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IGC BRUSSELS, 16/17 DECEMBER: GERMAN REACTIONS

1. GENSCHER, BANGEMANN AND TELTSCHIK, ON WHOM I CALLED YESTERDAY, ALL EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE OUTCOME OF THE IGC. GENSCHER AND TELTSCHIK REFERRED TO THE CLOSE ANGLO-GERMAN COOPERATION AT THE LUXEMBOURG EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY ON THE MONETARY TEXT. I SAID THAT WE TOO HAD BEEN PLEASED AT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR COOPERATION, AND THANKED GENSCHER PARTICULARLY FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF RUHFUS, JELONEK AND TRUMPF.

2. GENSCHER SEEMED TO ASSUME THAT THE DANISH AND ITALIAN RESERVES WOULD EVENTUALLY BE REMOVED. HE SAID THAT GERMANY FOR ITS PART WOULD BE READY TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW IGC MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, IN ADVANCE OF RATIFICATION BY NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS. BUT HE RECOGNISED THAT OUR VIEW MIGHT BE DIFFERENT. AS AN EX-MEP, BANGEMANN WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF PFLIMLIN'S LINE: HE ARGUED THAT THE PARLIAMENT SHOULD ACCEPT THE LUXEMBOURG OUTCOME AND SEEK TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

3. GENSCHER HAS DESCRIBED THE OUTCOME TO THE PRESS AS "SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS FOR EUROPE" TO WHICH HE CLAIMS TO HAVE GIVEN A FIRST IMPULSE IN THE 1981 GENSCHER-COLOMBO INITIATIVE. YOUR STATEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN END TO EUROPESSIMISM AND A MOVE TO EUROACTIVITY WAS PICKED UP BY THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY AND REPORTED IN THE PRESS. REPORTING AND EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' IGC MEETING HAS OTHERWISE BEEN VERY THIN. IN THE ONLY COMMENT OF ANY SUBSTANCE, THE BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT OF THE FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU AND BONN GENERAL ANZEIGER NOTES THAT "THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE REFORM DEBATE SINCE MILAN IT EMERGED THAT GREAT BRITAIN WANTS UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO BELONG TO THE CORE STATES OF THE EC. APART FROM ALL THE PRACTICAL RESULTS, THAT FACT IS PERHAPS THE MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE. CERTAINLY MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHETHER THE WORDS "EUROPEAN UNION" ARE INCLUDED IN THE NEW UMBRELLA TREATY FOR THE EC AND FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION."

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