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SECRETARY OF STATE'S CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER
SUMMARY

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE TELEPHONES DUMAS. DUMAS DESCRIBES RUSSIANS AS VERY EDGY OVER GERMANY. AGREES WITH GENSCHER'S IDEAS ON CFE, INsofar AS THEY HAD BEEN EXPLAINED TO HIM. AGREES THAT OFFICIALS OF CLOSE ALLIES SHOULD MEET IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TURNBERRY. DUMAS SAYS POLES STILL UNHAPPY ABOUT BORDER TREATY. THE SECRETARY OF STATE THANKS DUMAS FOR FRENCH HELP IN GABON.
DETAIL
2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE TELEPHONED DUMAS THIS EVENING TO TALK TO HIM AFTER HIS MEETING WITH GENSCHER YESTERDAY (FCO TELNO 368 TO BONN). DUMAS SAID THE RUSSIANS WERE VERY EDGY ABOUT GERMANY AND HE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BREAK OFF THE CFE NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, DUMAS THEREFORE FAVOURED GENSCHER'S APPROACH TO THE CFE: WE WOULD HAVE TO GO FURTHER THAN WE HAD DONE SO FAR. DUMAS HAD NOT, HOWEVER, HEARD ABOUT THE GERMAN IDEAS IN DETAIL AND AGREED THAT THE CLOSE ALLIES NEEDED TO DISCUSS THEM. WE MUST AVOID WEDGE-DRIVING BY THE RUSSIANS. HE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AGREED THAT MINISTERS MIGHT GET TOGETHER IN COPENHAGEN BUT THAT ANYWAY OFFICIALS OF THE CLOSE ALLIES SHOULD CONSULT IMMEDIATELY BEFORE TURNBERRY.
3. POLAND. DUMAS SAID THAT FROM RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MAZOWIECKI IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE POLES STILL WANTED A BORDER TREATY TO BE INITIALLED BEFORE UNIFICATION AND WOULD NOT JUST BE CONTENT WITH TWO PARLIAMENTARY DECLARATIONS TRANSMITTED TO THEM BY THE TWO GERMAN GOVERNMENTS. DUMAS HAD TOLD MAZOWIECKI THAT HE WOULD CONSULT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. HE TOLD THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT HE THOUGHT FRANCE AND GERMANY SHOULD SUPPORT THE POLISH POSITION. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION HAD BEEN THAT THE POLES WERE REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE GERMANS WERE PROPOSING BUT DUMAS DENIED THIS.
4. GABON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE THANKED DUMAS FOR FRENCH HELP TO OUR CITIZENS IN GABON. DUMAS SAID WE WOULD HAVE DONE THE

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SAME FOR THE FRENCH IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THE SITUATION WAS IMPROVING SOMEWHAT WITH MORE PEOPLE WOUNDED THAN KILLED. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A REASONABLE CHANCE THAT BONGO WOULD HOLD ON.

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