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MY TELNO 1122: GENEVA SUMMIT: GERMAN REACTION

1. KOHL HAS SAID LITTLE NOVEL IN PUBLIC, BUT WELCOMES THE OUTCOME OF THE REAGAN/GORBACHEV SUMMIT ON FOUR COUNTS:

- A) THE PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING ACHIEVED BY THE TWO MEN.
- B) THE DECLARED WISH ON BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE.
- C) THE FORWARD-LOOKING JOINT STATEMENT, WITH ITS SOBER TREATMENT OF POLICY DIFFERENCES.
- D) THE ALLIANCE CONSULTATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT HAD BEEN VALUABLE, ENABLING PROPOSALS TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE ON BOTH SIDES, WHICH COULD SERVE AS A DEPARTURE POINT FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS.

KOHL NOTES THAT OVER RECENT MONTHS HE HAS REGULARLY URGED BOTH WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW TO RESUME THE SUMMIT DIALOGUE.

2. GENSCHER IS MORE PRECISE. AN IMPROVEMENT IN US/SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD HAVE A FAVOURABLE IMPACT ON EUROPE. THE CHALLENGE FOR EUROPEAN AND GERMAN POLICY NOW WAS TO USE THE RESULTS OF GENEVA ACTIVELY, BUT CAREFULLY. GENSCHER THOUGHT IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR THE FRG THAT AN INTERIM AGREEMENT ON INF MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. THE GENEVA RESULTS SHOULD NOT BE TALKED TO DEATH, BUT NATO AND WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES SHOULD SET TO WORK TO UTILISE EVERY POSSIBILITY.

3. GENSCHER STRESSES THE ROLE OF THE FRG, AS PARTICIPANT, ON CW: MBFR: CDE AND ANY FURTHER CSCE CONFERENCE. THE FRG MUST IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH ALL WARSAW PACT STATES. THE EUROPEANS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO THE GENEVA SUCCESS BY CLARIFYING THE PRECONDITIONS: MAINTENANCE OF ABMT IN THE CURRENT INTERPRETATION: APPLICATION OF SALT II: AND THE BROADENING OF THE THEMES BEYOND DISARMAMENT. IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT GENEVA SHOULD NOT REMAIN A ONCE-OFF EVENT.

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