWSAGENCY ADN REPORTED ON 21 MAY THAT DE MAIZIERE WOULD BE PAYING A VISIT TO FRANCE AND THE UK(MY TUR). VOIGT, A MEMBER OF DE MAIZIERE'S FOREIGN POLICY TEAM, RANG SANDS IN MY ABSENCE ON 25 MAY TO PROPOSE THAT DE MAIZIERE SHOULD CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS WAY TO OR FROM WASHINGTON. WOULD A CALL ON 9 OR 12 JUNE BE POSSIBLE?

3. VOIGT APOLOGISED FOR THE ADN REPORT WHICH HAD STEMMED FROM CONFUSION WITHIN DE MAIZIERE'S OFFICE.

4. VOIGT ALSO SAID THAT STEINBACH, DE MAIZIERE'S SENIOR FOREIGN POLICY ADVISER, WOULD WELCOME SEPERATE TALKS IN LONDON BEFORE THE NEXT 2+4 MINISTERIAL MEETING IN EAST BERLIN. POSSIBLE DATES WOULD BE 31 MAY TO 1 JUNE, BETWEEN 4 TO 6 JUNE OR (LESS CONVENIENTLY) A DATE BETWEEN 11 AND 15 JUNE. VOIGT SUGGESTED THAT STEINBACH MIGHT TALK TO POWELL AND / OR WESTON.

5. SANDS TOOK NOTE OF ALL THESE POINTS WITHOUT COMMENT AND UNDERTOOK TO PASS THEM TO LONDON IMMEDIATELY.

COMMENT

6. AS AGREED WITH THE DEPARTMENT, WE HAVE MADE NO ENQUIRIES

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LOCALLY ABOUT THE ADN REPORT. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAVE EVIDENTLY TAKEN TIME TO SORT THEMSELVES OUT, BUT DE MAIZIERE IS OF COURSE WORKING UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE IN A VERY FLUID SITUATION.

7. I UNDERSTAND DE MAZIERE WILL BE CALLING ON PRESIDENT BUSH WHILE IN THE US AT THE INVITATION OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS. I HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE FRENCH ARE PLANNING. I AM SURE DE MAIZIERE WOULD BE A MOST INTERESTING INTERLOCUTOR. GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHAT REPLY WE SHOULD GIVE.

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