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YOUR TELNOS 232-33: QUADRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS: LONDON
ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. WHEN I SAW MEYER-LANDRUT LAST EVENING THE IDEA OF A POLITICAL DECLARATION FROM THE LONDON SUMMIT WAS CLEARLY AT THE TOP OF HIS MIND. HE SPOKE PARTICULARLY OF THE NEED FOR SOMETHING TO BALANCE, BY EMPHASIS ON THE DEMOCRATIC DEDICATION OF THE FRG, ITALY AND JAPAN, THE D DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WHICH INEVITABLY WOULD HAVE AN ALLIES-VERSUS-FORMER-ENEMY ANGLE. HE MADE CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS KNEW THAT MITTERRAND WAS LIKELY TO BE THE MAJOR HURDLE IN THE WAY OF A POLITICAL DECLARATION. THE AMERICANS, TOO, HAD MADE THIS POINT TO THE GERMANS.
2. MEYER-LANDRUT TOLD ME THAT THE GERMANS WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION AT THE QUADRIPARTITE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LONDON ON 24 APRIL. IN THE MEANTIME THE GERMANS WILL NO DOUBT BE TRYING HARD TO FIND OUT MITTERRAND'S LIKELY VIEWS.
3. UNLESS MITTERRAND IS FIRMLY NEGATIVE, I WOULD EXPECT GENSCHER - ENCOURAGED BY HIS SUCCESS IN INITIATING THE DECLARATION BY NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST DECEMBER - TO PERSIST IN GOING FOR A DECLARATION FROM LONDON.
4. I HAVE A TACTICAL SUGGESTION. SO LONG AS THE EC BUDGET PROBLEM REMAINS UNSOLVED IT IS LIABLE TO CAUSE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN US AND THE GERMANS: THIS GIVES US AN INTEREST IN AVOIDING DIFFICULTIES IN OTHER FIELDS WHERE POSSIBLE. EQUALLY, OUR NEED FOR GERMAN COOPERATION ON THE BUDGET GIVES US AN INTEREST IN WINNING POINTS WITH THE GERMANS ON OTHER SUBJECTS. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD BE AS SUPPORTIVE AND WELL-WISHING AS POSSIBLE IN DISCUSSION OF GENSCHER'S DECLARATION IDEA, LETTING THE FRENCH GET THE ODIUM IF THEY DECIDE TO RESIST IT.

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