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EAST BERLIN PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

SOUTH AFRICA: MEETING WITH DE KLERK

1. I HAD AN HOUR'S TALK TODAY WITH PRESIDENT DE KLERK ON HIS OWN. I PASSED ON TO HIM THE PRIME MINISTER'S BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE PROGRESS HE HAD ACHIEVED IN THE FOUR MONTHS SINCE HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT.
2. I SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GOOD DEAL OF PRESS MIS-REPRESENTATION ABOUT VISITS. THE PRIME MINISTER HAD MADE CLEAR THAT IF SHE CAME TO SOUTH AFRICA, SHE WOULD WANT TO JUDGE THE TIME 'WHEN IT WAS BEST FOR THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE FORWARD MOVEMENT'. DE KLERK SAID THAT HE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THIS ATTITUDE.
3. I SAID THAT WE WERE PROPOSING THAT THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY SHOULD VISIT SOUTH AFRICA JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THE NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS. DE KLERK SAID THAT THIS WAS VERY WELCOME. HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.
4. I SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WELCOME A FURTHER MEETING WITH DE KLERK ON HIS NEXT VISIT TO EUROPE. WE WOULD NEED TO SETTLE DATES AND NO ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE MADE MEANWHILE. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE MEETING SHOULD BE A SUCCESS FOR BOTH SIDES. DE KLERK SAID THAT HE HAD PLANS TO BE IN EUROPE BETWEEN 12 AND 20 MAY. HE VERY MUCH WELCOMED THE CHANCE OF MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER. THEIR LAST MEETING HAD BEEN EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO HIM. HE HOPED TO HAVE MADE A GOOD DEAL OF PROGRESS BY THEN AND THOUGHT THAT THE TIMING WOULD BE RIGHT. HE ALSO HOPED TO MEET CHANCELLOR KOHL.

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