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BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: POLITICAL ASPECTS

1. POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE SUMMIT SEVEN COUNTRIES MET IN WASHINGTON THIS MORNING UNDER FRG CHAIRMANSHIP AND APPROVED, AD REFERENDUM TO PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND

HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT, THE NON-BINDING POLITICAL AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT CONTAINED IN PARA 4 BELOW. THEY ALSO SUPPORTED FRG PROPOSALS FOR THE APPORTIONMENT AND SEQUENCE OF POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG HEADS OF DELEGATION AND FOREIGN MINISTERS RESPECTIVELY, HEADS OF DELEGATION STARTING (IN THE SEPARATE MORNING SESSION ON 3 MAY) WITH EAST-WEST AND ARMS CONTROL SUBJECTS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS STARTING WITH REGIONAL SUBJECTS AND TERRORISM. IT WAS AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT IN DISCUSSION ONE FOREIGN MINISTER SHOULD BRIEFLY INTRODUCE EACH REGIONAL SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA WERE PROVISIONALLY ASSIGNED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

2. THE FRG TABLED A FURTHER REVISE OF THE MAIN POLITICAL DECLARATION ON FORTIETH ANNIVERSARIES, BASED HEAVILY ON A UK COUNTER-DRAFT OF 29 MARCH. POLITICAL DIRECTORS WERE HAPPY WITH THE GREATER PART OF IT, BUT THERE WAS AN INCONCLUSIVE SKIRMISH ON SDI BETWEEN THE FRENCH (SEEKING TO DELETE REFERENCE TO SUPPORT OF US EFFORTS AT GENEVA) AND THE US (RETALIATING TACTICALLY BY SEEKING TO INSERT EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO SDI RESEARCH). THE FRG WILL ON THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY SUBMIT THE OVERALL TEXT - UNAMENDED ON THIS POINT - TO THE JOINT MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES THIS EVENING AT BALTIMORE.

3. OVER LUNCH, BURT (US) PROPOSED A CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT AT THE SUMMIT ON AFGHANISTAN AND CIRCULATED A TEXT: ONLY FRANCE HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PRINCIPLE OF A STATEMENT AND NO-ONE CHALLENGED THE SUBSTANCE. THE JAPANESE, HOWEVER, SAID THAT IF THERE WAS A STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN THEY WOULD WANT A PUBLIC REFERENCE (PERHAPS A LESS FORMAL ONE, IN THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS) TO CAMBODIA. NO (REPEAT NO) DELEGATION PROPOSED A DECLARATION OR STATEMENT ON TERRORISM. DISCUSSION OF ALL THESE POINTS IS TO CONTINUE AT THE BALTIMORE MEETING.

4. AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. EAST-WEST RELATIONS INCLUDING ARMS CONTROL:
 - 1.1 NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE SOVIET UNION

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- 1.2 US-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA
- 1.3 OTHER ARMS CONTROL ISSUES I.A. CHEMICAL WEAPONS,
NON-PROLIFERATION.
- 1.4 POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH THE USSR AND THE EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. REGIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING EAST-WEST ASPECTS:

- 2.1 MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING IRAN/IRAQ WAR
- 2.2 AFGHANISTAN AND THE SUB-CONTINENT
- 2.3 ASIA (KOREA, CAMBODIA, SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS)
- 2.4 SITUATION IN AFRICA, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS.
- 2.5 CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

3. INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

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