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1. SUSAN TAYLOR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL' VISITED EUR/CE ON FEBRUARY 12 TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT A PERCEIVED INCREASE IN PERSECUTION OF HER CHURCH IN GERMANY SINCE 1989. SHE NOTED COMPANY DISMISSALS OF SCIENTOLOGY EMPLOYEES, THREATENING PHONE CALLS, AND ABUSIVE PRESS REPORTS. SHE SAID SHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY PHYSICAL ATTACKS ON SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS BUT FEARED THESE MIGHT OCCUR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE WORSENING CLIMATE.

2. IN A LETTER TAYLOR LEFT WITH EUR/CE. SHE SUMMARIZED THE CHURCH'S CONCERNS AS FOLLOWS:

THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HAS BEEN IN GERMANY FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AND HAS ENJOYED FOR THE MOST PART FREEDOM FOR ITS MEMBERS TO BELIEVE AND PRACTICE THEIR BELIEFS. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW MISUNDERSTANDINGS BUT ALL HAVE RESOLVED THEMSELVES SUCCESSFULLY IN THE COURT SYSTEMS.

OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LOCATED IN

LOS ANGELES IS THAT SINCE 1990 THERE HAVE BEEN AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF ATTACKS UPON THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS FROM MANY SECTORS IN GERMANY. THESE INCLUDE THE MEDIA, POLITICAL PARTIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE ENCLOSED BOOKLET OUTLINES A FEW OF OVER A 1000 DOCUMENTED CASES OF RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. (NOTE: EUR/CE HAS POUCHED A COPY TO POL - FLETCHER BURTON.)

I WANTED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION AS THERE
COULD BE ATTACKS MADE ON US MISSIONAIRES (SIC) GOING TO
GERMANY IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE US EMBASSY AND CONSULATES
IN GERMANY MAKE AN INQUIRY OF VARIOUS GERMAN AGENCIES TO
GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASON FOR THESE
OUTRAGEOUS ATTACKS AND ABUSES OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RESPONSE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE
POUCHED BOOKLET MAKE ANY APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AND
PROVIDE ITS VIEWS TO DEPARTMENT.

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1. SUMMARY: PER REFTTEL, WE SOUGHT MFA ASSISTANCE ON THE SCIENTOLOGY CHURCH (SC) CONCERNS. AFTER CONTACTING THE MINISTRIES OF JUSTICE AND THE INTERIOR, THE MFA REPORTED BACK RECENTLY THAT GERMAN AUTHORITIES IN NO WAY PERSECUTE THE SC, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ITS ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS HOSTILE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. END SUMMARY.
2. ACCORDING TO MATERIAL SUPPLIED US BY THE MFA, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) HAS RESPONDED TO NUMEROUS INQUIRIES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS FROM SC MEMBERS REACTING TO AN ARTICLE ON THE SC PUBLISHED BY THE "SPIEGEL" IN DECEMBER 1992. THE ARTICLE CITES A CONFIDENTIAL MEMO ALLEGEDLY FROM THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (BFV). THE BFV MEMO REPORTEDLY STATES THAT GERMAN AUTHORITIES ARE NOW EVALUATING WHETHER THE SC IS A GROUP WHOSE GOALS AND METHODS MAY BE HOSTILE TO THE CONSTITUTION.
3. THE MOI CONFIRMED THAT THE BFV HAS STARTED TO COLLECT INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC SOURCES ON AND FROM THE SC TO DETERMINE WHETHER AUTHORITIES SHOULD PLACE IT UNDER OBSERVATION. THIS STEP WAS TAKEN PURSUANT TO CONFERENCES HELD BY THE JUSTICE MINISTRY (MAY 1992) AND THE 16 MINISTER-PRESIDENTS (OCTOBER 1992), BOTH OF WHICH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE BEHAVIOR OF THE SC, ESPECIALLY PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE PUT ON MEMBERS TO ACT IN CERTAIN WAYS.
4. THE BFV HAS EVIDENTLY NOT YET REACHED A DETERMINATION ABOUT THE SC. WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE SC DOES ATTRACT NEGATIVE PRESS HERE AND THAT CERTAIN LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE CDU AND THE SPD HAVE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT SC MEMBERSHIP IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PARTIES.
5. THE MOI DENIES THAT GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE IN ANY

WAY ATTEMPTED TO STOP MEMBERS OF THE SC FROM ENGAGING IN
LEGAL ACTIVITIES. THE MOI DOES NOTE THAT SOME SC
MEMBERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED FOR CRIMES, BUT ONLY AFTER
THEY BROKE LAWS APPLICABLE TO EVERY CITIZEN.

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2. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, STUTTGART TALKED WITH OUR WORKING LEVEL CONTACTS IN THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG (BW) STATE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE CANCELLATION OF MR. COREA'S CONCERT APPEARANCE IN STUTTGART. WE NOTE THAT AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN THE WEEKEND EDITION OF THE "STUTTGARTER NACHRICHTUNG" WHICH CONTAINED ESSENTIAOLY THE SAME INFORMATION THAT IS SET FORTH IN REFTEL AS WELL AS QUOTES FROM THE LETTERS IN REFTEL. (WE WILL FAX A COPY OF THE ARTICLE TO WASHINGTON.)
3. OUR INTERLOCUTOR SAID THAT BW WILL BE THE SPONSER OF A PROGRAM OF CONCERTS BY A SERIES OF ARTISTS TO MARK THE WORLD TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN STUTTGART ON AUGUST 13 - 22. NEGOTIATIONS WERE UNDERWAY WITH MR. COREA'S AGENT FOR AN APPEARANCE BY MR COREA. THE BW GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO END THE NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BECAUSE IT PERCIEVED A CONFLICT WITH BW SPONERSHIP OF A CONCERT BY MR. COREA AND BW'S ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN BW.
4. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACT, BW HAS NO OBJECTION TO MR. COREA APPEARING IN BW AT ANOTHER FORUM, BUT WILL NOT ALLOW BW PUBLIC FUNDING OF A CONCERT. BW'S POSITION IS THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS NOT A RELIGION AND IS A SECT WITH A PROFITMAKING PURPOSE. MOREOVER, BW OBJECTS TO WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS MR. COREA'S PRACTICE AT THE END OF HIS CONCERTS OF THANKING L. RON HUBBARD AND PROMOTING SCIENTOLOGY AND FEELS THAT BW CAN INVITE WHOMEVER IT WANTS TO ITS CONCERT.

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5. COMMENT: OUR CONTACT SAID THAT BW'S GOVERNMENT IS FIRM IN ITS POSITION AND IS PREPARED TO WITHSTAND ANY PRESSURE -- INCLUDING THREATS BY SUPPORTERS OF MR. COREA TO BRING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT BW'S GOVERNMENT IS VERY UNEASY ABOUT THE METHODS OF OPERATION OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY AND "IS PUTTING THEIR ACTIVITES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE." WE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT OTHER GERMAN STATES HAVE ALSO BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ACTIVITES OF THE SCIENTOLOGISTS.

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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ - ENTIRE TEXT. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 5 BELOW.

2. ON JULY 26 HA DESKOFF MET WITH SUSAN TAYLOR FROM THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL. TAYLOR REVIEWED THE PROBLEMS THE CHURCH IS HAVING IN GERMANY, WITH SPECIAL MENTION OF THE CHICK COREA "NON-CONCERT" (REF A). TAYLOR REITERATED THE COMPLAINTS SHE MADE TO EUR/CE IN JUNE (REF B) ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS IN GERMANY, DRAWING A PARALLEL TO THE SITUATION OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN 1930S GERMANY. TAYLOR ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT TODAY THE AGGRIEVED INDIVIDUALS ARE AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE DEMOCRATIC SAFEGUARDS GUARANTEED BY GERMAN LAW, AND THAT GERMAN LAWYERS ARE PURSUING ALLEGATIONS OF JOB AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION THROUGH THE GERMAN COURTS. SOME DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, AND WHETHER COREA COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO USE HIS CONCERT AS A RELIGIOUS PLATFORM.

3. TAYLOR ASSERTS (AND SUBMITTED FACSIMILES TO ATTEST) THAT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IS OFFICIALLY REGISTERED BY THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY AS A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, AND THAT THESE DESIGNATIONS HAVE BEEN UPHELD IN NUMEROUS COURT CASES. NEVERTHELESS, SHE SAYS, STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE PURSUED OPEN-ENDED INVESTIGATIONS OF THE CHURCH "FOR YEARS" WITHOUT COMING TO ANY CONCLUSIONS. TAYLOR SUGGESTS THAT SUCH INVESTIGATIONS RESULT IN A

"LIMBO" STATUS FOR THE CHURCH THAT ENCOURAGES
DISCRIMINATION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PREVENTED BY
CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION.

4. TAYLOR TOLD DEPARTMENT THAT SHE WAS MEETING WITH
CONGRESSMAN ROYCE AND SENATOR FEINSTEIN WHO ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S PROBLEMS IN GERMANY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK
CLARIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING ISSUES AND REPORT TO
DEPARTMENT: ~

-- WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE STATE INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST
THE CHURCH (REF A)? WHAT/WHOSE COMPLAINTS INITIATED
THEM? ON WHAT GROUNDS IS THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE
PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (BFV) INVESTIGATING THE
CHURCH (REF C)? IS THERE ANY ANTICIPATED DATE FOR A
CONCLUSION OF THESE STATE AND BFV INVESTIGATIONS? CAN THE
STATES REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE COURTS' DEFINITION OF THE
CHURCH AS A BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION? FOR
EXAMPLE, CAN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG IGNORE THE CHURCH'S
RELIGIOUS DESIGNATION AND UNILATERALLY DECLARE IT TO BE A
PROFIT-MAKING "SECT" (REF A)? ARE THERE LAWS THAT
PROHIBIT PROFIT-MAKING ON THE PART OF RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATIONS?

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 SUMMARY

2. AS REQUESTED IN REF A, EMBASSY AND CONSULATE HAMBURG HAVE INTERVIEWED SEVERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY'S STATUS IN GERMANY. ACTIONS TAKEN BY VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS THE CHURCH APPEAR TO FALL INTO TWO CATEGORIES: CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION IN INSTANCES WHERE THE CHURCH HAS BROKEN THE LAW, AND INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE GROUP'S ALLEGEDLY "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC" ACTIVITIES. GERMAN AUTHORITIES EMPHASIZE THAT THEIR GOAL IS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL'S FREEDOM OF RELIGION, BUT RATHER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM WHAT THEY PERCEIVE TO BE A DANGEROUS ORGANIZATION. END SUMMARY.

 STATUS AS A "PRIVATE ASSOCIATION"

3. THE TERM "CHURCH" IS NOT USED IN GERMANY AS AN OFFICIAL LEGAL DESIGNATION. GERMANY'S THREE MAIN RELIGIOUS BODIES, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE CONGRESS OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES, AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY, HAVE, HOWEVER, BEEN ACCORDED THE SPECIAL STATUS OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (KOERPERSCHAFTEN DES OEFFENTLICHEN RECHTS), ALLOWING THEM TO RECEIVE SUBSIDIES FROM THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ON THE BASIS OF STATE TAXATION LISTS. WHILE SMALLER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS MAY APPLY AT THE STATE LEVEL FOR STATUS AS PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HAS NEVER DONE SO.

4. BESIDES THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE, ALMOST FIFTY OTHER RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS EXISTING IN GERMANY TODAY HOLD THE STATUS OF "PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS" (VEREINE) AND ARE

FINANCIALLY DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THEIR MEMBERS. PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE RELIGIOUS IN NATURE ARE PROTECTED BY ARTICLE FOUR OF THE CONSTITUTION, WHICH PROVIDES FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND PREVENTS THE GOVERNMENT FROM INTERFERING WITH RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. SHOULD A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION (WHICH CAN BE FORMED BY ANY GROUP OF SEVEN OR MORE INDIVIDUALS) WISH TO BE GRANTED STATUS AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, IT MAY APPLY AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL.

COURT CASES

5. WHILE THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IS NOT ACCORDED ANY SPECIAL STATUS UNDER GERMAN LAW, IT IS PROTECTED UNDER THOSE ARTICLES OF THE GERMAN CONSTITUTION WHICH ALLOW FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION (ARTICLE FOUR), FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION (ARTICLE FIVE), FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY (ARTICLE EIGHT), AND FREEDOM TO FORM ASSOCIATIONS (ARTICLE NINE). IT IS UNDER THESE PROVISIONS THAT COURTS HAVE RULED IN FAVOR OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS IN CASES INVOLVING DISCRIMINATION. BECAUSE GERMAN GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING COURTS, ARE ORGANIZED FEDERALLY, HOWEVER, A RULING MADE IN ONE STATE WILL NOT HAVE ANY BEARING ON THE CHURCH'S STATUS IN ANOTHER STATE.

6. THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY AND ITS MEMBERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO COURT IN GERMANY ON A NUMBER OF CRIMINAL COUNTS, ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ SECTION 02 OF 03 BONN 23066
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INCLUDING USE OF COERCIVE METHODS TO FORCE MEMBERSHIP, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABUSE OF MEMBERS, AND HARASSMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION. THE CHURCH HAS ALSO BEEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING GERMAN HEALTH LAWS BECAUSE IT ALLEGEDLY HYPNOTIZES MEMBERS AND "PRESCRIBES" EXTREMELY HIGH VITAMIN DOSES, HERBAL REMEDIES, ETC., WITHOUT A MEDICAL LICENSE.

7. THE ORGANIZATION HAS MOST FREQUENTLY BEEN TAKEN TO COURT ON COUNTS OF TAX EVASION. WHILE THE CHURCH HAD BEEN GRANTED TAX-FREE STATUS AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN A NUMBER OF LOCALITIES, THE HAMBURG STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT RECENTLY RESCINDED THE CHURCH'S NON-PROFIT STATUS, RULING THAT IT SHOULD BE INCORPORATED AS A PROFIT-MAKING ENTERPRISE. IN THE OPINION OF THE HAMBURG COURT, BOOKS OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE CHURCH CONTAINED VERY LITTLE RELIGIOUS MATERIAL AND WERE BEING SOLD AT "EXORBITANTLY" HIGH PRICES, INDICATING THAT THE CHURCH'S PRIMA
Y INTENTION

IN SELLING THEM WAS TO EARN A PROFIT RATHER THAN TO FURTHER ITS RELPGIOUS MISSION AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. THE HAMBURG COURT NOTED THAT EVEN A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION COULD BE TAXED ON INCOME EARNED PURELY FOR PROFIT. IN JULY, A SIMILAR CASE PENDING IN ROSTOCK
(MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN) WAS DISMISSED WHEN SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS ACCUSED OF TAX EVASION VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO REMIT 2.8 MILLION DM IN UNPAID TAXES.

8. NOTE: THE HAMBURG STATE ADMINISTRATIVE COURT RULING

THAT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN HAMBURG HAS NO IMPACT ON THE CHURCH'S TAX-FREE STATUS IN OTHER STATES. AT THE SAME TIME, LOCAL COURT RULINGS GRANTING THE CHURCH NON-PROFIT STATUS MAY BE OVERTURNED AT THE STATE LEVEL.

STATE INVESTIGATIONS

9. SEVERAL GERMAN STATES HAVE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER INVESTIGATED THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. IN 1984, THE BAVARIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL BRANDED THE ORGANIZATION "DISTINCTLY TOTALITARIAN" AND SAID IT AIMED AT "THE ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF CUSTOMERS WHO ARE IN BONDAGE TO IT." MORE RECENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF YADEN-WUERTEMBERG (BW) REFUSED TO FUND JAZZ PIANIST AND SCIENTOLOGY MEMBER CHICK COREA AT A PUBLIC CONCERT. CONTACTS IN THE BW GOVERNMENT HAVE EXPRESSED UNEASINESS WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES AND HAVE APPARENTLY LAUNCHED A DISCREET INVESTIGATION INTO THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVITIES (REF B2

10. MOST ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HAS BEEN THE CITY-STATE OF HAMBURG, WHOSE SENATE (GOVERNMENT) COMMISSIONED A WORKING GROUP IN JUNE, 1992 TO FILL THE "DEFICIT OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE PRACTICES, INFLUENCE, AND SPREAD OF SCIENTOLOGY." ACCORDING TO URSULA CABERTA, WHO HEADS THE WORKING GROUP, HAMBURG PARLIAMENTARIANS TASKED THE STATE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR WITH THE INVESTIGATION AFTER NUMEROUS REPORTS OF COERCION AND HARASSMENT INVOLVING SCIENTOLOGISTS CAME TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION.

11. IN CABERTA'S OPINION, THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IS AN "INTERNAL SECURITY PROBLEM." SHE BELIEVES THAT TROUBLED, OFTEN WELL-MEANING INDIVIDUALS JOIN THE ORGANIZATION IN SEARCH OF SPIRITUAL HEALING, ONLY TO BE "BRAINWASHED" INTO HANDING OVER THEIR LIFE'S SAVINGS. CABERTA VIEWS THE WRITINGS OF L. RON HUBBARD, WHICH CALL FOR THE "FURTHERANCE
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SUBJECT: CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY STATUS IN FRG OF SCIENTOLOGY AT ANY PRICE" AND THE "INTRODUCTION OF A NEW GOVERNING ORDER," AS POTENTIALLY "LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY." THE HAMBURG WORKING GROUP'S PRIMARY PURPOSE, SAYS CABERTA, IS TO GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE CHURCH THROUGH INTERVIEWS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. ACCORDING TO CABERTA, THE GOAL IS NOT TO HARASS SCIENTOLOGISTS, BUT TO "WARN" AND "PROTECT" THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

FEDERAL SURVEILLANCE?

12. A WORKING GROUP COMMISSIONED BY THE CONFERENCE OF STATE INTERIOR MINISTERS IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING WHETHER THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY POSES A THREAT TO THE GERMAN CONSTITUTION ON THE GROUNDS OF PROFESSING AN "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, TOTALITARIAN IDEOLOGY." THE REVIEW WAS FIRST SUGGESTED BY HESSE MINISTER-PRESIDENT HANS EICHEL

DURING LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTER-PRESIDENTS. IF THE TASK FORCE DETERMINES THAT A DANGER BECAUSE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S IDEOLOGY OR ACTIVITIES DOES EXIST UNDER PROVISIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION, THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS WILL RECOMMEND TO THE FEDERAL INTERIOR MINISTRY THAT THE CHURCH BE PLACED UNDER SURVEILLANCE. MONITORING BY THE FEDERAL OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (AN AGENCY COMPARABLE TO THE FBI'S OFFICE OF COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE) COULD ENTAIL PHYSICAL OBSERVATION AND POSSIBLY WIRE-TAPPING, THOUGH THE LATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY A PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION, .

13. TO DATE, NEITHER FEDERAL NOR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO MONITOR THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY USING COVERT METHODS. SHOULD THE CONGRESS OF INTERIOR MINISTERS DECIDE THAT SUCH ACTION IS WARRANTED, THE CHURCH HAS THE RIGHT TO APPEAL THIS DECISION. THE CONFERENCE OF INTERIOR MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THEIR FINDINGS SOMETIME THIS FALL.

COMMENT

14. ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SPOKE DID NOT HIDE THEIR DISLIKE FOR THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, ALL STRESSED THAT THEIR GOAL IN INVESTIGATING THE ORGANIZATION WAS TO PROTECT THEPUBLIC AGAINST A POTENTIAL THREAT TO SOCIETY. WE HAVE NO/NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ANY INVESTIGATIONS OR COURT CASES HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO HARASS THE ORGANIZATION, HAVE BEEN PURPOSEFULLY LEFT OPEN-ENDED, OR HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN ANY OTHER IRREGULAR MANNER.

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1. THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE NEW GERMAN NEWS MAGAZINE
 "FOCUS" CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE CSCE COMMISSION REPORT ON
 "HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATICIZATION IN UNIFIED GERMANY"
 WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN FRG PROTEST TO THE EMBASSY IN
 CONNECTION WITH THE POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REPORT AT
 THE CSCE SEMINAR IN WARSAW (REFTEL). AN INFORMAL
 TRANSLATION OF THE ARTICLE FOLLOWS IN PARAGRAPH 3.
 2. FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTY CSCE DIRECTOR ULRICH BRANDENBURG
 TOLD US THAT THE US DESK WAS PREPARING AN INSTRUCTION FOR
 THE GERMAN EMBASSY TO PROTEST THE REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE
 COMMISSION.

3. BEGIN TEXT, INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION:
 "SCIENTOLOGISTS AS THE POOR VICTIMS OF PERSECUTION"
 AMERICAN CSCE COMMISSION MAKES AN AWKWARD ASSESSMENT OF
 HUMAN RIGHTS IN GERMANY
 JAMES BAKER WAS FULL OF PRAISE. IN MAY OF LAST YEAR THE
 FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO RAISE
 AGAINST THE GERMANS DURING A GOVERNMENT RECEPTION FOR
 PRESIDENT RICHARD VON WEIZSAECKER AND FORMER FOREIGN
 MINISTER HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER. "THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED
 DICTATORSHIP AND INJUSTICE, AND HAVE WORKED WITHOUT TIRING
 TO SECURE THE TRIUMPH OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN
 THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND ABROAD."
 BARELY ONE AND A HALF YEARS LATER AMERICAN POLITICIANS

DEALING WITH FOREIGN POLICY ARE APPARENTLY NOT QUITE AS SURE ABOUT THEIR JUDGMENT OF THE GERMANS. A RECENTLY PUBLISHED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT OF THE AMERICAN CSCE COMMISSION MAY CAUSE QUITE A FUROR IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES. THE ONLY ONES SEEMINGLY HAPPY ARE THOSE BELONGING TO AN ASSOCIATION SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE REPORT: THE TOTALITARIAN-STRUCTURED SCIENTOLOGY SECT. UNDER THE HEADING "FORCE AGAINST FOREIGNERS" THE U.S. COMMISSION LISTS IN ITS REPORT "HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN UNIFIED GERMANY" NOT ONLY THE MURDERS OF MOELLN AND SOLINGEN AND THE INCIDENTS OF RACIST ATTACKS, BUT ALSO THE CANCELLATION OF AN INVITATION TO A PRACTICING SCIENTOLOGIST, THE MUSICIAN CHICK COREA. THE JAZZ MUSICIAN WAS TO GIVE A CONCERT DURING THE TRACK-AND-FIELD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES IN THE "BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG CLUB", THE PROGRAMS OF WHICH ARE SPONSORED BY THE STATE. AFTER WORD OF HIS SCIENTOLOGIST AFFILIATION ALSO GOT AROUND IN SWABIA, THE STUTTGART STATE GOVERNMENT DISINVITED COREA FOR THIS GESTURE IT RECEIVED APPROVAL, AS IS NOTED IN THE U.S REPORT, FROM ALL OTHER GERMAN STATES AS WELL AS FROM EXPERTS ON SECTARIAN ISSUES. AND THE FOLLOWING IS THE ASSESSMENT OF THE CSCE COMMISSION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DENNIS DECONCINI (ARIZONA): "IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT GERMANY'S APPROACH AIMS AT OSTRACIZING AND ELIMINATING GROUPS THAT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE EXTREMIST (...)." AND AS IF THESE WORDS WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH, THE

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AUTHORS CONTINUE WITH, "SUCH GOALS CAN, QUITE UNDERSTANDABLY IN LIGHT OF GERMANY'S PAST, LEAD THE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES."

THE COMMISSION THAT WAS FORMED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN ARSON ATTACKS ON FOREIGNERS AND PUBLIC REACTION TO THE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL "SCIENTOLOGY CHURCH." AS IS STATED IN AN ADVERTISING BROCHURE OF THE SECT, THE FOLLOWING IS SAID CONCERNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GERMANY, "FOR EXAMPLE, MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTOLOGY CHURCH HAVE PROTESTED AGAINST (...) DISMISSALS, AGAINST THE EXCLUSION FROM POLITICAL PARTIES AND DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT BY PUBLIC AND STATE AUTHORITIES." EARLY OCTOBER THE REPORT WAS TO BE PASSED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT BY THE CSCE PRECONFERENCE IN WARSAW.

AT FIRST THE GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES REACTED WITH ASTONISHMENT, THEN WITH ANNOYANCE. THEY EXERTED SOME INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN COLLEAGUES ALREADY BEFORE THE MEETING - WHO FOR THE PRESENT RETRACTED THE REPORT.

THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE DOES NOT YET WANT TO COMMENT ON THE ISSUE, "THE REPORT," SAYS THE SPEAKER OF THE MINISTRY RUEDIGER VON FRITSCH DEFENSIVELY, "WAS NOT PUT ON THE TABLE BY THE AMERICANS IN WARSAW. THEREFORE WE WILL ALSO NOT

COMMENT ON IT."

HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE STILL HAPPILY DISTRIBUTING THE REPORT AT HOME IN WASHINGTON. IN AN EDITION OF 3,000 THE REPORTS ARE SENT TO THE MEDIA, TO DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND TO WHOMEVER IS INTERESTED IN CSCE POLICIES.

DURING THE NEXT MEETING THE AMERICANS WILL SEEK TO ESTABLISH THE REPORT IN ITS UNALTERED VERSION AS THE OFFICIAL CSCE POSITION. JAMES RIDGE, PRESS CHIEF OF THE COMMISSION, STATES, "WE STAND BY WHAT IT SAYS."

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1. AT ATTORNEY DAVID MILLER'S REQUEST, CONOFF MET WITH HIM, ANOTHER LAWYER FROM HIS FIRM, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS OSTENSIBLY TO DISCUSS AN INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED LAST JUNE IN WHICH MR. MILLER'S CLIENT, CHICK COREA, WAS NOT ALLOWED TO PRESENT A PLANNED CONCERT IN BADEN WUERTTEMBERG ONCE THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES BECAME AWARE THAT HE WAS A SCIENTOLOGIST (SEE REFTEL). AT THE MEETING, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE THREE WERE PRIMARILY REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE. THE CHICK COREA INCIDENT WAS CHARACTERIZED BY MR. MILLER AS ONE OF A SERIES OF INCIDENTS IN WHICH SCIENTOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN HARRASSED OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN GERMANY.
2. A NUMBER OF THE COMPLAINTS INVOLVED PRIVATE PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS, E.G. FAILURE TO LEASE HALLS TO SCIENTOLOGISTS, PULLING SCIENTOLOGY SPEAKERS OFF THE STAGE, ETC. COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND LAENDER INCLUDED CLAIMS THAT SCIENTOLOGY WAS BEING UNFAIRLY DENIED RECOGNITION AS A CHURCH IN GERMANY, OR ALTERNATIVELY, THAT SCIENTOLOGY HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A CHURCH, BUT THAT ITS MEMBERS WERE BEING DENIED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SUBJECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AS A RESULT OF THEIR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.
3. SOME INCIDENTS, AS REPORTED, DID SEEM TO INDICATE A DEGREE OF ANIMOSITY TOWARD THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS AMONG SOME GROUPS. FOR INSTANCE, THERE WERE REPORTS OF SCIENTOLOGY SPEAKERS BEING JEERED AT PUBLIC EVENTS, AND A POSTER PREPARED BY THE CDU YOUTH LEAGUE, DIE JUNGE UNION, SHOWED SCIENTOLOGISTS AS

INSECTS BEING THREATENED BY A FLYSWATTER. BUT EVEN AFTER CONOFF ASKED FOR SPECIFICS, ONLY GENERALIZED CLAIMS WERE MADE AGAINST THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND LAENDER AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2.

4. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SEEMED TO BE TO ADVISE THE EMBASSY THAT THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION WILL BE MAKING A RENEWED EFFORT TO REQUEST AN INVESTIGATION OF GERMAN TREATMENT OF "NON-CHRISTIAN" RELIGIONS, AND THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY IN PARTICULAR. THE PRINCIPAL CHARGES SEEM TO BE THAT THE GERMANS ARE VIOLATING VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE A PARTY, AS WELL AS THEIR OWN CONSTITUTION. MR. MILLER REPORTED THAT THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HAD CONTACTED AMBASSADOR FERARRO AND THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN THIS REGARD. THE ORGANIZATION IS ALSO SEEKING SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN GERMANY. MR. MILLER PLANS TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

5. CONOFF REFERRED THE GROUP TO THE GERMAN MINISTRY FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH, WHICH HANDLES SCIENTOLOGY, AND ADVISED THAT ANY CLAIMS OF VIOLATION OF GERMAN LAW SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH THE GERMAN COURT SYSTEM. ON LEAVING, MR. MILLER DELIVERED COPIES OF LETTERS AND OTHER MATERIALS DETAILING SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF WHICH HE HAD SPOKEN.

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 2. SUMMARY. THE THIRD SESSION OF WORKING GROUP THREE
 (WG3) WAS HELD OCTOBER 20. THE FIRST PART OF THE
 SESSION FOCUSED ON THE STILL-CONTENTIOUS ISSUE OF NGO
 PARTICIPATION, WITH GREECE CRITICIZING AN INTERVENTION
 DELIVERED AT THE PREVIOUS SESSION BY A TURKISH CYPRIOT

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NGO. FOLLOWING THIS PROCEDURAL DEBATE, DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE SUBJECTS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND FREEDOM OF RELIGION. INTERVENTIONS WERE MADE BY FOUR NGOS, INCLUDING THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY. THE LATTER CITED GERMANY AS VIOLATING CSCE STANDARDS ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION; THE GERMAN RESPONSE WAS MEASURED, INSISTING THAT SCIENTOLOGY WAS NOT A RELIGION. END SUMMARY.

NGO PARTICIPATION: SOME DELEGATIONS STILL ADJUSTING

3. THE MEETING BEGAN WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE RULES FOR NGO PARTICIPATION IN WORKING GROUP 3 (THE ONLY WORKING GROUP OF THE CONFERENCE IN WHICH THEY ARE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.) THE GREEK REP (NEZERITIS) PROTESTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO ADDRESS TUESDAY'S WORKING GROUP WITHOUT THE TEXT OF HIS SPEECH BEING MADE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION. THE GREEK DELEGATE ALLEGED THAT THE NGO WAS LINKED TO THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, AND URGED THE CSCE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN GENUINE NGO'S AND GROUPS WHICH ENJOY ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BACKING FROM A STATE.

4. THE FRENCH REP LATER AGREED WITH THE GREEK PROPOSAL, CALLING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A UN TYPE PROCESS TO "SIFT OUT" NGOS WITH A PURELY POLITICAL AGENDA. THE CYPRIOT REP ALSO CALLED FOR MORE SUFFICIENT GUIDELINES ON NGO PARTICIPATION, TO AVOID SUCH A "MISTAKE" IN THE FUTURE. IN CONTRAST, THE TURKISH REP (TURMEN) CALLED FOR MORE TOLERANCE OF NGOS DURING THE DISCUSSION. "SINCE WE HAVE DECIDED THAT NGOS SHOULD PARTICIPATE, WE SHOULD BE MORE TOLERANT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION," HE STATED.

RUSSIA CITES ESTONIAN AND LATVIAN REFUSAL TO REGISTER RUSSIAN VETERAN GROUPS

4. THE RUSSIAN REP BEGAN BY STRESSING THE PRIORITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND NOTING THAT THE INTERFERENCE OF THE STATE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS. ACCORDING TO THE RUSSIAN REP, PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION WITHIN THE CSCE HAD BEEN LARGELY OVERCOME. HOWEVER, IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO ESTONIA AND LATVIA, HE CRITICIZED STATES THAT REFUSE TO REGISTER WHAT THEY CALL "OUTLAW" ORGANIZATIONS, SPECIFICALLY CITING (RUSSIAN) VETERAN GROUPS WANTING TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR II. HE CLAIMED THAT THERE WAS NO REFUSAL OF ANY REGISTRATION OF PARTIES AND UNIONS IN RUSSIA AND THAT THEY WERE VERY NUMEROUS. HOWEVER, THIS HAD LED TO NEW PROBLEMS, INCLUDING A RADICAL DROP IN THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF THE POPULATION AS MANY OF THE PARTIES INCLUDED ONLY A FEW LEADERS AND NO RANK AND FILE. THIS, ACCORDING TO THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE, EXPLAINED THE SUCCESS OF ZHIRINOVSKY.

EU CITES CENTRAL ASIA, TURKEY, ALBANIA IN ITS FOCUS ON
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION/FREE MEDIA

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4. THE GERMAN REP (HASEN
HUBER) SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE
EU CONCERNING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, ESPECIALLY
STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF FREE MEDIA. HE
SPECIFICALLY TOOK TO TASK THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES FOR
VIOLATIONS WITH RESPECT TO FREE MEDIA: UZBEKISTAN,
TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, AND AZERBAIJAN. THE GERMAN
REP ALSO HIGHLIGHTED MEDIA RESTRICTIONS IN CROATIA,
SERBIA, ALBANIA, KYRGYZSTAN AND LATVIA. HE EXPRESSED
CONCERN OVER THE SITUATION OF 54 JOURNALISTS WHO HAD
BEEN DETAINED IN TURKEY AND NOTED THAT THE TURKISH
PARLIAMENT IS CONSIDERING LEGISLATION (AMENDING THE
ANTI-TERROR ACT) THAT WOULD LEAD TO THEIR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE.

TURKEY STRESSES PROGRESS ON MEDIA ISSUES

5. THE TURKISH REP (TURMEN), AFTER STRESSING THAT
STATES SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT THEMSELVES
AGAINST TERRORISM, ANNOUNCED THAT TWO DAYS AGO, THE
TWO COALITION PARTIES HAD AGREED ON AMENDMENTS TO THE
ANTI-TERROR LAW THAT WOULD ENHANCE FREEDOM OF
EXPRESSION. CURRENTLY, THE LAW FORBADE SPEECH
PROPAGANDA AGAINST TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE NEW
LANGUAGE IN THE AMENDMENT WOULD REGARD AS AN OFFENSE
ONLY PROPAGANDA THAT CONSTITUTED A CLEAR AND IMMINENT
DANGER TO THE UNITY OF THE STATE. THE ENACTMENT OF
THIS LEGISLATION, ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH REP, WOULD
LEAD TO THE RELEASE OF MANY JOURNALISTS. HE THEN
NOTED THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION EXISTED IN TURKEY,
WHERE LIVELY DEBATES INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF EVENTS IN
THE SOUTH-EAST. HE CITED 15 KURDISH LANGUAGE DAILIES
AND A RECENT INTERVIEW OF A PKK LEADER ON ONE OF THE
INDEPENDENT TV STATIONS.

6. IN RESPONSE TO THE TURKISH REP'S REFERENCE TO THE
TURKISH PARLIAMENT'S INVITATION TO THE CSCE
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY TO VISIT TURKEY, THE SWEDISH
REP ASKED WHETHER THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY WOULD BE

ABLE TO LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE. THIS, AFTER ALL, HAD BEEN THE REASON THE NORDIC STATES HAD CALLED FOR A MOSCOW MECHANISM MISSION. THE TURKISH REP RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, STATING THAT THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY COULD DISCUSS ANY ISSUE THAT CONCERNED THEM DURING THE VISIT. HE NOTED THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE WAS CURRENTLY IN TURKEY INVESTIGATING TORTURE, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO VISIT PRISONS WITHOUT NOTIFICATION.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION DISCUSSION FOCUSES ON RESTRICTONS ON "CULTS"

7. THE HOLY SEE, ITALY AND BULGARIA SPOKE ON THE ISSUE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOMS. THE HOLY SEE REP RECALLED THE VIENNA CONCLUDING DOCUMENT COMMITMENTS ON RELIGION AND URGED GOVERNMENTS TO GRANT LEGAL STATUS TO RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING MINORITY RELIGIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT LOCAL RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED FROM CONTACT WITH THEIR HEIRARCHICAL AUTHORITIES LOCATED OUTSIDE A COUNTRY'S BORDERS.

8. THE ITALIAN REP CRITICIZED THE PRACTICE OF REGISTRATION OF CHURCHES OR THE SELECTIVE APPROVAL OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS, ARGUING FOR THE NEED TO GET RID OF THESE VESTIGES OF TOTALITARIANISM. AT THE SAME TIME, ITALIAN REP WAS CRITICAL OF SECTS/CULTS THAT

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AGGRESSIVELY PROSELYTIZE FOR THE SUBVERSION OF MINORS; HE ALSO CITED FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE CULTS MIGHT BE "REPRESSED" WHERE THEY CONTRADICTED MORALS.

9. THE BULGARIAN REP ECHOED ITALIAN COMMENTS ON SO-CALLED NON-TRADITIONAL SECTS AND SAID THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD HAVE THE DISCRETION TO PROTECT SOCIETY AGAINST RELIGIOUS GROUPS THAT POSED A THREAT TO HEATH AND FAMILY VALUES.

CANADA ASSESS ITS OWN PERFORMANCE

10. THE CANADIAN REP (MORILL) GAVE A BRIEF AND FRANK RUN-THROUGH CANADA'S RECORD WITH RESPECT TO

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, NOTING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS SUCH AS LIMITATIONS ON "HATE SPEECH." HE POSTULATED THAT MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION IN WORKING GROUP THREE WOULD FOCUS ON WHAT THE "ACCEPTABLE RESTRICTIONS" OF CERTAIN RIGHTS SHOULD BE. WHILE THERE WERE NO EASY ANSWERS, MORILL SUGGESTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS IN BUDAPEST MIGHT LEAD TO A BETTER DEFINITION OF WHAT ACCEPTABLE RESTRICTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WERE.

10. CITING THE CHANGES IN CSCE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE SLOVAK REP (ZEMAN) CAUTIONED AGAINST FOCUSING ON INDIVIDUAL CASES IN THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR FEAR OF POLITICIZING THE PROCEDURES. HE ALSO PLEADED FOR A CAREFUL DISTINCTION TO BE MADE BETWEEN STATE ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.

NGO INTERVENTIONS HIGHLIGHT ISSUES OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

11. FOUR NGOS TOOK THE FLOOR: THE FINNISH-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOOL FOUNDATION PROJECT; THE U.S.-BASED APPEAL FOR CONSCIENCE FOUNDATION, WHICH EMPHASIZED EFFORTS TO PROMOTING TOLERANCE AMONG ETHNIC GROUPS BY USING RELIGIOUS FIGURES; THE STANDING COUNCIL ON CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN JEWRY; AND THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE. THE LATTER BLASTED GERMAN AUTHORITIES AT ALL LEVELS FOR ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES AGAINST SCIENTOLOGISTS, BUT CALLED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. THE GERMAN REP RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE READY FOR A DIALOGUE WITH ANY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION; AT THE SAME TIME, HE POINTED OUT THAT GERMANY DID NOT CONSIDER SCIENTOLOGY AS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY BUT AS AN ECONOMIC ENTERPRISE WITH A "RELIGIOUS VENEER."

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2. I JUST RETURNED FROM THE WEHRKUNDE CONFERENCE IN MUNICH WHERE MANY OF THE TOP DEFENSE AND SECURITY POLICY LEADERS OF EUROPE AND THE US -- SECRETARY PERRY, GENERAL SHALI, SENATORS NUNN AND COHEN, AND MINISTERS RUEHE AND KINKEL AMONG THEM -- CONFRONTED THE SAME DIFFICULT AGENDA THE CHANCELLOR AND THE PRESIDENT WILL FACE IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK: RUSSIA, NATO EXPANSION AND BOSNIA/THE BALKANS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT EUROPEANS ARE STILL VERY MUCH AT SEA AND ARE LOOKING FOR AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND A SENSE OF DIRECTION. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THAT HELMUT KOHL IS THE PERSON WHO WILL MAKE THE ULTIMATE DECISIONS ON GERMAN POLICIES ON THESE ISSUES. THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY ON THURSDAY TO SHARE HIS THINKING WITH THE CHANCELLOR AND TO STEER GERMAN POLICY AND ACTIONS ON THESE TOPICS IN HELPFUL WAYS. KOHL WILL AS WELL HAVE AN AFTERNOON TO MEET WITH THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP TO ASSESS ITS MOOD AND TO CONVEY HIS APPEAL FOR AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP.

3. RUSSIA: YELTSIN'S REPUTATION IN GERMANY HAS BEEN ----- HURT IMMENSELY BY THE CHECHEN CONFLICT. THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT LINE IS TOUGH ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, BUT KOHL CONTINUES TO DEFEND YELTSIN'S REFORMIST TRACK. KOHL HAS DEFERRED A TRIP TO MOSCOW, BUT HE WILL BE KEEN TO HEAR MORE ABOUT WHAT THE PRESIDENT

WOULD PROPOSE TO GET RUSSIA BACK ON THE RIGHT INTERNAL TRACK. HE WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE PRESIDENT'S JANUARY 31 LETTER IN PERSON. KOHL CONTINUES TO SUPPORT YELTSIN, BUT HE ALSO WANTS TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO MOSCOW, AND TO THE GERMAN PUBLIC, THAT THERE MIGHT BE CONSEQUENCES IF HE STRAYS FROM DEMOCRATIC REFORMS. HIS MAIN INTEREST IS NOT SEEING A POWER STRUGGLE DEVELOP IN THE KREMLIN. ONE OF THE STEPS BEING REEXAMINED HERE IS RUSSIA'S PARTICIPATION AT THE G-7 SUMMIT IN HALIFAX, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT KOHL WILL DECIDE ON SUCH A SERIOUS MOVE.

4. NATO: KOHL'S DESIRE IS THAT NATO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY ON PREPARATION FOR EXPANSION UNTIL THE PRESIDENT AND HE AGREE ON THE "WHO" AND "WHEN" AND ON A STRATEGY FOR HANDLING RUSSIA. KOHL, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SEE EXPANSION AS THE KEY QUESTION FACING THE ALLIANCE. HE HAS MADE CLEAR TO ME HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ALLIANCE AND ITS PUBLIC CREDIBILITY IN THE WAKE OF NATO'S PERCEIVED INABILITY TO HELP RESOLVE THE BALKAN WAR AND THE ABSENCE OF REAL INSTABILITY IN THE EAST (ALTHOUGH CHECHNYA HAS SERVED AS A REMINDER OF HOW EVENTS IN RUSSIA CAN AFFECT GERMANY'S SECURITY INTERESTS). HE IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE PROCESS OF NATO EXPANSION PROCEED IN TANDEM WITH EU EXPANSION AND WILL WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE U.S. AND GERMANY ARE IN SYNC ABOUT THE SPEED OF THE PROCESS OF NATO EXPANSION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THAT OF THE EU.

5. BALKANS: THERE IS PALPABLE ANXIETY HERE THAT NO
----- MATTER WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT
FIGHTING WILL PICK UP AS THE WEATHER GETS WARMER. THE
GERMANS OPPOSE UNPROFOR WITHDRAWAL FROM BOSNIA AND CROATIA
AS WELL AS A UNILATERAL LIFTING OF THE WEAPONS EMBARGO,
BUT SEE THEMSELVES AS HAVING LIMITED DIPLOMATIC LEVERAGE
BECAUSE UNLIKE THEIR EUROPEAN ALLIES, THEY DO NOT HAVE
TROOPS ON THE GROUND. AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, KOHL DOES
NOT WANT TO SEE THE SERBS REWARDED WITH TERRITORY FOR THEIR
AGGRESSION. THAT EXPLAINS SOME OF THE RELUCTANCE HERE TO
TAKE UP DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE BOSNIAN SERBS IN PALE. ON
THE OTHER HAND, KOHL ALL TOO CLEARLY RECOGNIZES THAT THE
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CONTINUING BALKAN CONFLICT IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON NATO AND THE EU. MUCH OF THE GERMAN POSITION IS DRIVEN BY MORAL PRINCIPLE, BUT THERE IS ALSO NOW A DESIRE TO END THE BALKAN CONFLICT, EVEN IF IT MEANS SOME FURTHER COMPROMISES.

6. THE BALKAN CONFLICT ALSO PROVIDED THE BACKDROP FOR KOHL'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A BROADER NATIONAL CONSENSUS FOR GERMANY'S OUT-OF-AREA RESPONSIBILITIES. HE USED THE NATO

CONTINGENCY REQUESTS FOR GERMAN ECRTORNADOS TO FRAME THE POSSIBLE BUNDESWEHR ROLE IN TERMS OF ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS, LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR GERMAN CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD UNPROFOR BE WITHDRAWN AND ALSO MOVING GERMAN PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF BUNDESWEHR OUT-OF-AREA DEPLOYMENTS ONE STEP FURTHER. THERE ARE STILL, HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF POLITICIANS AND PARTY MEMBERS IN KOHL'S CDU AND THE FDP, NOT TO MENTION THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, WHO SHARE A RELUCTANCE FOR TOO PROMINENT A PROFILE OF THE BUNDESWEHR ABROAD.

7. IRAN: SINCE EARLY JANUARY, KOHL HAS HAD ON HIS DESK ----- A DECISION ON CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR GERMAN EXPORTS TO IRAN. WE KNOW THE BUREAUCRACY IS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT KOHL SEEMS TO BE HOLDING OFF ON THE DECISION LARGELY BECAUSE OF OUR OPPOSITION. GERMANY IS MOVING AHEAD MORE QUICKLY THAN WE LIKE IN ITS CRITICAL DIALOGUE WITH IRAN, AND WE SHOULD EXPLAIN (ONCE AGAIN) DIRECTLY TO KOHL WHY IRAN'S OPPOSITION TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND RECORD ON TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS DO NOT WARRANT IMPROVING COMMERCIAL AND POLITICAL RELATIONS.

8. GLOBAL ISSUES: BECAUSE OF LAST SUMMER'S NUCLEAR ----- SMUGGLING INCIDENTS, WE ARE PUSHING FOR GREATER BILATERAL COORDINATION. KOHL WANTS EXPANDED COOPERATION ON GLOBAL ISSUES BECAUSE OF NEW THREATS FROM THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. THE MEDIA HERE ARE FILLED WITH STORIES ABOUT THE EASTERN MAFIA AND KOHL IS ALSO WORRIED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL LAXITY IN THE EAST COULD RESULT IN A CATASTROPHE ON GERMANY'S DOORSTEP. KOHL MAY ASK THE PRESIDENT FOR U.S. COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THE UN ENVIRONMENTAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE SCHEDULED FOR BERLIN IN MARCH.

9. OUTSTANDING REQUESTS: THE PRESIDENT WROTE TO KOHL ----- RECENTLY SEEKING GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE PESO SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR MEXICO, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT BANK AS WELL AS GERMAN FUNDING FOR THE NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, AND FOR HAITI. WHILE THE GERMANS AND THE EU SUPPORT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST, THEY DO NOT FAVOR A DEVELOPMENT BANK. WE DO NOT EXPECT AN ANSWER ON NORTH KOREA UNTIL AFTER AMBASSADOR GALLUCCI HAS MADE HIS DETAILED PRESENTATION IN BONN. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR THE PRESIDENT TO REITERATE THE NEED FOR GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THESE INITIATIVES IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THAT RESISTANCE.

10. BILATERAL ISSUES: WE'VE RECEIVED GOOD NEWS ON SOME ----- BILATERAL ISSUES FOR WHICH THE PRESIDENT CAN EXPRESS GENUINE APPRECIATION TO THE CHANCELLOR: WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD THAT GERMANY WILL RESOLVE FAVORABLY THE MOST CONTENTIOUS OF THE "PROBLEM CASES" ARISING FROM OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT SETTLING CLAIMS FOR NAZI AND GDR SEIZURES OF PROPERTY OF U.S. CITIZENS, AND WE HAVE SIGNED AN ADVANTAGEOUS (TO US) AGREEMENT TO SWAP PROPERTIES IN BONN AND BERLIN WHICH WILL MAKE OUR EVENTUAL MOVE TO BERLIN EASIER AND MUCH LESS EXPENSIVE. WE EXPECT KOHL TO CONTINUE TO PLUG FOR MORE

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY AMONG STUDENTS. ON MORE
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TROUBLING ISSUES, HE COULD RAISE GERMAN FEARS THAT CONGRESS WILL FORCE THROUGH AN AMENDMENT TO THE FOREIGN SOVEREIGN IMMUNITIES ACT DIRECTED AGAINST GERMANY IN ORDER TO HELP CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVOR HUGO PRINCZ OBTAIN COMPENSATION. THE SCIENTOLOGISTS' STRONG PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST GERMANY IN MAJOR U.S. PAPERS HAS ATTRACTED ATTENTION HERE AND COULD ALSO COME UP IN WASHINGTON.

11. KOHL'S STANDING AT HOME: KOHL SPENT MUCH OF JANUARY
 ----- RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY ON
 A WISDOM TOOTH AND A BUM KNEE, BUT HE IS IN FINE SHAPE BOTH
 PHYSICALLY AND POLITICALLY. THE GERMAN ECONOMY GREW MORE
 ROBUSTLY THAN EXPECTED IN 1994 AND 3 PERCENT GROWTH IS
 PREDICTED THIS YEAR, BUT GERMANS ARE WARY ABOUT CONTINUING
 HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT (9 PERCENT) AND A HEAVY TAX BITE. KOHL
 HAS PROMISED A LEANER GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE BUDGET
 DEFICIT AND SLOW THE GROWTH OF GERMANY'S NOW LARGE
 NATIONAL DEBT, WHICH HAS NEARLY DOUBLED SINCE
 REUNIFICATION. GERMANY SIMPLY IS NOT MAKING MANY NEW
 RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ITEMS ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA
 WHERE THERE IS NO DIRECT GERMAN INTEREST (E.G. HAITI).

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 WITH THE SCIENTOLOGISTS' COUNSEL

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY: RUDOLF V. PERINA, ACTING EUR
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY. REASON: 1.5(D)
2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE. SEE PARAGRAPH 12.

SUMMARY

3. (U) OIC AND DESK OFFICER FOR GERMAN AFFAIRS MET 10/16
 WITH DAVID MILLER AND BILL WALSH, COUNSEL TO THE
 SCIENTOLOGISTS. ACCORDING TO COUNSEL, THE SCIENTOLOGISTS
 HAD DECIDED TO GO FORWARD WITH A SERIES OF ADS TO BE RUN
 IN THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, THE NEW YORK TIMES
 AND THE ECONOMIST. THE ADS IN THE NYT, THE FIRST OF WHICH
 APPEARED 10/17, USE NAZI IMAGERY AND ARE PARTICULARLY
 INFLAMMATORY. THE OTHERS ARE RELATIVELY ANODYNE. COUNSEL
 SAID THE ORGANIZATION WAS LARGELY REACTING TO RECENT
 GERMAN ACTIONS, TO PROSPECTS FOR THE UPCOMING CDU
 CONGRESS, WHICH THEY EXPECT TO ADOPT A SERIES OF

ANTI-SCIENTOLOGIST MEASURES, AND TO BAVARIAN
 ANTI-SCIENTOLOGIST PROVISIONS SET TO GO INTO EFFECT
 NOVEMBER 1. THIS CABLE PROVIDES, IN PARA. 10, PRESS
 GUIDANCE FOR POSTS' USE IN RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES ABOUT
 THE NEW MEDIA CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

THE ADS: ONE SET FOR IHT AND ECONOMIST, ONE FOR NYT

4. (U) IN AN OCTOBER 16 MEETING, SCIENTOLOGY LAWYERS DAVID MILLER AND BILL WALSH SHOWED DESKOFFS COPIES OF ADVERTISEMENTS, WHICH THE SCIENTOLOGISTS HAD DECIDED TO PLACE OVER THE COMING WEEKS IN BOTH U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL MEDIA. THE ADS COME IN TWO SETS: ONE FOR THE NYT; AND ONE FOR THE IHT AND THE ECONOMIST. THE LATTER SET IS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD, PROVIDING BACKGROUND ON WHAT THE ORGANIZATION IS, OR CLAIMS TO BE, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GERAANY. (FYI: THE ADS INCLUDE SOME MISLEADING INFORMATION SUCH AS THE STATEMENT THAT THE USG, SPECIFICALLY, THE IRS, HAS DECLARED THE ORGANIZATION A CHURCH, WHICH IT HAS NOT. END FYI.) THE NYT SET, HOWEVER, FEATURES A PICTURE OF A NAZI EAGLE SITTING ATOP A SWASTIKA AND COMPARES GERMAN ACTIONS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION TODAY TO NAZI ACTIONS AGAINST THE JEWS IN THE '30S AND '40S. THE ADS WILL RUN FOR AT LEAST A MONTH: TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN THE NYT, MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS IN THE IHT, AND WEEKLY IN THE ECONOMIST. (IN EACH CASE, THERE IS A SET OF TEN).

5. (S) AGS STAFF WARNED THE LAWYERS THE NYT ADS IN PARTICULAR WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO INSTITUTING ANY FORM OF DIALOGUE WITH THE FRG. THEY AGREED, AND STATED THEY HAD STRONGLY ADVISED THEIR CLIENT AGAINST RUNNING THEM. NEVERTHELESS, THE ORGANIZATION HAD DECIDED TO GO AHEAD.

6. (S) COUNSEL NOTED THE ORGANIZATION HAD DECIDED IN JANUARY OF 1995 TO STOP THEIR FIRST MEDIA CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAD ALSO USED PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE AND IMAGES. THIS DECISION TO TAKE A "SOFT" APPROACH HAD NOT BORNE FRUIT. THEIR CLIENTS SAW THE SITUATION IN GERMMY WORSENING CONTINUOUSLY. IN THIS REGARD, THEY MENTIONED NEXT WEEK'S CDU PARTY CONGRESS WHICH, THEY SAID, WOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING A SERIES OF ANTI-SCIENTOLOGY RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDING OBSERVATION OF THE ORGANIZATION BY GERMANY'S FBI EQUIVALENT AND PROHIBITING EMPLOYMENT OF SCIENTOLOGISTS IN A NUMBER OF "KEY" AREAS SUCH AS EDUCATION, AND IN NATIONAL SECURITY BODIES. WHILE THE

ATTORNEYS CONCEDED THAT CDU CONGRESS ACTIONS DID NOT CONSTITUTE BONN GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, THEIR CLIENT BELIEVED THESE MEASURES WOULD PASS MUSTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND BUNDESTAG AND EVENTUALLY BECOME LAW. THE SCIENTOLOGISTS WERE ALSO CONCERNED BY SIMILAR MEASURES SET TO GO INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 1 IN BAVARIA. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, THE ORGANIZATION FELT THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE ITS GOAL OF ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE WITH GERMAN LEADERS WAS, THE LAWYERS SAID, "BY DROPPING THE PRINT EQUIVALENT OF AN ATOMIC BOMB." NOTE: ON 10/17 AND 10/18, THE NYT AD STORY GENERATED SIGNIFICANT PRESS INTEREST, INCLUDING CALLS FROM REUTERS, AP, AND A QUESTION AT THE NOON BRIEFING. END NOTE.

NEXT STEPS

7. (S) AGS STAFF NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD WORKED OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION AND THE FRG. THE NEW MEDIA CAMPAIGN MADE REALIZATION OF THIS GOAL MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. THE AD CAMPAIGN WAS ALMOST CERTAIN TO UNDERMINE ANY NASCENT INCLINATION OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE DIALOGUE. COUNSEL AGREED, BUT CLAIMED THE MATTER WAS OUT OF THEIR HANDS.

8. (S) AGS STAFF INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE AVENUES FOR LEGAL ACTION IN GERMANY. COUNSEL SAID THEY WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO BRING THE GERMAN ANTI-SCIENTOLOGY ACTIONS BEFORE THE EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. AN EXPEDITED COMMISSION HEARING WOULD REQUIRE AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE THAT ALL LEGAL REMEDIES IN THE MEMBER-STATE MUST BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE THE COMMISSION WILL HEAR A CASE. THIS WOULD REQUIRE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE MEMBER-STATE HAD EMBARKED ON A "PATTERN AND PRACTICE" OF ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES WHICH MADE LOCAL COURT-BASED REMEDIES UNUSUALLY DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. EVEN IF SUCH AN EXEMPTION COULD BE GRANTED (WHICH COUNSEL DEEMED UNLIKELY), IT WOULD, AT BEST, BE SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE COMMISSION COULD HEAR THE CASE AND ANOTHER SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE CASE COULD MOVE TO THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. COUNSEL WAS EQUALLY PESSIMISTIC REGARDING SPEEDY REMEDIES IN BAVARIA. NOTHING COULD HAPPEN IN THE COURT SYSTEM UNTIL A SCIENTOLOGIST BROUGHT A CASE. AGS STAFF RESPONDED THAT THE GERMAN COURT SYSTEM MIGHT WELL PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE, ALBEIT SLOW, AVENUE FOR RELIEF.

9. (S) AS THE MEETING BROKE UP, AGS STAFF RECOMMENDED COUNSEL CONTACT THE GERMAN DCM TO GIVE HIM ADVANCE WARNING OF THE IMPENDING MEDIA CAMPAIGN. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CONTACTED THE GERMAN EMBASSY WITH THE SAME NEWS. POLITICAL OFFICER WUNDERLICH REACTED WITH RESIGNATION, SAYING THE CAMPAIGN WOULD ONLY INCREASE DISTRUST OF THE ORGANIZATION AMONG GERMAN LEADERS AND THE GERMAN PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT PRESS GUIDANCE

10. (U) THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WHICH POSTS MAY USE.

BEGIN TEXT

Q: WHAT IS THE US GOVERNMENT VIEW OF TODAY'S ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BY SCIENTOLOGY CRITICIZING GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION?

A:

AS YOU KNOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SCIENTOLOGISTS IN GERMANY. THESE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE 1993, 1994, AND 1995 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS, WHICH ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

DOCUMENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE, HOWEVER, OUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE TENOR OF TODAY'S ADVERTISEMENT, WHICH THE SCIENTOLOGISTS PLACED IN THE U.S. MEDIA.

WE FEEL THE AD'S USE OF NAZI IMAGERY IS PROVOCATIVE AND UNHELPFUL IN RESOLVING THIS ISSUE.

END TEXT.

COMMENT

11. (C) AFTER TWO YEARS OF WORKING TO ESTABLISH A QUIET DIALOGUE WITH THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, THE SCIENTOLOGISTS FEEL THEY HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY REBUFFED. IF THE AIM OF THE ORGANIZATION IS TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE WITH FRG OFFICIALS, IT HAS MISREAD GERMAN THINKING. THE DEPARTMENT HAS URGED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO URGE, THE SCIENTOLOGISTS TO PURSUE REMEDIES THROUGH THE GERMAN COURT SYSTEM, WHERE THEY HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF LOWER-LEVEL SUCCESSES.

ACTION REQUEST

12. (C) DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORTING ON GERMAN PUBLIC AND OFFICIAL REACTION TO THE ADVERTISEMENTS, AND ON ANY ACTIONS BEING TAKEN AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION, SPECIFICALLY AT THE CDU PARTY CONFERENCE, AND IN BAVARIA, BUT ELSEWHERE AS WELL.
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1. CLASSIFIED BY JAMES B. WARLICK, ACTING POLITICAL
 MINISTER COUNSELOR. REASON: 1.5(D).

2. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: KOHL WAS REELECTED PARTY
 LEADER AT THE CDU'S ANNUAL CONVENTION, BUT NO ONE (WITH
 THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF KOHL) LEFT THE EVENT IN A
 VERY GOOD MOOD. MANY COMMENTED THAT KOHL HAS BEEN
 AROUND TOO LONG, AND THE LONGER HE STAYS, THE MORE
 DIFFICULT IT WILL BE FOR THE PARTY AND KOHL'S SUCCESSOR
 TO GOVERN WHEN HE LEAVES (WHICH NO ONE EXPECTS ANYTIME
 SOON). KOHL'S STYLE OF AVOIDING CONFLICT AND SMOOTHING
 ROUGH EDGES WAS APPARENT IN DISCUSSION OF HIS NUMBER
 ONE DOMESTIC PRIORITY -- ECONOMIC REFORM -- WHICH WAS
 MANAGED FROM THE TOP AND SKIRTED THE REAL-WORLD
 CONFLICTS ON TAX AND SOCIAL POLICY KOHL'S GOVERNMENT
 FACES EVERY DAY. THE PARTY LEADERSHIP STAYED INTACT,
 BUT UNINSPIRING. FOREIGN POLICY WAS ABSENT, BUT U.S.
 INTERESTS WERE VERY MUCH AT STAKE: KOHL REPRESENTS
 STABILITY, BUT OBSERVERS WONDERED IF IMMOBILITY MIGHT,
 IN THE LONG RUN, MAKE TODAY'S STABILITY ELUSIVE
 TOMORROW. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

3. (U) THERE WERE ALL THE MANIFESTATIONS OF TRIUMPH
 FOR HELMUT KOHL AT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION'S

CONVENTION IN HANNOVER OCTOBER 20-22. AFTER 23 YEARS, KOHL WAS REELECTED CHAIRMAN OF HIS PARTY, UNOPPOSED WITH 95 PERCENT OF THE VOTE; HIS KEYNOTE SPEECH WAS A MODEL OF KOHLIAN SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY WISDOM AND FOLKSY MOALITY; HIS SUGGESTION TO DELAY POTENTIALLY ACIMONIOUS DEBATES ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS WAS ACCEPTED WITHOUT A MURMER BY THE DELEGATES; AND HIS PRESENCE -- TWO DAYS ON THE DIAS INSCRIBING COPIES OF HIS RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK ON GERMANY UNIFICATION, AND AN EVENING BEAMING ENDLESSLY WHILE SITTING ASIDE THE BAND AT THE CONVENTION'S PARTY -- WAS EVERYWHERE: LARGE, CONFIDENT, REASSURING. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE FATHER FIGURE WHO HOLDS THE DISPARATE WINGS OF THE CDU TOGETHER (REFTEL).

4. (C) BUT NOT MANY LEFT THE CONVENTION HAPPY. JOURNALISTS GRUMBLED ABOUT THE LACK OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION. PARTY RANK-AND-FILE QUIETLY REGRETTED THAT ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE NOT DISCUSSED. AND MOST THOUGHTFUL OBSERVERS, INSIDE THE PARTY AND OUT, EXPRESSED THE SAME FEELING: THIS PARTY HAS BECOME THE INSTRUMENT OF ONE MAN, AND WHEN THAT ONE MAN GOES, TIMES WILL BE PERILOUS. MORE IMMEDIATELY, CONCERNS WERE SUMMED UP IN COMMENTS TO US BY HANS-JOCHEN FALENSKI, STAFFER TO CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY WHIP RUDOLF SEITERS: FALENSKI SAID THE DOMESTIC POSITION OF THE CDU HAS NEVER BEEN AS BAD AS NOW, AND THAT THE PARTY LEADERSHIP HAD NOT INSPIRED THE PARTY FAITHFUL THAT THEY WOULD ADDRESS CURRENT CHALLENGES SUCCESSFULLY.

A WHIFF OF BISMARCK IN THE AIR

5. (C) MUCH WAS MADE OF KOHL'S LONGEVITY: HE IS NOW THE LONGEST SERVING POLITICAL PARTY CHAIRMAN IN POSTWAR GERMAN HISTORY, AND AT THE END OF THIS MONTH WILL BECOME THE LONGEST SERVING CHANCELLOR SINCE BISMARCK, PASSING ADENAUER ALONG THE WAY. BUT THE COMPARISON TO BISMARCK IS ALSO INSTRUCTIVE. AS TELEVISION ANCHORMAN MARTIN SCHULZE NOTED TO EMBOFF, "KOHL HAS SIMPLY BEEN AROUND TOO LONG," AND USES METHODS THAT WERE SUCCESSFUL FOR MANY YEARS AND SO IS CONVINCED OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. BUT, SCHULZE WENT ON, TIMES HAVE CHANGED, AND GOVERNANCE BASED ON SHREWD DISTRIBUTION OF EXPANDING WEALTH IS CERTAINLY MORE DIFFICULT "WHEN THE ECONOMY IS STAGNANT, UNEMPLOYMENT IS RAMPANT," AND THE PUBLIC IS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS. A DELEGATE FROM THE EASTERN STATE OF SACHSEN-ANHALT NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE WAITING -- NOT FOR THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE REFORM PACKAGE PROPOSED BY KOHL AND HIS PARLIAMENTARY COALITION, BUT FOR THE POST-KOHL ERA WHEN CONVENTIONS CAN DISCUSS SERIOUS PROBLEMS OPENLY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY.

6. (C) NOT ONLY DOES KOHL APPROACH BISMARCK BECAUSE OF HIS YEARS IN OFFICE, BUT ALSO BECAUSE HE, LIKE

BISMARCK, HAS MADE PARTY BUSINESS IN HIS OWN IMAGE: KOHL'S AUTHORITY BROOKS NO CHALLENGE, HIS STYLE DISCOURAGES CONFLICT OR EXPERIMENTS, AND HIS YEARNING FOR STABILITY (AND HIS RESPONSE TO THE GERMAN ELECTORATES TENDENCY TOWARD THE SAME) CALL FOR SCRIPTING, WAITING, AND PRESSURE TO CONFORM. SCHULZE THE JOURNALIST: "WHEN KOHL GOES, HIS LEADERSHIP STYLE

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WILL REMAIN." AND IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ANY OF HIS POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS CAN EXERCISE THE SAME CONTROL HE HAS DEVELOPED IN THE MANY YEARS OF HIS TENURE. CHANCELLERY SPEECHWRITER MARCUS LUEBBERING CLAIMED TO EMBOFF THAT PROBABLY MORE THAN HALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CDU BUNDESTAG CONTINGENT OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO KOHL, FOR FAVORS FURTHERING THEIR CAREERS OR FOR INFLUENCE ON LOCAL ISSUES DEAR TO THEIR CONSTITUENTS. THEIR DEBT, LUEBBERING SAID POINTEDLY, IS TO KOHL, NOT TO THE CHANCELLERY.

7. ~~(S)~~ IN OTHER WORDS, JUST AS BISMARCK'S SUCCESSORS FAILED TO MASTER THE SYSTEM HE HAD CREATED, NONE OF KOHL'S POTENTIAL SUCCESSORS COMBINES HIS QUALITIES -- WAITING FOR PROBLEMS TO RIPEN, ABSORBING ENORMOUS CRITICISM FROM THE PRESS, PATIENTLY DOING FAVORS AND KEEPING HIS LIST OF WHO'S NAUGHTY AND NICE. THAT'S TOMORROW'S PROBLEM. TODAY'S PROBLEM IS THAT THE REFORM PROCESS IS COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT, AND THE CDU CONVENTION DID NOT REASSURE DELEGATES THAT EVERYTHING IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

WHAT WAS SAID, AND WHAT WASN'T

8. (U) THE CONVENTION TOOK PLACE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE SLOW AND TWISTING PROGRESS OF THE COALITION'S ECONOMIC REFORM PACKAGE. THE LATEST ROCKS ON THE ROAD TOWARD KOHL'S "GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT" GOALS WERE DIFFERENCES WITH FREE DEMOCRATIC COALITION PARTNERS ON TAXES (UNDER BUDGETARY PRESSURE, THE COALITION DELAYED A REDUCTION OF THE "SOLIDARITY TAX," A SURCHARGE ON INCOME TAX DESIGNATED FOR TRANSFERS TO THE EAST -- A BLOW TO THE FDP, WHICH HAD CHAMPIONED THE ELIMINATION OF THIS PARTICULAR TAX WHICH IS FELT MOST ONEROUSLY BY THE FDP'S ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WESTERN GERMAN UPPER INCOME CLIENTELE); AND WAFFLING ON THE TERMS OF SICK PAY REDUCTION (UNION OPPOSITION TO MEASURES BY LARGE FIRMS TO REDUCE SICK PAY TO 80 PERCENT OF NORMAL, A REFORM CHAMPIONED BY THE CDU, LED TO KOHL CAUTIONING THOSE FIRMS NOT TO DISTURB THE SOCIAL PEACE). THAT IS

TO SAY: DESPITE A BIG PARLIAMENTARY VICTORY IN SEPTEMBER SEALING THE FIRST PART OF THE CHANCELLOR'S REFORM PACKAGE, THE GOVERNMENT STILL HAS A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER AND RESTRICTED MANEUVERING ROOM. (SEE BERLIN 2033 ON GERMAN TAX DEBATES).

9. (C) "THE CHANCELLOR IS SHORTWINDED," CONFIDED KLAUS ESCHER, NATIONAL HEAD OF THE JUNGE UNION (THE PARTY'S YOUTH WING). ESCHER ELABORATED TO US THAT HE DID NOT MEAN KOHL COULD NOT TALK FOR HOURS AT A TIME. RATHER, HE MEANT THAT THE CHANCELLOR COULD NOT SUSTAIN THE KIND OF COMBATATIVENESS NECESSARY TO PUSH THROUGH SERIOUS REFORM. WHY? BECAUSE IN THE DAYS OF EVER-EXPANDING RESOURCES, KOHL COULD WAIT UNTIL HE FOUND THE PROPER GIFT FOR ALL SIDES. HOLDING FIERCELY TO ANY GIVEN POSITION DIDN'T PROVIDE ANY PARTICULAR ADVANTAGE UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES. NOW, ESCHER POINTED OUT, THE CHANCELLOR DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE STAYING POWER TO PUSH FOR THE SICK PAY REFORM, BUT RATHER, WANTED TO LECTURE ALL SIDES THAT THEY SHOULD GIVE IN TO ONE ANOTHER.

10. (C) KOHL COULD HAVE CHARGED INTO THIS CONVENTION AND BLASTED THE FDP FOR THEIR EGOTISM AND THE UNIONS FOR THEIR SELFISHNESS, BUT HE DID NOTHING OF THE SORT. HE EMPHASIZED THE TASKS AHEAD ("THINGS JUST CANNOT GO ON LIKE THIS ANY MORE," ASSUMING THE ROLE OF THE REFORMER ON THE POLITICAL STAGE HE HAS TROD FOR MORE THAN A DECADE AS POLICYMAKER). HE POUNDED AWAY AT THE NEED TO REMAIN SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ("WE ARE A SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY, NOT A MARKET ECONOMY," KOHL SAID, PARALLEL TO LABOR MINISTER BLUEM'S OFT REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT GERMANY STANDS BETWEEN THE EVILS OF CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM), THE IMPORTANCE OF MORAL UPRIGHTNESS (WITH A BACKHAND SLAP AT THE SPD-GREEN OPPOSITION AND THEIR PLAN, CLEAR IN HIS MIND, TO MAKE A PACT WITH THE MEPHISTOPHELIAN NEO-COMMUNISTS IN THE PDS TO GAIN POWER). HE EMPHASIZED THE CHRISTIAN "C" IN THE PARTY'S TITLE. HE "POURED OIL ON TROUBLE WATERS," AS THE HEADLINE IN THE ECONOMIC PAPER HANDELSBLATT CLAIMED. JOHANN COHAUSZ, A CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY STAFFER, NOTED TO EMBOFF THAT HE JUST HOPED EVERYONE DECIDED TO LEAVE THEIR MATCHES AT HOME.

11. (U) THE PARTY DID, IN FACT, PASS A RESOLUTION TO PUSH A PLAN IT CALLED "TARIFF 2000" IN WHICH IT WOULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT TAX CUTS IN 1999 (THAT IS, PROMISED NOW, BUT NOT DELIVERED UPON UNTIL AFTER THE 1998 ELECTIONS). SCHAEUBLE ESPECIALLY EMPHASIZED THAT
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THOUGH THIS PROGRAM WOULD LESSEN THE TAX BURDEN BY SOME 30 BILLION MARKS, MORE WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE CURRENT BUDGET SITUATION (AND DID NOT MENTION THAT EVEN THIS TAX REDUCTION WOULD ONLY WORK IF ECONOMIC TRENDS IMPROVE SOMEWHAT).

PARTY LEADERSHIP: SAME OLD SAME OLD

12. (U) ONLY AT TWO POINTS DURING THE CONVENTION DID DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS EMERGE FROM THEIR STUPOR. ONE OF THEM CENTERED ON THE VOTE FOR THE NEW PRESIDUM OF THE PARTY. PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY PETER HINTZE PUSHED THROUGH A RESOLUTION THAT ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM SHOULD BE WOMEN; FAMILY AFFAIRS MINISTER CLAUDIA NOLTE, A KOHL FAVORITE, DECLARED HER CANDIDACY, THUS MAKING EIGHT PERSONS VIE FOR SEVEN SLOTS. THE WOMEN IN THE RACE WERE ENSURED OF VICTORY UNDER THE ONE-THIRD QUOTA. RUNNING AGAINST SUCH PARTY HEAVYWEIGHTS MANFRED KANTHER, RUDOLF SEITERS, AND VOLKER RUEHE, THE HAPLESS LOSER WAS JOHANNES GERSTER, PARTY CHAIRMAN FOR RHEINLAND-PFALZ. RUEHE REPORTED DID SOME SWEATING BEFORE THE VOTE, BUT EMERGED IN FIFTH PLACE WITH 72 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

13. (U) THE OTHER EVENT THAT CUT THROUGH THE SOPORIFIC ATMOSPHERE WAS THE SPEECH BY THE PARTY'S STAR GUEST, FINANCE MINISTER THEO WAIGEL, CHAIRMAN OF THE CDU'S BAVARIAN SISTER PARTY, THE CSU. WHERE KOHL WAS VAGUE, WAIGEL WAS PRECISE (THE FDP NEEDED TO GET THINGS STRAIGHT: "WE CAN'T HAVE A DIVISION OF LABOR WHERE SOME DO THE DIRTY WORK IN THE QUARRY AND OTHERS SELL THE MARBLE"); WHERE LABOR MINISTER NORBERT BLUEM WAS SELF-CONGRATULATORY, WAIGEL OUTLINED THE TASKS AHEAD ("WE HAVE TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO SWIM AGAINST THE CURRENT"); WHERE BUNDESTAG CAUCUS LEADER WOLFGANG SCHAEUBLE WAS LONGWINDED ON THE BENEFITS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION, WAIGEL WAS REALISTIC ABOUT PUBLIC FEARS OF THE EURO ("WE MUST TAKE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL FEARS OF THE PUBLIC SERIOUSLY"). THE DELEGATES' RAPT ATTENTION SUGGESTED THAT THE CONVENTION YEARNED FOR THE KIND OF BLOOD-SWEAT-AND-TEARS PEP TALK WAIGEL DELIVERED -- AND REMINDED OBSERVERS THAT NONE OF THEIR OWN LEADERS SAW FIT TO DELIVER ONE.

14. (U) THE SPEECHES BY BLUEM AND SCHAEUBLE WERE DOUBLY DISAPPOINTING BECAUSE THESE ARE KOHL'S MOST TRUSTED LIEUTENANTS. BLUEM HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF KOHL'S CABINET SINCE 1982. SCHAEUBLE IS WIDELY ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE THE CHANCELLOR'S CROWN PRINCE, NEXT IN LINE FOR THE TOP SPOT. BOTH OF THESE INSIDERS TOOK THEIR CUE FROM KOHL: THEY WERE LAUDATORY, CAREFUL, AND ULTIMATELY FORGETTABLE (ALTHOUGH SCHAEUBLE DID MANAGE TO MAKE A CLEVER COMPARISON TO THE 29 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE AUSTRIAN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION WON BY JOERG HAIDER TO THE 29 PERCENT GARNERED BY THE GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND THEIR "DEMAGOGUE" OSKAR

LAFONTAINE IN THE STATE ELECTIONS IN BADEN-WUERTEMBERG, UNDERSCORING -- UNFAIRLY -- THAT BOTH ARE "AGAINST EUROPE").

 KOHL'S POWER AND U.S. INTERESTS

15. (e) FOREIGN POLICY WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY ABSENT AS A TOPIC AT THE CONVENTION. EUROPEAN UNITY, AND ENSURING THE RAPID INTRODUCTION OF THE EURO, WERE INVARIABLY SUBSUMED IN THE CONTEXT OF DOMESTIC REFORM. THE CONVENTION PASSED A VAGUE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF EU COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY, BUT IT GOT NO DEBATE. NEITHER WAS SCIENTOLOGY DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH THE CONVENTION ALSO PASSED (WITHOUT DISCUSSION) A RESOLUTION ON THIS DOMESTIC ISSUE (WITH ITS OVERTONES FOR U.S.-GERMAN BILATERAL TIES) WHICH REAFFIRMED CDU POLICY KEEPING SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS FROM JOINING THE PARTY, AND CALLING ON FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORITIES TO COLLECT INFORMATION TO PROVE WHAT SOME OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP (LED BY BLUEM AND NOLTE) PASSIONATELY BELIEVE: THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS A THREAT TO GERMAN SOCIETY AND ITS CONSTITUTION. HEINER HERKENHOFF, CHIEF OF KOHL'S PARTY OFFICE, TOLD US THAT KOHL DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HE HAD OTHER PRIORITIES WHICH WOULD TAKE HIS TIME AND EFFORT -- SUCH AS THE REFORM PACKAGE.

16. (e) RATHER, THE CONVENTION'S RELEVANCE FOR U.S. INTEREST LAY SQUARELY IN THE ABILITY OF KOHL TO STAY IN POWER AND ADDRESS GERMANY'S PROBLEMS. THE SPD AND GREENS HAVE NEARLY NO ABILITY TO PROVIDE A COHERENT
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ALTERNATIVE TO THE REFORMS KOHL HAS PROPOSED; KOHL'S CONTROL OF HIS PARTY AND HIS COALITION'S AGENDA IS REALLY THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN. IN 1982, HELMUT SCHMIDT COULD GET NEITHER BUDGET CUTS NOR INCREASE DEBTS, BUT WHAT BROUGHT DOWN HIS GOVERNMENT WAS THE FACT THAT THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE (AND A COALITION PARTNER WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT ALTERNATIVE). NOW THERE IS NONE. THAT LACK OF ALTERNATIVE MAKES CRITICS IN HIS OWN PARTY UNCOMFORTABLE. OUR OWN INTERESTS ARE IN FACT THOSE EXPRESSED BY THE JOURNALIST SCHULZE: "SHOULD KOHL GO? WHY SHOULD HE? NO ONE IS PUSHING HIM OUT, AND NONE OF THOSE WHO MIGHT WANT TO PUSH HIM OUT IS TERRIBLY ATTRACTIVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE."

16. (e) THE CDU CONVENTION IN HANNOVER CONFIRMED THE TRAPPINGS OF STABILITY. WHAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN IS IF

THAT STABILITY CAN SERIOUSLY BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE
HELMUT KOHL SAYS HE WANTS -- ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE
EVENTUAL DEPARTURE OF HELMUT KOHL MAKES EVEN THAT
STABILITY LESS CERTAIN.

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2. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.
3. (S) IN RESPONSE TO THE ENQUETE COMMISSION'S REQUESTS TO EMBASSY BONN (REFTEL), DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMISSION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT TO APPEAR AS A SPOKESPERSON FOR SCIENTOLOGY. THE GOAL SHOULD BE TO PLACE SCIENTOLOGY AND OUR CONCERNS ABOUT ITS TREATMENT IN GERMANY WITHIN THE BROAD CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY.
4. (S) TO ATTAIN THAT GOAL, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO APPROACH THE COMMISSION AT A WORKING LEVEL TO LEARN IN DETAIL WHAT SPECIFICALLY THE COMMISSION IS SEEKING. IF, AS THE TENOR OF THE REQUEST (REFTEL) WOULD SEEM TO CONVEY, THE COMMISSION IS LOOKING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE USG POLICY STATEMENT ON SCIENTOLOGY, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO PREPARE SUCH A PACKET. IT WOULD PLACE THE ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY, CITE RELEVANT SECTIONS OF PUBLISHED COUNTRY HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS AND OUTLINE OTHER, MORE RECENT CONCERNS.
5. (S) IF THE COMMISSION'S REQUEST AND AIMS GO BEYOND SUCH A POLICY STATEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD DETERMINE, AS BEST AS POSSIBLE, THE SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S GOALS AND REPORT THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL

GUIDANCE IF NECESSARY. AT THIS POINT, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS THAT GO BEYOND PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY STATEMENT.

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2. (S) GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY HANS-FRIEDRICH VON PLOETZ REQUESTED A MEETING WITH CHARGE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE FEBRUARY 5, SAYING THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL HAD ASKED HIM TO SPEAK TO CHARGE CONCERNING SCIENTOLOGY. ACCORDING TO VON PLOETZ, THERE IS ONE THING IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE CURRENT CONTROVERSY OVER THE TREATMENT OF SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY TO WHICH FM KINKEL, AND MANY OTHER GERMANS, OBJECT. THE STATEMENTS COMING FROM THE UNITED STATES CAST DOUBT ON THE GUARANTEE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN GERMANY. GERMANS, VON PLOETZ CONTINUED, GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND ARE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE, BECAUSE OF THEIR HISTORY, TO STATEMENTS WHICH QUESTION THAT COMMITMENT. GERMANS HAVE FACED THEIR NAZI PAST AND HAVE SOUGHT TO OVERCOME IT AND TO SHOW A NEW FACE TO THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO VON PLOETZ. THEY HAVE WORKED ESPECIALLY HARD TO GUARANTEE RELIGIOUS AND MINORITY RIGHTS AND ARE PROUD OF THEIR RECORD.

3. (S) VON PLOETZ EMPHASIZED THAT THE GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PROCEED CAREFULLY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LAWS AND CONSTITUTION IN DEALING WITH SCIENTOLOGY. VON PLOETZ REFERRED TO THE STATEMENT BY GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLERY SPOKESPERSON HAUSSMANN (REFTEL), WHERE HAUSSMANN HAD EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DIFFERENT HISTORICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL TRADITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AND

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GERMANY IN REGARD TO GROUPS SUCH AS SCIENTOLOGY.

4. (S) TO ILLUSTRATE THE DIFFICULTY OF DEALING WITH SCIENTOLOGY, VON PLOETZ DREW CHARGE'S ATTENTION TO THE MUCH SIMPLER CASE OF AMERICAN NAZI GARY LAUCK, RECENTLY SENTENCED BY A HAMBURG COURT FOR DISSEMINATING NAZI LITERATURE. IN THAT CASE, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAD HAD GOOD EVIDENCE TO USE AGAINST LAUCK FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THE SITUATION IS NOT SO CLEAR WITH SCIENTOLOGY. SCIENTOLOGY IS CURRENTLY A "REGISTERED ORGANIZATION" (EINGETRAGENER VEREIN, A DESIGNATION WHICH ENTITLES IT TO TAX-FREE STATUS, BUT NOT STATUS AS A RELIGION). SUCH ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE BANNED IF THERE IS LEGAL PROOF THAT THE ORGANIZATION COMMITS ILLEGAL ACTS. WHILE THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS AN INQUIRY INTO ACTS OF SCIENTOLOGY, IT WILL NOT PROCEED AGAINST THEM UNTIL LEGAL PROOF OF CRIMINAL ACTIONS IS FOUND. IN ANY CASE, VON PLOETZ ASSURED CHARGE, ALL GERMAN GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WILL BE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE GERMAN BASIC LAW, WHICH GUARANTEES THE FULL RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

5. (S) CHARGE REPLIED TO VON PLOETZ THAT HE APPRECIATED THE CLEAR PRESENTATION OF THE GERMAN POSITION. HE THEN EXPLAINED THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE U.S. COUNTRY REPORTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WERE PREPARED, EMPHASIZING THAT WE REVIEW ALL ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE USG IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WHEN ANYONE, PARTICULARLY AMERICAN CITIZENS, WERE DISADVANTAGED SOLELY BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS. THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALSO EXPRESSES ITS DISAPPROVAL OF STATEMENTS OF SCIENTOLOGY, SUCH AS COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TREATMENT OF SCIENTOLOGISTS AND THE NAZI TREATMENT OF JEWS.

6. (S) VON PLOETZ CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT FM KINKEL PLANNED TO RAISE SCIENTOLOGY WITH THE SECRETARY, BUT THAT REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE TO THIS CONVERSATION.

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 A CHANGING GERMANY

2. *let* WHEN THE SECRETARY ARRIVES IN BONN ON FEBRUARY 16, SHE WILL FIND A COUNTRY IN THE PROCESS OF REDEFINING ITSELF AND ITS ROLE IN EUROPE. DEEPLY SHAKEN BY UNPRECEDENTED HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, THE KOHL GOVERNMENT IS GRAPPLING WITH A BITTER DOMESTIC DEBATE OVER CUTS IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND A LONG-OVERDUE STRUCTURAL REFORM OF THE ECONOMY. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GERMANS ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY TO MEET THE 1997 MAASTRICHT TARGETS FOR FIRST ROUND ENTRY INTO EMU, AND ARE FOCUSED ANXIOUSLY ON THESE DEADLINES AS THE CRUCIAL NEXT STEP TOWARD EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.

3. *le* LOOKING BEYOND ITS OWN BORDERS, GERMANY IS PLAYING A PIVOTAL ROLE IN DRIVING THE EU'S DOUBLE

AGENDA OF DEEPENING AND WIDENING, AND IS DOING SO WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE AS WELL AS MORE STARKLY DRAWN NATIONAL INTERESTS. A SIMILAR TONE OF CONVICTION IS FUELING GERMANY'S POLICIES WITHIN NATO. PASSIONATE ABOUT OUR COMMON VISION OF AN UNDIVIDED EUROPE, THE GERMANS ARE DETERMINED TO USE ADAPTATION OF THE ALLIANCE AS A MEANS OF ACHIEVING TWO PRIORITY GOALS SIMULTANEOUSLY: STABILIZING CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE AND STRENGTHENING THE EUROPEAN PILLAR WITHIN NATO.

4. ~~let~~ ONE FACTOR WHICH REMAINS UNCHANGED, HOWEVER, IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH GERMANY IS A PRODUCT OF ITS OWN HISTORY. DEALING FORTHRIGHTLY WITH THEIR NAZI LEGACY, THE GERMANS INSIST ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AS AN IMPERATIVE FOR A PEACEFUL, STABLE EUROPE. GERMANY EMBEDDED IN EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS, THEY BELIEVE, IS THE BEST HEDGE AGAINST ANY RESURGENT NATIONALISM IN GERMANY.

THE POLITICS OF PERSONALITIES

5. ~~let~~ IN THIS FIRST OFFICIAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE SECRETARY, THE GERMANS WILL BE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE PERSONAL CONNECTION. CHANCELLOR KOHL IN PARTICULAR BELIEVES IN THE VALUE OF HUMAN CHEMISTRY AND WORKS HARD TO BUILD TRUST AMONG HIS COUNTERPARTS. HE IS QUICK TO RECALL FOND MEMORIES OF AMERICAN SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE DECADES, AND CONVEYS A GENUINE WARMTH AND JOVIALITY. HOWEVER, HE IS ALSO PRONE TO LENGTHY PRESENTATIONS, WHICH CAN MAKE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DIFFICULT. FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL, ON THE OTHER HAND, CAN SOMETIMES COME ACROSS AS BUREAUCRATIC AND OVERLY SENSITIVE WHEN DISCUSSING DIFFERENCES SUCH AS IRAN AND SCIENTOLOGY. HE CONSTANTLY STRUGGLES TO IMPROVE HIS IMAGE AND BOOST HIS DOMESTIC POPULARITY.

LOOKING EAST

6. ~~let~~ THE TOP AGENDA ITEM FOR BOTH KINKEL AND KOHL WILL BE NATO'S TRANSFORMATION AND THE ROLE OF RUSSIA. EARLIER GERMAN FEARS ABOUT ENLARGEMENT'S POTENTIAL TO DESTABILIZE MOSCOW HAVE NOW GIVEN WAY TO A CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE PREPARED, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, TO SET ASIDE THEIR OBJECTIONS TO ENLARGEMENT AND TO PROCEED WITH A SERIOUS DIALOGUE OVER PARTNERSHIP. AT THE SAME TIME, THE GERMANS REMAIN QUITE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR DERAILEMENT OF THE PROCESS AND TEND ALMOST INSTINCTIVELY TO PUSH FOR CONCESSIONS IN MOSCOW'S DIRECTION. IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE NATO-RUSSIA CONSULTATION MECHANISM, FOR EXAMPLE, KINKEL HAS REPEATEDLY INSISTED ON THE NECESSITY OF OFFERING RUSSIA THE RIGHT OF CO-DECISION, THOUGH PROVIDING LITTLE CLARITY ON HOW TO ACHIEVE THIS IN PRACTICE WITHOUT HAMPERING THE NAC'S INDEPENDENCE OF

ACTION. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS WORKING FEVERISHLY TO FIND CATEGORIES OF ISSUES THAT COULD LEND THEMSELVES TO CO-DECISION BETWEEN NATO AND RUSSIA.

7. (e) THE GERMAN GOAL, LIKE OURS, IS TO ACHIEVE A POLITICALLY BINDING CHARTER WHICH GIVES BOTH STRUCTURE AND STATURE TO NATO'S PARTNERSHIP WITH RUSSIA. IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC DETAILS, THEY ARE QUITE FRANKLY LOOKING TO US TO TAKE THE LEAD. THEIR PREOCCUPATION IS DIRECTED MORE TOWARD THE PRESENTATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPONENTS OF RUSSIA HANDLING. THE GERMANS ARE CONVINCED THAT WE SHOULD ACCORD RUSSIA THE GREAT POWER TREATMENT IT SO FEVERENTLY SEEKS, AS A WAY TO OVERCOME THE FEELINGS OF INSECURITY AND INADEQUACY WHICH FUEL NATIONALIST RHETORIC. IT WAS THIS CONCERN WITH THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PROTOCOL WHICH DROVE INITIAL GERMAN SUPPORT FOR THE FIVE POWER SUMMIT IDEA, AN INITIATIVE THEY CONTINUE TO FAVOR DESPITE OUR CONCERNS AND THE INEVITABLE PUBLIC CONTROVERSY.

8. (e) ON THE REST OF THE ENLARGEMENT EQUATION, THE GERMANS WILL HAVE MUCH LESS TO SAY. THEY ARE STILL RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN DETAILED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC NEW MEMBERS, AND INSTEAD ARE MORE LIKELY TO PRESS FOR AS SMALL A NUMBER AS POSSIBLE, BOTH TO MAKE THE PROCESS MORE MANAGEABLE AND TO REINFORCE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF NEW MEMBERS WILL NOT BE THE LAST. LOOKING TO THOSE STATES NOT OFFERED EARLY MEMBERSHIP, THE GERMANS ARE QUICK TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED TO DO MORE, BUT ARE SLOW WITH CONCRETE IDEAS. THEY CONTINUE TO APPROACH THE ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL WITH A DISTINCT MEASURE OF SKEPTISM, THOUGH (HERE AGAIN) WITHOUT SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDRESSING ITS PERCEIVED SHORTCOMINGS.

LOOKING WEST

9. (e) THE OTHER KEY ELEMENT OF THE MADRID SUMMIT AGENDA -- NATO'S INTERNAL ADAPTATION -- IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO BONN. THE GERMANS ARE DETERMINED TO HELP FRANCE RETURN FULLY TO THE ALLIANCE, WHICH WOULD THEN ALLOW THEM TO PURSUE A EUROPEAN DEFENSE IDENTITY WITHOUT DIMINISHING THE TRANSATLANTIC LINK. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GERMANS JUSTIFY THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FRENCH ON THE AFSOUTH ISSUE. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT PARIS FACES A DIFFICULT DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY ON THE NATO QUESTION OVERALL (AS EVIDENCED BY THE OUTCRY OVER THE BILATERAL DEFENSE CONCEPT AND THE RECENT ELECTORAL GAINS BY THE NATIONAL FRONT), AND THUS INSIST THAT SOME FORM OF COMPROMISE "WITH DIGNITY" IS ESSENTIAL.

10. (e) THUS FAR, THE GERMANS HAVE PORTRAYED AFSOUTH AS A WASHINGTON-PARIS DISPUTE, AND HAVE REFUSED TO GET OUT IN FRONT. THE CHANCELLERY IN PARTICULAR REMAINS VERY RETICENT TO CROSS PARIS ON THIS ISSUE.

FRUSTRATED AT THE STALEMATE, DEFENSE MINISTER RUEHE HAS RECENTLY ATTEMPTED TO BUILD SUPPORT AMONG THE ITALIANS, SPANISH, AND FRENCH FOR A COMPROMISE APPROACH INVOLVING DUAL-HATTING OF D/CINCSOUTH, ALONG WITH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON EUROPEANIZATION OF THE REGIONAL COMMANDS BUT DEFERRAL OF IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, EVEN THIS EFFORT HAS FOUND LITTLE FAVOR WITHIN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. FOR OUR PART, WE SHOULD USE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO SEND A STRONG SIGNAL ABOUT THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF GERMAN PASSIVITY. WE NEED TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE GERMANS THAT WE EXPECT THEM TO BE PART OF A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION.

ADDITIONAL SENSITIVITIES

11. (S) AS A FINAL NOTE, THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR KINKEL TO RAISE TWO POINTS OF RECENT CONTROVERSY -- SCIENTOLOGY AND TURKEY -- AS WELL AS THE CONTINUING ISSUES OF BOSNIA, IRAN, AND CUBA.

12. (S) ON SCIENTOLOGY, KINKEL HAS SAID PUBLICLY HE WILL RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE SECRETARY. HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, BUT IS CONCERNED -- AS IS THE GERMAN PUBLIC -- ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY'S CAMPAIGN IN THE U.S. PRESS WHICH HAS DRAWN PARALLELS BETWEEN NAZI TREATMENT OF JEWS AND THE CURRENT SITUATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS IN GERMANY. THE CHARGE MET WITH KINKEL'S STATE SECRETARY PLOETZ IN AN EFFORT TO SET ASIDE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE AT THE KINKEL LEVEL. THE ISSUE HAS ALSO RECEDED FROM THE HEADLINES

SOMEWHAT IN RECENT DAYS. WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR GERMAN STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS IN RELATION TO SCIENTOLOGISTS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE INTERESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE INVOLVED.

13. (S) ON TURKEY, FM KINKEL AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT COMMENTS BY SPOKESMAN BURNS WIDELY INTERPRETED HERE AS A SIGNAL THAT WASHINGTON ENDORSES EU MEMBERSHIP FOR TURKEY. GERMANY AND TURKEY HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP -- NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF SOME TWO MILLION TURKS IN GERMANY -- BUT NO ONE IS OFFICIALLY PREPARED TO CONSIDER EU MEMBERSHIP FOR TURKEY OR EVEN NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TOWARDS IT. NEVERTHELESS, GERMANY WILL LOOK TO WASHINGTON TO TAKE THE LEAD ON CYPRUS AND IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH US ON LEVERAGING EU ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS FOR CYPRUS IN FAVOR OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

14. (S) ON BOSNIA, THE GERMANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BRCKO ARBITRATION BUT ARE PREPARED TO ALLOW ROBERTS OWEN TO RETAIN HIS JURISDICTION. THEY ARE ALSO UNSURE WHETHER CARL BILDT WILL AGREE TO TAKE ON THIS ADDED RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES HE MAY REQUEST. THE PRESENCE OF SOME 320,000 BOSNIAN REFUGEES IN GERMANY IS A SENSITIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE,

LIKELY TO HEAT UP WHEN REPATRIATIONS BEGIN IN EARNEST THIS SPRING. AS MANY AS 5,000 REFUGEES COULD BE FORCIBLY REPATRIATED THIS YEAR. OUR PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THAT GERMANY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM REPATRIATING BOSNIANS TO MINORITY AREAS. GERMANY'S 3,000 MAN SFOR CONTINGENT, INCLUDING GROUND FORCES, IS FULLY-DEPLOYED.

15. (S) IRAN CONTINUES TO BE OUR SINGLE MOST DIFFICULT BILATERAL ISSUE, ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT GERMAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS TO REMAIN COOL UNTIL AFTER THE MYKONOS MURDER TRIAL VERDICT THIS SPRING. A DECISION THAT IMPLICATES KHAMENEI AND/OR RAFSANJANI BY NAME IN THE ASSASSINATION OF FOUR KURDS IN A BERLIN RESTAURANT COULD SEND BONN'S RELATIONS WITH TEHRAN INTO A TAILSPIN. GERMANY, HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE ITS "CRITICAL DIALOGUE," DRIVEN IN PART BY THE NEED FOR TEHRAN TO SERVICE ITS LARGE COMMERCIAL DEBT.

16. (S) CUBA REMAINS AN IRRITANT WITH THE EU EFFORT TO RESOLVE OUR POLITICAL DISPUTE OVER HELMS-BURTON LEGISLATION THROUGH A WTO COMPLAINT. THE GERMANS ARE THE ONLY EU COUNTRY OPPOSED TO THE EU EFFORT, AND WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO PRESS THEIR EU FRIENDS TO DROP THE CASE.

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1. CLASSIFIED BY JOHN CAMPBELL, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, REASON
 1.5(D).

2. (U) THIS CABLE REPORTS ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND
 GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER KLAUS KINKEL, FEBRUARY 17, 1997, IN THE
 GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE, BONN, GERMANY.

3. PARTICIPANTS

(U)QU.S. PARTICIPANTS: SECRETARY ALBRIGHT, EMBASSY BONN CHARGE J.D.
 BINDENAGEL, CHIEF OF STAFF SHOCAS, SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR RUBIN,
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS KORNBLUM, NSC SENIOR
 DIRECTOR
 FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS VERSHBOW, LT GENERAL MEYERS (JCS), DEPARTMENT
 SPOKESMAN BURNS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY HALE, EMBASSY

BON NOTETAKER.

GERMAN PARTICIPANTS: FOREIGN MINISTER KLAUS KINKEL, JUERGEN CHROBOG, AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., WERNER HOYER, STATE MINISTER, WOLFGANG ISCHINGER, POLITICAL DIRECTOR, GERD WESTDICKENBERG, CHIEF OF STAFF, MARTIN ERDMANN, PRESS SPOKESMAN, AND FOLKMAR STOECKER, DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

SUMMARY

4. (S) SECRETARY ALBRIGHT AND FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL FOCUSED ON NATO ENLARGEMENT, PARTICULARLY CONCERNS ABOUT RUSSIA AND THE BALTIC STATES, DURING THEIR HOUR-LONG MEETING IN BONN. KINKEL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA BEFORE NATO ENLARGEMENT PROCEEDS. HE LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP BY BALTIC STATES, BUT IDENTIFIED POLAND, HUNGARY, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND POSSIBLY SLOVENIA AS THE ONLY LIKELY CANDIDATES FOR INITIAL ENTRY. HE SAID EU MEMBERSHIP WAS POSSIBLE FOR ESTONIA EVEN IF OTHER TWO BALTIC STATES WERE NOT READY, BUT CAUTIONED THAT EU EXPANSION WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE BEFORE 2001-2002. ON BOSNIA, THE SECRETARY REQUESTED GERMAN SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE BRCKO ARBITRATION DECISION AND CALLED FOR U.S.-GERMAN COOPERATION ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT; KINKEL CAUTIONED THAT REFUGEES ARE AN "EXPLOSIVE" DOMESTIC ISSUE IN GERMANY. KINKEL SAID THE U.S. AND GERMANY HAVE NO DIFFERENCES ON IRANIAN TERRORISM OR HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, BUT ASKED THAT THE U.S. NOT PUT IRAN "IN A CORNER." HE WARNED THAT GERMAN RELATIONS WITH IRAN COULD DETERIORATE FOLLOWING THE MYKONOS VERDICT. CHANCELLOR KOHL AND PRESIDENT CHIRAC WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE ANOTHER UNHRC RESOLUTION ON CHINA, ACCORDING TO KINKEL, BUT HE SAW SOME LOGIC IN THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO BEGIN DRAFTING A RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE LEVERAGE IN THE ABSENCE OF CHINESE MOVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ON TURKEY, GERMANY WILL PLACE EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS CLAIMING THERE WOULD BE NO CYPRUS SOLUTION WITHOUT FIRST ADDRESSING TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE EU. KINKEL AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT SCIENTOLOGY SHOULD NOT BE A BILATERAL PROBLEM. BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED, KINKEL PULLED THE SECRETARY ASIDE TO DENY PRESS REPORTS THAT KOHL IS ILL WITH CANCER, ADDING THAT THE RULING COALITION IS IN GOOD SHAPE. END SUMMARY.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

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5. (S) GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER KINKEL SAID THAT HE IS CONVINCED NATO WILL NEED TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA BEFORE NATO ENLARGEMENT CAN PROCEED. RUSSIAN FM PRIMAKOV HAS CLAIMED HE HAS A PROBLEM CONVINCING THE RUSSIAN PUBLIC TO ACCEPT ENLARGEMENT, ACCORDING TO KINKEL, AND PRESIDENT YELTSIN HAS ALSO SAID HE MUST EXPLAIN ENLARGEMENT TO HIS PEOPLE. BUT THIS IS NOT TRUE SAID KINKEL, BECAUSE IT IS ONLY NECESSARY

FOR YELTSIN TO EXPLAIN

ENLARGEMENT TO AN EDUCATED ELITE AND THE MILITAR

6. (S) RUSSIA WILL NOT PERMIT BALTIC MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, SAID KINKEL.

GERMANY DOES NOT BELIEVE THE BALTS CAN ENTER NATO IN THE INITIAL GROUP,

BUT PERHAPS ENTRY CAN TAKE PLACE AFTER. KINKEL SAID PRIMAKOV HAS SAID

RUSSIA WOULD ACCEPT BALTIC MEMBERSHIP ONLY OVER ITS "DEAD BODY." KINKE

DID NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. TO OFFER SECURIT

GUARANTEES TO THE BALTS WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO ENSURE BALTIC

SECURITY SHORT OF EVENTUAL NATO MEMBERSHIP.

7. (S) GERMANY IS LOOKING AT BOTH NATO AND EU MEMBERSHIP FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES. KINKEL SAID THAT POLAND, HUNGARY, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND PERHAPS SLOVENIA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST GROUP OF COUNTRIES T

BE ADMITTED TO NATO. ON THE EU, HE SAID THESE SAME FOUR CANDIDATES WER

POTENTIAL EARLY MEMBERS AND STATED THAT, AMONG THE BALTS, ESTONIA WAS

THE MOST LIKELY

EU MEMBER. KINKEL EXPLAINED IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO BRIN ESTONIA INTO THE EU WITHOUT LATVIA AND LITHUANIA, LEAVING OPEN THE PROSPECT FOR THEIR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED THAT ANY E

EXPANSION WILL TAKE TIME, PROBABLY OCCURRING IN 2001-2002 AT THE EARLIEST.

KINKEL ASKED THAT THE U.S. AND GERMANY WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA.

8. (S) THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT WE MUST FIND OTHER EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE BALTICS TO JOIN. ON THE QUESTION

OF EU MEMBERSHIP

FOR THE BALTICS, SHE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY POSITIVE FOR ALL THREE BALTIC STATES IF EVEN ONE WERE IN THE FIRST GROUP OF NEW EU MEMBERS. KINKEL RESPONDED THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD NOT OPPOSE BALTIC EU MEMBERSHIP, STATING THAT IF

THERE I

THE CHANCE TO INCLUDE A BALTIC STATE IN THE EU, THAT STEP SHOULD BE TAKEN.

9. (S) KINKEL SAID THE U.S. AND GERMANY SHOULD HELP YELTSIN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, AND TAKE THE RUSSIANS SERIOUSLY. HE SAID THERE SHOULD NOT

BE
AN "ABSOLUTE NO" TO RUSSIAN MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. REFERRING TO THE
QUINT
PROPOSAL THE

SECRETARY SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD FOCUS ON SUBSTANCE AND
NOT PROCESS IN DISCUSSIONS OF NATO ENLARGEMENT WITH RUSSIA.

BOSNIA

10. (S) THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE BRCKO ARBITRATION DECISION WAS A
GOOD INTERIM STEP AND EMPHASIZED THAT IT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED,
PARTICULARLY THE CREATION OF A BRCKO POLICE FORCE. SHE CITED THE
IMPORTANCE

OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR THE OVERALL PEACE PROCESS. SHE
ALSO NOTED

THE IMPORTANCE OF GERMANY AND THE U.S. WORKING TOGETHER ON
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND NOTED THE NEED FOR A PLAN FOR THE STAGED
IMPLEMENTATION OF REFUGEE RETURNS, LEST THERE BE A PUSH FOR RAPID
REFUGEE RETURNS TO MAKE A POLITICAL STATEMENT.

11. (S) KINKEL RESPONDED THAT GERMANY AND THE U.S. HAVE COMMON
CONCERN
ABOUT BOSNIA.

HE EXPLAINED THAT REFUGEES ARE A DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSU
IN GERMANY
WHICH HOUSES OVER 300,000 BOSNIAN REFUGEES AND OVER 100,000
KOSOVAR

ALBANIANS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE APPLIED FOR ASYLUM. HE ADDED,
HOWEVER,

THAT REFUGEES FROM KOSOVO CANNOT BE RETURNED WITHOUT CREATING
PROBLEMS

IN KOSOVO, AND ONE-THIRD OF THE BOSNIAN REFUGEES ARE FROM WHAT
IS NOW

REPUBLIKA SRSPKA. HE SAID REFUGEES, ALONG WITH SOME TWO MILLION
ETHNIC GERMANS

IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION ENTITLED TO RETURN TO GERMANY
ARE AN "EXPLOSIVE" ISSUE IN GERMANY AND THAT THERE IS NEVERTHELESS
PRESSURE TO INCREASE REPATRIATIONS.

ROGUE STATES

12. (S) THE SECRETARY SAID SHE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT GERMANY'S
"CRITICAL DIALOGUE" WITH IRAN WAS WORKING. SOME COUNTRIES, SHE SAID,
ARE OBLIVIOUS TO THE LONG-TERM THREAT THAT IRAN POSED -- IRAN IS A
PROBLEM THAT AFFECTS US ON STREETS.

13. (S) GERMANY AND THE U.S. HAVE NO DIFFERENCES ON THE ISSUES OF
IRANIAN TERRORISM OR LACK OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID KINKEL,
BUT

WE SHOULD NOT PUT IRAN "IN A CORNER." HE NOTED THAT THE CRITICAL
DIALOGUE WAS A EUROPEAN POLICY, AND NOT JUST A GERMAN ONE. THE
VERDICT

IN THE

MYKONOS TRIAL WILL ADDRESS DIRECTLY THE ISSUE OF STATE-SPONSORED
TERRORISM AND, IF IRANIAN LEADERS WERE CITED BY NAME IN THE COURT
DECISION, IT COULD AFFECT EUROPEAN POLICY TOWARDS IRAN AS WELL AS

GERMANY'S BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE TRIAL, HE SAID, WOULD FORCE IRAN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM. A CONVICTION, HOWEVER, BASED ON A JUDGMENT OF STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM, COULD MEAN A REDUCED SENTENCE FOR THE DEFENDANTS, HE ADDED. KINKEL SAID THE IRANIANS WERE USING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CASE OF IRANIAN OPPOSITION FIGURE SARKUHI, WHOSE WIFE AND CHILD WERE IN GERMANY, TO AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE MYKONOS TRIAL.

14. ~~(S)~~ TURNING TO IRAQ, THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF STRICT UNSCOM INSPECTIONS. KINKEL CITED PRESSURE FROM GERMANY'S BUSINESS INTERESTS FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, BUT SAID HE WAS WITH US EVEN THOUGH OTHERS IN EUROPE HAD A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH.

CHINA

15. ~~(S)~~ THE SECRETARY SAID THE U.S. HAS A MULTIFACETED RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA AND EXPLAINED THAT CHINA HAS BEEN HELPFUL IN SUCH AREAS AS CAMBODIA.

SHE SAID THE U.S. IS PUSHING FOR A DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THE UNHRC RESOLUTION ON CHINA IS NEEDED. IF THE CHINESE ARE FORTHCOMING ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SAID THE SECRETARY, THEN SUCH RESOLUTION MIGHT NOT NEED TO BE TAKEN TO A VOTE.

16. ~~(S)~~ CHANCELLOR KOHL AND FRENCH PRESIDENT CHIRAC PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE ANOTHER UNHRC RESOLUTION ON CHINA THIS YEAR, SAID KINKEL, WHO URGE THAT WE SHOULD "MOVE FORWARD" ON CHINA. KINKEL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, NOTING SPECIFICALLY THAT CHINA MUST GET RID OF THE DEATH PENALTY, BUT SAID THAT AS LONG AS LI PENG REMAINED IN POWER THEN HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD BE A PROBLEM. KINKEL SAID HE WAS UNSURE HOW THE EU WOULD DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF THE UNHRC RESOLUTION, BUT WARNED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD TRY TO EXPLOIT DIVISIONS WITH THE U.S. ON THE RESOLUTION. THE EU DISCUSSION CONTINUES NEXT WEEK. HE SAID HE SAW THE LOGIC OF PROCEEDING WITH PREPARATION OF A RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE LEVERAGE VIS-A-VIS THE CHINESE.

TURKEY/CYPRUS

17. (S)

KINKEL SAID THERE COULD BE NO POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS UNLESS EUROPEAN PARTNERS FIRST DEALT WITH THE ISSUE OF TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE EU. KINKEL EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FM CILLER'S "AGGRESSIVE" APPROACH AT THE ROME QUINT AND SAID THAT ERBAKAN WAS FOCUSED

EAST RATHER THAN WEST. STILL, HE SAID, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO INCLUDING

TURKEY IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS "NO PROSPECT" FOR FULL EU MEMBERSHIP.

GERMANY WILL PLACE EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS

-- KINKEL SAID HE WOULD TRAVEL TO THE REGION SOON -- AND GERMANY

WOULD NAME A CYPRUS ADVISOR (OTTO GRAF LAMBSDORFF) TO FOCUS GREATER ATTENTION ON ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. AS LONG AS KINKEL WAS FOREIGN MINISTER

, HE WOULD NOT PERMIT A DIVIDED CYPRUS TO ENTER THE EU.

18. (S) THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS WAS DETERIORATING

AND THE U.S. SHARED GERMAN CONCERNS ABOUT GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. CLOSER TURKISH TIES TO THE EU WERE ESSENTIAL.

SCIENTOLOGY

19. (S) KINKEL SAID THE CHANCELLOR WAS SURPRISED BY THE PUBLIC LETTER

DRAWING PARALLELS BETWEEN GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF SCIENTOLOGISTS AND NAZIS

IN THE 1930'S AND REJECTED ANY SIMILARITY (KINKEL STATED AND LATE REPEATED

AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT SCIENTOLOGISTS ARE CONSIDERED A PROFIT

-MAKING ORGANIZATION RATHER THAN A RELIGION, ARE NOT PERSECUTED IN GERMANY). HE AND THE SECRETARY AGREED THAT THE ISSUE OF SCIENTOLOGY SHOULD NOT BE A BILATERAL PROBLEM BETWEEN THE U.S. AND GERMANY.

WASSANAAR

20. (S) KINKEL STATED THE GERMAN CANDIDATE GAYMAN IS THE BEST PERSON TO

HEAD THE WASSANAAR SECRETARIAT AND REQUESTED U.S. SUPPORT.

KOHL'S HEALTH

21. (S) BEFORE THE MEETING STARTED, FM KINKEL PULLED THE SECRETARY ASIDE FOR A SHORT ONE-ON-ONE DISCUSSION. KINKEL, REFERRING TO GERMAN PRESS SPECULATION THAT CHANCELLOR KOHL WAS ILL AND COULD BE SUFFERING FROM CANCER

, DENIED THE REPORTS AND ASSURED THE SECRETARY THAT KOHL WAS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. KINKEL ALSO ADDED THAT THE CDU-CSU-FDP COALITION

WAS IN GOOD SHAPE, DESPITE THE CURRENT INTERNAL DEBATE. HE ARGUED THAT

THERE

WAS NO ALTERNATIVE COALITION TO THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT AND MADE
THE POINT THAT THE U.S. WOULD HAVE BOTH KOHL AND KINKEL LEADING THE
GERMAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

22. SARAJEVO MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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1. (U) THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SEE NEXT PARAGRAPH.
2. ~~(S)~~ DEPARTMENT HAS READ REFTELS WITH INTEREST. IN ORDER TO FORMULATE A USG POSITION ON THE DECISION TO PLACE SCIENTOLOGY UNDER OBSERVATION FOR ONE YEAR, AND TO RESPOND TO PERSISTENT INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, AND SCIENTOLOGISTS, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY CONTACT THE FOREIGN AND INTERIOR MINISTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:
 - - TO ASSIST US IN EXPLAINING THIS DECISION TO CONGRESS AND TO THE PRESS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW THE PROBABLE SCOPE OF THE OBSERVATION METHODS WHICH GERMAN AUTHORITIES INTEND TO EMPLOY.
 - - MOST IMPORTANTLY, IN VIEW OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO U.S. CITIZENS, WILL THOSE LIVING IN OR VISITING GERMANY WHO HAPPEN TO BE SCIENTOLOGISTS (OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES) ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SUCH OBSERVATION?
3. ~~(S)~~ DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY REPORT RESULTS OF THIS INQUIRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM INTERLOCUTORS THAT THE POINT OF THESE QUESTIONS IS TO ALLAY DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT OBSERVATION BE BASED ON

ACTS AND NOT TARGET INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF MERE
ASSOCIATION WITH A SPECIFIC ORGANIZATION. INFORMATION
ABOUT FURTHER REACTION FROM VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF GERMAN
SOCIETY WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

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1. CLASSIFIED BY CHARGE J.D. BINDENAGEL, REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. SUMMARY: OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY BY FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (GERMAN ACRONYM: BFV) WILL LIKELY CENTER ON EFFORTS TO GATHER FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF THE ORGANIZATION'S INTERNAL OPERATIONS AND "MESSAGE" TO ADHERENTS. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUED "DEBRIEFING" OF PERSONS WHO LEAVE SCIENTOLOGY, BFV OFFICIALS MAY SEEK TO ENROLL INFORMANTS IN SCIENTOLOGY ACTIVITIES. MORE INTRUSIVE METHODS -- WIRETAPPING, OPENING OF MAIL -- ARE AVAILABLE TO BFV BY LAW ONLY IN CASES OF SUSPECTED TREASON OR TERRORISM (AND THEN SUBJECT TO ADVANCE APPROVAL BY A BUNDESTAG COMMISSION) OR IN EMERGENCY CASES OF IMMINENT THREAT TO LIFE; INTERIOR MINISTRY CONTACTS NEARLY RULED OUT THAT JUSTIFICATION FOR SUCH TECHNIQUES WOULD BE FOUND AMONG SCIENTOLOGY'S ACTIVITIES. BFV HAS NO POLICE POWERS TO ARREST, CONDUCT SEARCHES, INTERROGATE, OR SEIZE DOCUMENTS. THE PURPOSE OF OBSERVATION OVER A 12-MONTH PERIOD WILL BE TO UNCOVER FURTHER "ACTUAL INDICATIONS" AS MAY EXIST THAT SCIENTOLOGY THREATENS THE FUNDAMENTAL DEMOCRATIC ORDER IN THE FRG; THEREAFTER, THE POLITICAL DECISION MUST BE TAKEN TO CONTINUE, ENHANCE, OR ABANDON OBSERVATION. A BAN OF THE ORGANIZATION IS "NOT IN THE

CARDS" ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACTS. END SUMMARY.

3. (U) IN CARRYING OUT REF A DEMARCHE, EMBASSY SOUGHT DETAILS ON THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY FROM THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE AMERICAS DESK, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION (BFV), AND IN A CALL BY CHARGE ON INTERIOR MINISTRY STATE SECRETARY SCHELTER. CHARGE ALSO RAISED USG CONCERNS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY HARTMANN.

4. (SBU) OUR CONTACTS CONFIRMED EARLIER INFORMATION (REF B) THAT STATEMENTS BY FORMER SCIENTOLOGISTS FIGURED PROMINENTLY AMONG THE "ACTUAL INDICATIONS" THAT THE ORGANIZATION MAY THREATEN DEMOCRACY IN GERMANY. DRAWING ALSO ON THE TEACHINGS IN SCIENTOLOGY PUBLICATIONS, OUR CONTACTS STATED THAT EVIDENCE EXISTED THAT SCIENTOLOGY WAS A "TOTALITARIAN" AND "CONSPIRATORIAL" ORGANIZATION CONVEYING A MESSAGE OF INTOLERANCE AND GROUP IDENTIFICATION THAT MAY ENDANGER THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE RULE OF LAW. STATE SECRETARY SCHELTER NOTED THAT OBSERVATION BY THE BFV WOULD TEST WHETHER THESE SUSPICIONS WERE VALIDATED BY FURTHER EVIDENCE, WHICH GIVEN SCIENTOLOGY'S METHODS WOULD HAVE TO BE GATHERED IN PART THROUGH SENSITIVE TECHNIQUES.

5. (S) INTERIOR MINISTRY DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AFFAIRS VAUBEL INDICATED THAT OBSERVATION WOULD LIKELY INCLUDE EFFORTS TO ENROLL INFORMANTS IN SCIENTOLOGY ACTIVITIES, AN EXERCISE VAUBEL THOUGHT WOULD YIELD LITTLE INFORMATION.

6. (SBU) SCHELTER SAID THE DECISION TO OBSERVE SCIENTOLOGY, ENDORSED BY ALL STATE INTERIOR MINISTERS, WAS TAKEN WITH FULL AWARENESS THAT PERHAPS NOTHING WOULD BE UNCOVERED. INTERIOR MINISTER KANTHER HAD TURNED BACK THE DEMAND OF SOME THAT SCIENTOLOGY BE BANNED, ARGUING THAT THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR THAT STEP DID NOT EXIST, AND THAT IMPOSING A BAN WHICH WAS THEN OVERTURNED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL WOULD AWARD SCIENTOLOGY A GREAT PR BOON. SCHELTER AND HIS WORKING-LEVEL COLLEAGUES IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS RULED OUT A BAN OF THE ORGANIZATION.

7. (SBU) THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY WILL EMPHASIZE GATHERING FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF WHETHER OR HOW THE ORGANIZATION ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO ACT UPON ALLEGEDLY ANTI-DEMOCRATIC, TOTALITARIAN TEACHINGS. VAUBEL MADE CLEAR THAT FRG AUTHORITIES WERE NOT YET AT A STAGE WHERE THEY COULD DECLARE WHETHER OR NOT SCIENTOLOGY ACTIVITIES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE BASIC DEMOCRATIC ORDER. VAUBEL AND HIS STAFF WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE BFV WAS AUTHORIZED ONLY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY AS AN ORGANIZATION AND THAT, BY LAW, THE BFV COULD NOT TAKE COERCIVE MEASURES AGAINST SCIENTOLOGY OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WERE EVIDENCE OF A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, PLANNED OR COMMITTED,

TO EMERGE FROM THE BFV OBSERVATION, IT WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. ANY MORE INTRUSIVE INVESTIGATORY TECHNIQUES TAKEN BY POLICE IN SUCH CASES WOULD BE REGULATED BY GERMAN LAW AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY A JUDGE.

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8. (SBU) COMMENTING ON PROVISIONS OF THE LAW PERMITTING THE BFV TO CONDUCT WIRETAPS AND OPEN MAIL, VAUBEL SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT THE BFV TO BE ABLE TO APPLY THESE METHODS IN OBSERVING SCIENTOLOGY, AS THEY WERE RESTRICTED TO CASES OF SUSPECTED TREASON OR TERRORISM. VAUBEL DWELT ON THIS POINT, NOTING THAT INDIVIDUAL SCIENTOLOGISTS NEED NOT FEAR WIRETAPPING OR THE OPENING OF THEIR MAIL ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR AFFILIATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION; EVIDENCE OF TREASONOUS OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY WOULD BE NECESSARY TO JUSTIFY SUCH MEASURES. VAUBEL MADE CLEAR HE DID NOT EXPECT THE SCIENTOLOGY OBSERVATION TO TURN UP SUCH EVIDENCE. IF AN INDIVIDUAL SCIENTOLOGIST WERE SUSPECTED OF HAVING COMMITTED A SERIOUS CRIME, HE OR SHE COULD BE SUBJECT TO SUCH MEASURES, BUT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE INITIATED BY POLICE, NOT THE BFV, AND WOULD, AGAIN, BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY A JUDGE.

9. (SBU) IN OUR CALLS AT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WE PRESSED THE U.S. CONCERNS THAT OBSERVATION SHOULD BE RESERVED TO CASES WHEN SPECIFIC ACTS WARRANT INVESTIGATION AND THAT INDIVIDUALS SHOULD NOT BE TARGETED ON THE BASIS OF AFFILIATIONS. WE EXPRESSED OUR PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF AMCITS IN THIS CONNECTION. OUR CONTACTS EMPHASIZED THAT INDEED ACTIONS WOULD BE THE BASIS FOR CLOSE SCRUTINY. WERE AN IDENTIFIABLE AMCIT TO ATTEND A SCIENTOLOGY GATHERING, THIS FACT MIGHT BE NOTED IN A REPORT ABOUT THE EVENT. BUT, WE WERE TOLD, ONLY IF AN AMERICAN, OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL FOR THAT MATTER, WERE TO UNDERTAKE ACTIONS THAT WERE ANTITHETICAL TO DEMOCRACY IN GERMANY, E.G., BY ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE GERMAN AUTHORITIES, WOULD THAT INDIVIDUAL BECOME THE TARGET OF FOCUSED OBSERVATION. IT WAS NEITHER THE INTENT NOR WITHIN THE RESOURCE CAPACITY OF THE BFV TO SURVEIL INDIVIDUAL SCIENTOLOGISTS IN A WHOLESALE MANNER.

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 C. KORNBLUM FOR REASON 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. TWO HOUR DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR KORNBLUM AND
 BITTERLICH ON SEPTEMBER 16 COVERED FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS: BITTERLICH EXPRESSED
 APPRECIATION FOR EARLY GROSSMAN VISIT AND FOR
 INITIATION OF CLOSE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION AND
 CONCERTATION. HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A CLOSE HARMONY OF
 VIEWS ON MOST SUBJECTS, DESPITE SOME DISAGREEMENTS,
 SUCH AS ON THE QUESTION OF NATO ENLARGEMENT.
 AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THIS MEANT THE QUESTION OF ROMANIAN
 MEMBERSHIP? BITTERLICH AGREED, SAYING THAT GERMANY
 COULD HAVE LIVED WITH FIVE NEW MEMBERS AND WAS SORRY A
 PUBLIC DEBATE HAD ENSUED. AMBASSADOR SAID IT HAD BEEN
 HIS CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT SENIOR GERMAN OFFICIALS
 AGREED WITH US POSITION AND IN FACT HAD BEEN GRATEFUL
 FOR OUR LEADERSHIP. BITTERLICH THEN BACKTRACKED AND
 ADMITTED THAT SEVERAL SENIOR OFFICIALS HAD FAVORED ONLY
 THREE NEW MEMBERS. HE HIMSELF WAS STRONGLY AGAINST

SLOVENIA, BECAUSE OF THE LINK TO THE BALKANS. BUT THE FACT REMAINED THAT GERMANY COULD HAVE LIVED WITH FIVE AND THAT THE WAY IN WHICH THE DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED HAD CAUSED CONCERN AMONG SOME ALLIES.

COMMENT: MOST SENIOR GERMANS HAVE THANKED AMBASSADOR PROFUSELY DURING HIS COURTESY CALLS FOR FIRM US POSITION ON THREE, WHICH THEY SAY WAS IDENTICAL WITH THEIR WISHES. IT IS INTERESTING THAT BITTERLICH WISHES TO MAINTAIN "OFFICIAL" CHANCELLERY POSITION THAT FIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE. ONE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THIS IS THE VERSION WHICH CONTINUES TO BE FED TO THE FRENCH. END COMMENT

-- SCIENTOLOGY: BITTERLICH SAID THE CHANCELLOR PERSONALLY HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE D'AMATO HEARINGS. HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ANOTHER WAVE OF ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT. THE AMBASSADOR REMINDED HIM OF SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S STATEMENTS AND THE EFFORTS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO KEEP CHANNELS OPEN. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT THE DEPTH OF CONCERNS IN GERMANY CONTINUED TO SURPRISE HIM. HE SUGGESTED THAT CONTINUED DIALOGUE WAS IMPORTANT.

-- TURKEY: AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR HAD SIGNALED TO HIM A "GROWING REALISM" IN THE TURKISH POSITION ON RELATIONS WITH THE EU. BITTERLICH SAID THE GERMANS WERE WORKING UP A PACKAGE OF ENHANCEMENTS TO THE CUSTOMS UNION WHICH THEY WOULD ALSO CONSULT WITH THE EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE TURKS SEEMED ALSO TO WANT A POLITICAL COMMITMENT FROM THE EU ON FUTURE MEMBERSHIP. BITTERLICH SAID THIS WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC. HE SAID THE SEPTEMBER 30 YILMAZ VISIT WOULD BE IMPORTANT. THE CHANCELLOR WISHED TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THESE TALKS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH NO STAFF PRESENT.

-- FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT: AMBASSADOR SAID THE US WAS HOPING TO WORK WITH THE FRENCH ON NATO ADAPTATION TO GET AS MUCH AGREEMENT AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. TO ENSURE A SMOOTH PROCESS, IT WAS ESPECIALLY ESSENTIAL THAT CHIRAC HEAR DIRECTLY FROM KOHL AT THE WEIMAR SUMMIT. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT KOHL MAKE CLEAR THE NECESSITY OF COMPLETING THE PROCESS AND NOTE THAT DECISIONS WOULD BE TAKEN WITHOUT FRANCE IF NECESSARY. BITTERLICH SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE GERMAN POSITION. THE GERMANS HAD ALSO BEEN WORKING WITH THE BRITISH TO FIND OTHER WAYS OF GETTING AROUND THE AFSOUTH ISSUE.

UNFORTUNATELY, BITTERLICH SAW NO HOPE OF A FRENCH DECISION IN DECEMBER. HE ARGUED THAT MISTAKES HAD BEEN MADE ON BOTH SIDES, BUT ADMITTED THAT THE FRENCH WERE NOT READY TO MAKE A DECISION. HE ADDED THAT VISCERAL ANTI-AMERICANISM WAS INCREASINGLY EVIDENT AMONG SENIOR FRENCH OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY THE MILITARY. BITTERLICH HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO COUNTER-REACTION ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE COMPLEX

FRENCH PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION MADE WORKING WITH THEM DIFFICULT, BUT THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO WORKING THROUGH THIS SITUATION. AMBASSADOR SAID WE WERE NOT LOOKING FOR RETRIBUTION, BUT THAT DECISIONS DID HAVE TO BE MADE. THE PROCESS WOULD BE MUCH SMOOTHER IF THERE WAS A CLEAR LINE FROM ALL ALLIES, ESPECIALLY THE US, UK AND GERMANY. BITTERLICH AGREED.

COMMENT: THE THEME OF INCREASED ANTI-AMERICANISM IN FRANCE IS ONE WE HEAR OFTEN FROM SENIOR GERMAN OFFICIALS. EVEN THOSE WHO HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN DISCRETE ABOUT DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FRANCE ARE NOW STATING OPENLY THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT THE ANGRY TONE IN FRANCE. END COMMENT

-- IRAN: AMBASSADOR NOTED US CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE
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TOTAL INVESTMENT IN FIANCE AND SAID A HIGH LEVEL APPROACH WAS BEING MADE IN PARIS. BITTERLICH SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH THE CHANCELLOR.

-- EU ENLARGEMENT: BITTERLICH EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTON WITH DISCUSSION OF ENLARGEMENT AT THE EU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. HE SAID GERMANY WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO MOVING FORWARD AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT OTHERS AGREED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF ENLARGEMENT, BUT WAS WORRIED THAT THE PROCESS COULD BE SLOWED SIGNIFICANTLY BY THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUAL DEMANDS ON FINANCING ETC. SINCE GERMANY WAS IN NO MOOD TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EU, THERE COULD BE A DIFFICULT DEBATE. BITTERLICH SAID THAT GERMANY HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE INITIAL PACKAGE OF FIVE CANDIDATES, PLUS CYPRUS, BUT THAT IT WOULD DEMAND THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE ON DIFFERENT TIME SCHEDULES. EARLIEST ENTRANTS WOULD BE HUNGARY AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC, ALTHOUGH EVEN THESE COUNTRIES COULD PROBABLY NOT COME IN BEFORE 2003. ASKED ABOUT POLAND, BITTERLICH SAID THE POLES UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THEIR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND COULD LIVE WITH A SLIGHTLY SLOWER PROCESS.

-- EU EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT: BITTERICH SAID HE HAD JUST FINISHED A TWO HOUR MEETING ON THE GERMAN POSITION FOR THIS MEETING. GERMANS WERE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT RESULTS. THERE WAS MUCH POSTURING GOING ON. MOST LIKELY RESULT WAS A LIST OF "BEST PRACTICES" WHICH ALL WOULD TRY TO FOLLOW, PLUS SOME SPECIFIC GUIDELINES. GERMANY WAS TRYING TO AVOID AN IDEOLOGICAL DEBATE, BUT OTHERS WERE NOT BEING AS RESTRAINED. THERE ENSUED A LONG

DISCUSSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN GERMANY.
BITTERLICH SAID THE CHANCELLOR WAS QUITE CONCERNED,
DESPITE THE UNDERLYING SOUNDNESS OF THE GERMAN ECONOMY.
HE KNEW THAT THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE HAD BEEN PAINFUL,
BUT THE US HAD AT LEAST "FOUND THE GROOVE." GERMAN
POLITICIANS, INDUSTRY AND WORKERS WERE STILL LIVING TOO
WELL TO UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR CHANGE.

3. AMBASSADOR'S FIRST CALL ON CHANCELLOR KOHL IS
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 22.

4. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO LONDON, PARIS, HOME,
USNATO, USEU AND OTHERS AS APPROPRIATE. KORNBLUM

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1. CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN C. KORNBLUM, FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

2. SUMMARY: KINKEL IS USING THIS TRIP FOR A NUMBER OF PURPOSES. HE WISHES TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU PERSONALLY AND WITH THE UNITED STATES. AT THE SAME TIME, HE ALREADY HAS ELECTION FEVER AND THINGS DO NOT LOOK ENCOURAGING FOR HIS SMALL FDP COALITION PARTY AT THE MOMENT. HE WILL ADD CAMPAIGN STYLE EVENTS TO HIS NEW YORK PROGRAM AND WILL BE LOOKING FOR MAXIMUM VISIBILITY WITH YOU PERSONALLY WHEN YOU MEET. AS WE STRENGTHEN OUR EFFORTS TO CONCERT POLICIES MORE CLOSELY WITH GERMANY, ATTENTION TO KINKEL CAN PAY DIVIDENDS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES. I WOULD RECOMMEND A PRAGMATIC APPROACH, BASED ON THE AGENDA WHICH FACES US. SOME PUBLIC WORDS ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ROLE GERMANY AND KINKEL HAVE PLAYED IN RECENT SUCCESSES WILL SEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER HOME HAPPY AND (HOPEFULLY) MORE COOPERATIVE. END SUMMARY

3. MARC GROSSMAN'S EARLY VISIT TO BONN, AND HIS EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING THE TONE AND QUALITY OF OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE EUROPEANS, WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED. GERMANY TOO HAS NOT BEEN FREE OF CONCERNS ABOUT AMERICAN INSENSITIVITY TO EUROPEAN CONCERNS. THE FRG INCREASINGLY SEES ITS IMPORTANT INTERESTS AFFECTED BY EVENTS OUTSIDE OF EUROPE. OUR OFFER TO WORK

SYSTEMATICALLY ON AN AGENDA OF CONCERTED ACTION HAS BEEN WELCOMED WARMLY HERE. YOUR MEETING WITH KINKEL CAN HELP GIVE A HIGH LEVEL STAMP OF APPROVAL TO THIS PROCESS. YOU CAN ALSO ESTABLISH SOME CLEAR GOALS FOR OUR EFFORTS.

4. KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR CURRENT AGENDA:

-- NATO ENLARGEMENT/ADAPTATION. GERMANY SHARES ALL BASIC GOALS WITH US. DESPITE THE DEBATE ON THE EVE OF MADRID, THE GERMANS ARE PLEASED WE HELD FIRM ON THREE, BUT PUBLICLY, WITH A NOD TO FRANCE, WILL CONTINUE TO SAY THAT FIVE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACCEPTABLE. THEY ARE PESSIMISTIC ON BRINGING THE FRENCH AROUND ON ADAPTATION BEFORE DECEMBER AND CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASINGLY ANTI-AMERICANISM IN PARIS.

THE GERMANS WILL TRY TO HOLD BACK ON PRESSING FRANCE. YOU WILL WANT TO REMIND KINKEL THAT DELAY IS NOT WITHOUT COSTS. THE FRG IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE BURDENSARING DEBATE IN CONGRESS. WE WILL ALSO WANT TO STAY IN CLOSE ON TOUCH ON RATIFICATION.

-- TURKEY/CYPRUS. THE KEY TO MOVEMENT ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION IS A MORE POSITIVE GERMAN APPROACH TO TURKEY. WHILE THE CHANCELLOR HAS DRAWN A "RED LINE" EFFECTIVELY CLOSING THE DOOR ON EVENTUAL TURKISH EU ACCESSION, KINKEL IS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR POSITION AND WILL RUN DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS. WE NEED TO AGREE TO COMMON EFFORTS TO ADDRESS TURKISH ASPIRATIONS BEFORE THE EU MINISTERIAL IN DECEMBER. PRIME MINISTER YILMAZ WILL VISIT BONN SEPTEMBER 30.

-- RUSSIA. THE FRG WILL BE ESPECIALLY CONSCIOUS OF RUSSIAN CONCERNS. GERMANS WILL ARGUE FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL AGENDA FOR THE PJC, SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR RUSSIA ON CFE, AND A CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO OUR NORTHERN STRATEGY. KOHL WILL STEER RUSSIA POLICY, DRAWING ON HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH YELTSIN, BUT TACTICAL DECISIONS ON OUR AGENDA AT NATO, OSCE, AND CFE FALL TO THE MFA. WE HOPE TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH GERMANY ON UKRAINE THIS FALL.

-- BOSNIA. WE SEE EYE-TO-EYE WITH THE GERMANS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN BRINGING PRESSURE ON PARTIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT DAYTON. WE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE OUR COMMON APPROACH AND POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT AS SFOR WITHDRAWAL APPROACHES AND IN THE FACE OF CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE IN BELGRADE AND PALE.

-- IRAN. GERMANY IS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO BUSINESS AS USUAL AND BUILD RELATIONS WITH THE KHATAMI GOVERNMENT; IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE EU FINDS THE RIGHT FORMULA FOR AMBASSADORS TO RETURN BUT, FOR NOW, KINKEL IS DETERMINED TO HOLD THE LINE. YOU SHOULD DISPEL GERMAN SUSPICIONS THAT OUR POLICY IS CHANGING AND LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR CONCERNS, BUT ALSO UNDERSCORE THAT WE WANT TO WORK

CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE EU, DESPITE OUR DISAGREEMENTS.

-- EMU. THIS IS THE HIGHEST ITEM ON KOHL'S AGENDA AND THE LEGACY HE HOPES TO LEAVE BEHIND. WHILE KINKEL IS NOT A KEY PLAYER ON EMU, ITS IMPORTANCE HERE CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED AND OUR EUROPEAN AGENDA WILL BE FILTERED THROUGH THE EMU LENSE. THE GERMANS UNDERSTAND OUR ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 011733

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RELUCTANCE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE DEBATE. BITTERLICH TOLD ME ON SEPTEMBER 16 THAT ANY STATEMENT BY THE US WHICH WENT BEYOND OUR GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE PROCESS COULD RAISE PROBLEMS. OUR GOAL SHOULD BE NOT TO ALLOW THE GERMANS TO FALL OFF OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES AS THEY SEEK TO MAINTAIN HARMONY WITH FRANCE AND OTHERS ON EMU.

5. (X) KINKEL SPEAKS WITH APPRECIATION ABOUT HIS RELATIONS WITH YOU. ALTHOUGH YOU WILL MEET SEVERAL TIMES IN NEW YORK ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS, YOUR INTEREST IN MEETING WITH HIM BILATERALLY IS IMPORTANT. HE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER AND HAS REQUESTED TO MEET YOU THEN. HE ALSO HOPES TO VISIT HOUSTON DURING THAT VISIT TO ATTEND THE BUSH LIBRARY CEREMONIES AND TOUR NASA. HE MAY MENTION THE CHANCELLOR'S INTEREST IN HAVING THE PRESIDENT VISIT GERMANY IN 1998 ON A STATE VISIT, A REQUEST WE ENDORSE.

6. (X) AS YOU ARE AWARE, KINKEL IS AS LIKELY TO SPEAK WHATEVER IS ON HIS MIND AS HE IS TO FOLLOW PREPARED TALKING POINTS. THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES THAT MAY COME UP:

-- SCIENTOLOGY. BOTH KOHL AND KINKEL ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE D'AMATO HEARINGS COULD LEAVE TO A WAVE OF ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT IN THE US. I HAVE TOLD BOTH CHANCELLERY AND FOREIGN OFFICE THAT SUCH A BROAD PUBLIC REACTION IS UNLIKELY. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME OF THE MORE STRINGENT MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST INDIVIDUAL SCIENTOLOGISTS ARE DIFFICULT EVEN FOR FRIENDS OF GERMANY TO UNDERSTAND. YOUR FEBRUARY STATEMENTS IN BONN HAVE REMOVED THE ISSUE FROM THE BILATERAL AGENDA. URGING CALM AND TOLERANCE ON THE GERMANS IS IMPORTANT, BUT RARELY BRINGS SUCCESS. EMOTIONS ARE HIGH. BEST REACTION IF KINKEL RAISES THE ISSUE IN NEW YORK WILL BE TO UNDERLINE THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE NOT AFFECTED AND TO NOTE THAT I HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH KEEPING UP THE DIALOGUE ON THE ISSUE.

-- HOLOCAUST COMPENSATION. THE GERMANS AND THE JEWISH

CLAIMS CONFERENCE ACHIEVED A BREAKTHROUGH OF SORTS ON AUGUST 19 WITH AGREEMENT TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. I AM TOLD AUTHORITATIVELY THAT THE GERMANS WILL MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS RESENTMENT ABOUT CONTINUING PRESSURE FOR PAYMENTS ON TOP OF THE DM 6 BILLION THE GERMANS HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED. IF KINKEL RAISES THE ISSUE, YOU MIGHT NOTE OUR SATISFACTION WITH THE PROGRESS MADE ON AUGUST 19 AND STRESS THAT ONE OF OUR MAIN GOALS IS TO ESTABLISH A FIRM BASIS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN GERMANY AND JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AS WE ENTER A NEW CENTURY.

-- UN REFORM. KINKEL BELIEVES THAT THIS IS GERMANY'S YEAR FOR UNSC MEMBERSHIP, BUT IS FEARFUL THAT THE FRG WILL BE TRAPPED BY INCREASED ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A SEAT.

-- WASSENAAR. THE GERMANS STAND STEADFAST BEHIND THEIR CANDIDATE TO HEAD THE SECRETARIAT. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THE U.S. AND GERMAN CANDIDATES WITHDRAW, PAVING THE WAY FOR A THIRD. KINKEL CONTINUES TO REJECT THIS FORMULATION, REFLECTING THE WIDESPREAD GERMAN VIEW THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FAIRLY TREATED ON THIS ISSUE. WITH KEY PERSONNEL CHANGES HAVING TAKEN PLACE AMONG BOTH THEIR AND OUR SENIOR OFFICIALS DEALING WITH WASSENAAR, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO KINKEL THAT WE REVISIT THIS ISSUE SOON AT THE APPROPRIATE SENIOR LEVEL. (NOTE: AN INTERAGENCY TEAM WILL VISIT BONN IN EARLY OCTOBER, BUT WILL NOT OFFER AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE LEADERSHIP QUESTION.)

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1. CLASSIFIED BY BRIAN M. FLORA, POLITICAL MINISTER-COUNSELOR, FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).
2. (C) TWO WEEKEND DEVELOPMENTS IN GERMANY WILL FIGURE IN OR COLOR THE SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING WITH HER GERMAN COUNTERPART ON THE MARGINS OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. FIRSTLY, FM KINKEL RESPONDED SHARPLY, IN A SEPTEMBER 21 PRESS RELEASE THAT RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN THE GERMAN MEDIA, TO U.S. SENATOR D'AMATO'S SUGGESTION THAT THE PERSECUTION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS IN GERMANY MERITED EXAMINATION BY THE OSCE. SECONDLY, KINKEL'S POLITICAL PARTY, THE FREE DEMOCRATS (FDP), SUFFERED A GLARING SETBACK IN SUNDAY'S ELECTIONS TO THE HAMBURG STATE PARLIAMENT. AFTER A WEEK MARRED BY THE PERSONAL TRAGEDIES OF THE LUFTWAFFE CRASH OFF NAMIBIA AND THE DEATHS OF GERMAN DIPLOMATS IN BOSNIA AND TOURISTS IN CAIRO, KINKEL MAY BE BY THIS POINT EITHER DEEPLY WEARY OR HIGHLY STRUNG.
3. (U) REGARDING SCIENTOLOGY, KINKEL RESPONDED TO REMARKS BY SENATOR D'AMATO DURING THE SEPTEMBER 18 HEARING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL OSCE COMMISSION ADDRESSING RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE IN EUROPE. IN HIS FOUR-PARAGRAPH TEXT KINKEL SAYS MOST NOTABLY: THE CRITICISM BY SOME IN THE U.S. OF GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION IS UNFOUNDED AND BECOMES NO TRUER THROUGH REPETITION; THE CHARGE THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS PERSECUTED IN THIS COUNTRY IS ABSURD; SENATOR D'AMATO'S ASSERTION IN CONNECTION WITH SCIENTOLOGY THAT IN GERMANY

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS BEING VIOLATED IN "ABSURD AND HORRIBLE WAYS" IS NONSENSE AND IS INTOLERABLE; IN OUR LAST CONVERSATION IN BONN MY U.S. COUNTERPART MADELEINE ALBRIGHT AND I AGREED THAT DRAWING A COMPARISON BETWEEN SCIENTOLOGY'S TREATMENT IN GERMANY AND THE HOLOCAUST FALSIFIES HISTORY AND INJURES THE VICTIMS OF NAZIISM AND THEIR FAMILIES. (INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF KINKEL'S PRESS RELEASE IN FULL FOLLOWS AT PARA 7.)

4. (C) IN HIS BILAT WITH THE SECRETARY, KINKEL WILL LIKELY STATE THAT BONN WOULD OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO PUT SCIENTOLOGY ON THE AGENDA AT THE OSCE. THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER ON THE AMERICAS DESK HERE THINKS IT UNLIKELY THAT KINKEL WOULD SEEK TO ENLIST THE SECRETARY IN TRYING TO BLOCK SUCH A DEVELOPMENT; KINKEL UNDERSTANDS OUR SEPARATION OF POWERS AND THE SENATOR'S PREROGATIVES. OUR LINE IN RESPONSE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO KINKEL LAST FEBRUARY IN BONN. FURTHER POINTS TO MAKE:

-- BOTH THE USG AND FRG SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT INSTANCES OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS BASED SOLELY ON AN AFFILIATION RATHER THAN ON ACTIONS BY THE INDIVIDUAL.

-- THAT BEING SAID, WE SHOULD NOT PERMIT THE ISSUE OF SCIENTOLOGY TO BECOME A PROBLEM IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS AND WITH OUR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATURES SHOULD BE INFORMED THOROUGHLY BY THE FACTS.

-- IF RAISED BY KINKEL: OUR EMBASSY IN BONN HAS A COPY OF THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE BUNDESTAG COMMISSION ON SECTS AND IS PREPARING A SUMMARY FOR US. WE ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THAT COMMISSION TO MEET CONGRESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS AND DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS.

5. (U) IN THE HAMBURG ELECTIONS, THE FDP FAILED FOR A SECOND TIME (LAST ELECTION SEPTEMBER 1993) TO SECURE THE FIVE PERCENT OF THE PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION VOTE REQUIRED TO GAIN SEATS IN THE STATE PARLIAMENT. INDEED, KINKEL'S LIBERALS LOST GROUND, DRAWING 3.5 PERCENT THIS TIME AFTER A 4.2 PERCENT RESULT FOUR YEARS AGO. THE 1993 LOSS BEGAN A SERIES OF STATE ELECTIONS THAT SAW THE PARTY, THEN UNDER KINKEL'S CHAIRMANSHIP, EXPELLED FROM MORE STATE LEGISLATURES (12) THAN IT ENTERED (4).

6. (SBU) THIS YEAR'S HAMBURG RESULT IS PARTICULARLY BITTER FOR TWO REASONS. THE FDP'S SENIOR PARTNER IN BONN, CHANCELLOR KOHL'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION, REGISTERED BY FAR THE LARGEST GAIN IN HAMBURG, BENEFITTING (AS THE FDP FAILED TO DO) FROM THE SIMPLE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT THE GOVERNING PARTY. THE NEXT BIGGEST WINNER WAS THE RIGHT-EXTREMIST GERMAN PEOPLE'S UNION (DVU), WHICH AT 4.9 PERCENT STILL REMAINED OUTSIDE PARLIAMENT, BUT JUST. THAT THE FDP WAS OUTDISTANCED BY A NATIVIST FRINGE PARTY MAY BRING A

NEW WAVE OF PESSIMISTIC COMMENTARIES ON THE LIBERALS' SHRUNKEN BASE AND PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE. THE FDP'S EMPHASIS ON TAX REDUCTION, DEREGULATION, AND ENLIVENING THE ECONOMY BY "FREEING" IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LOST ON VOTERS WHO, IN OPINION POLLS, EXPRESSED LITTLE CONFIDENCE
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THAT ANY PARTY COULD ADDRESS UNEMPLOYMENT.

7. (U) FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF KINKEL'S SEPTEMBER 21 PRESS RELEASE. ORIGINAL GERMAN TEXT HAS BEEN FAXED TO EUR/AGS.

BEGIN TEXT: THE CRITICISM EXPRESSED REPEATEDLY BY INDIVIDUAL VOICES IN THE USA REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION IN GERMANY IS UNFOUNDED AND WILL NOT BECOME TRUER WITH CONSTANT REPETITION. THE CHARGE THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS BEING PERSECUTED IN THIS COUNTRY IS ABSURD CORRET IS: SCIENTOLOGY IS NOT A RELIGION OR COMMUNITY SHARING A COMMON WORLD VIEW. ITS GOALS ARE IN THE DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED IN GERMANY IN JUDICIAL DECISIONS OF THE HIGHEST COURTS.

THE ASSERTION BY U.S. SENATOR D'AMATO THAT, IN CONNECTION WITH SCIENTOLOGY, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IS BEING VIOLATED IN GERMANY IN AN "ABSURD AND TERRIBLE MANNER" IS ABSURD. RATHER, THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION PLAGUES ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH QUASI-TOTALITARIAN METHODS. PRECISELY FOR THIS REASON, THE INTERIOR MINISTERS OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS DECIDED THREE MONTHS AGO TO OBSERVE SCIENTOLOGY THROUGH THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE DIFFERENCES IN VIEW ON SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY AND AMERICA ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT THE RESULT OF THE RESPECTIVE HISTORIES AND CONSTITUTIONAL TRADITIONS. THE STATEMENTS MADE NOW BY SENATOR D'AMATO ARE INTOLERABLE. BECAUSE, THE CRITICS IN THE USA ALSO KNOW THAT GERMANY IS A FREE COUNTRY IN WHICH FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS CONSTITUTIONALLY GUARANTEED AND THEREBY INALIENABLE. AT THE SAME TIME, OUR HISTORY HAS TAUGHT US TO BE ESPECIALLY VIGILANT. IN VIEW OF THE DUBIOUS PRACTICES OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION IN DEALING WITH ITS MEMBERS, WHICH ARE ALSO NOT UNCONTROVERSIAL IN NEIGHBORING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND IN THE USA, THE PROTECTION OF OUR CITIZENS HAS PRIORITY.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT KNOWS THE GERMAN STANDPOINT AND VERY OFTEN HAS COMMENTED CRITICALLY ON THE PROPAGANDISTIC ATTEMPTS BY SCIENTOLOGY TO DRAW A PARALLEL TO NAZI GERMANY. MY FOREIGN MINISTER

COLLEAGUE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT AND I, DURING OUR LAST CONVERSATION IN BONN, WERE IN PARTICULAR AGREEMENT THAT WHEN SCIENTOLOGY COMPARES ITS TREATMENT IN GERMANY WITH THE HOLOCAUST, THEN IT FALSIFIES HISTORY AND INJURES THE FEELINGS OF THE VICTIMS OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM AND THEIR FAMILIES. END TEXT.

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2. ~~(S)~~ EUR/UBI

~~(S)~~ NORTHERN IRELAND: MEETING WITH BRITISH CABINET MINISTER: VISITING NORTHERN IRELAND MINISTER OF STATE PAUL MURPHY TOLD PDAS WAYNE AND DAS GADSDEN THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REMAINS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PROGRESS IN THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS AND IS FOCUSED ON KEEPING THE ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. MURPHY HAILED DAVID TRIMBLE'S WILLINGNESS TO REMAIN IN THE TALKS---WHETHER OR NOT THEY MEET FACE-TO-FACE WITH SINN FEIN---AS A HISTORIC "PSYCHOLOGICAL MOVE FOR THE UNIONISTS. IN GENERAL, MURPHY SAID, HE BELIEVES PROGRESS TOWARDS A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED QUICKLY IN THE ABSENCE OF PROCEDURAL WRANGLES AND DISPUTES OVER DECOMMISSIONING. THE MINISTER PRAISED THE USG ROLE THUS FAR. HE OBSERVED THAT ANY ENCOURAGEMENT THAT USG OFFICIALS COULD GIVE TO THE UNIONIST AND LOYALIST

POLITICIANS WHO PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER WOULD HELP IMMENSELY. (KASHKETT)

~~(S)~~ IRELAND: FM MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR BERGER: IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER, DURING A MEETING WITH SANDY BERGER, EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS. BURKE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE MULTI-PARTY TALKS COULD MOVE FORWARD AS LONG AS UNIONIST LEADER DAVID

TRIMBLE IS PERSUADED TO REMAIN IN THE PROCESS, ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DIFFICULT. BURKE STRESSED THE RISKS AND HARD WORK THAT SINN FEIN LEADERS ARE UNDERTAKING, AND HE URGED THAT WE CONTINUE TO SEEK CONFIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIONS. BOTH SIDES AGREED ON A PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF IRISH PRIME MINISTER AHERN IN MID-DECEMBER, FOLLOWING THE EU COUNCIL MEETING. (KASHKETT)

3. (U) EUR/WE

(U) ITALY: AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW SAYS ADDIO

TODAY WAS AMBASSADOR REGINALD AND MRS. ROSE-ANNE BARTHOLOMEW'S LAST DAY IN ROME AND IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. WE ARE LOSING REG TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR AFTER 29 YEARS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT SERVICE. HE LEAVES BEHIND A STRONGER, MORE MATURE, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ITALY. NO ONE WHO WORKED WITH REG WILL FORGET HIM OR THE WAY HE ALWAYS MANAGED TO GET THINGS DONE. THE ITALIANS WILL MISS HIS PRESENCE AS MUCH AS WE WILL. WE WISH THEM BOTH GOOD LUCK IN THEIR NEW LIFE AND CAN ONLY SAY "CI VEDIAMO PRESTO!" (PIERANGELO)

(U) ITALY: EARTHQUAKE HITS ITALY

A QUAKE REGISTERING 5.9 ON THE RICHTER SCALE HIT THE MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF UMBRIA AND THE MARCHES EARLY FRIDAY MORNING. THE MAIN QUAKE AND ITS SEVERAL AFTERSHOCKS DID LIMITED, BUT WIDESPREAD DAMAGE TO OLDER BUILDINGS IN THE ZONES. EIGHT PEOPLE WERE REPORTED DEAD AND NUMEROUS WERE REPORTED INJURED, MOSTLY FROM FALLING DEBRIS. NO AMERICAN HAVING BEEN REPORTED DEAD OR INJURED TO DATE. IN THE RELIGIOUS AND ARTISTIC CENTER OF ASSISI, THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE TO ITS MOSAIC COVERED CUPOLA AND MANY OF ITS IRREPLACEABLE MURALS BY GIOTTO. TELEPHONE SERVICE TO ITALY WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE CRUSH OF CALLS. EUR/WE FIELDING QUESTIONS FROM CONCERNED AMERICANS. (PIERANGELO/TELCON)

4. (U) EUR/SCE: CROATIA:

(U) TREASURY ALERTED EUR/SCE THAT USDA PLANS TO SUBMIT NEXT WEEK TO THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND DOLLARS45 MILLION IN CREDIT GUARANTEES FOR EXPORT OF U.S. COMMODITIES TO BOSNIA, CROATIA, AND SLOVENIA AS A GROUP. CONSISTENT WITH THE USG POLICY OF BLOCKING EXTENSION OF CREDIT TO CROATIA PENDING IMPROVED GOC COOPERATION ON DAYTON, ESPECIALLY ON WAR CRIMINALS, WE ARE WORKING WITH EB AND TREASURY TO GET USDA TO DROP CROATIA FROM ELIGIBILITY FOR THESE CREDITS AT THIS TIME.

(U) FURTHER TO THE ISSUE OF THE EXIM-PROPOSED UPGRADE TO CROATIA'S PRIVATE RISK RATING: OMB DECIDED TODAY THAT OUTSTANDING ICRAS ISSUES WILL BE ADDRESSED AT A POLICY-LEVEL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. EUR/SCE IS WORKING WITH EB ON HIGH-LEVEL INTERVENTION AT OMB BEFORE THE MEETING.

5. (SBU) EUR/CAN

(SBU) PRECLEARANCE: CANADIANS MAY SHARE DRAFT BILL LANGUAGE:

FOLLOWING OUR POINTED REQUEST AT SEPT 17-19 TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-UP IN OTTAWA AND HERE, DFAIT HAS COME WITH A POSSIBLY WORKABLE SCENARIO TO SHARE WITH US DRAFT TEXT OF CANADIAN LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW US CUSTOMS AND INS OFFICIALS TO DO THEIR JOBS AT PRECLEARANCE FACILITIES IN CANADA. UNDER THIS SCENARIO, STATE, CUSTOMS, AND INS ATTORNEYS COULD REVIEW THE DRAFT, REQUEST FOLLOWUP MEETINGS AS NEEDED TO REVIEW ANY CHANGES WE REQUEST, BRING IN AN ADVISOR ON CANADIAN LAW, AND MEET WITH CANADIAN ATTORNEYS TO GO THROUGH THE LEGISLATION. OUR ATTORNEYS COULD NOT, HOWEVER, TAKE COPIES OF THE DRAFT LEGISLATION WITH THEM. DFAIT SAYS THAT DRAFT LANGUAGE COULD BE SHARED IN THIS WAY IF BOTH SIDES REACH AGREEMENT ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUE OF FINES AND PENALTIES -- WHICH WAS ONLY DISCUSSED IN DETAIL FOR THE FIRST TIME SEPT 17. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH EB, L, CUSTOMS AND INS BEFORE WE RESPOND TO THE CANADIANS. (BROWN-EMRICH TELCON)

(SBU) BASE CLEANUP ACCORD FUNDING STATUS:

OSD REPORTED TODAY THAT THE SASC VOTE ON THE DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL HAS BEEN DELAYED UNTIL NEXT WEEK OVER

AN UNRELATED DEPO ISSUE. ALL DEMOCRATS ON THE SASC REPORTEDLY SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE BASE CLEANUP ACCORD, AND DOD LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS CONTINUES TO LOBBY REPUBLICANS. (KUNSMAN)

6. (S) EUR/AGS

(S) BND TO MONITOR SCIENTOLOGISTS ABROAD? WE SAW GERMAN PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT THE GERMAN FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (BND) IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE MONITORING OF SCIENTOLOGISTS ABROAD. WE WILL CHECK THE STORY WITH EMBASSY BONN AND THE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE. IF TRUE, THIS REPRESENTS A WORRISOME DEVELOPMENT. (RUEDY, PRESS REPORTS)

(S) SCIENTOLOGIST ON USDEL TO WARSAW OSCE MEETING? WE HEARD TODAY THAT SENATOR D'AMATO MAY PUSH TO GET A SCIENTOLOGIST NAMED A PUBLIC MEMBER ON THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE WARSAW OSCE REVIEW MEETING. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THE DELEGATE WOULD PROBABLY BE A "LUMINARY" (RUEDY, MEETING)

7. (LOU) EUR/UBI

(LOU) BRITAIN MAY SOON ANNOUNCE EARLY EMU ENTRV

AN UNNAMED UK MINISTER, ACCORDING TO THE "FINANCIAL TIMES" (FT), HAS SAID LONDON IS ON THE VERGE OF ISSUING A STATEMENT THAT THE BRITISH STERLING IS LIKELY TO JOIN THE

ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION (EMU) AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY AFTER THE 1999 LAUNCH. THE STATEMENT, TO BE MADE IN LATE OCTOBER AFTER PARLIAMENT RECONVENES, WOULD OUTLINE THE CONDITIONS FOR STERLING'S MEMBERSHIP. SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE LAST MAY, LABOUR HAS ADOPTED ON EMU MEMBERSHIP AN ATTITUDE OF "WAIT-AND-SEE" IF JOINING WOULD BE IN BRITAIN'S BEST INTERESTS. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER GORDON BROWN IN JULY SET OUT FIVE CONDITIONS FOR UK ENTRY INTO EMU WHICH VIRTUALLY PRECLUDED ENTRY IN 1999 BUT LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP LATER. LONDON'S NEW REPORTED WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER JOINING EMU SOONER COMES IN THE MIDST OF REPORTS OF A NEW MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS EMU BY FOREIGN SECRETARY COOK, THE LEADING EUROSCEPTIC IN LABOUR'S CABINET. (KETTNER; LONDON 011108, PRESS REPORTS)

8. (U) WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

I. ACTION:

(U) AMBASSADOR LINO CONSULTATIONS

AMBASSADOR MARISA LINO MET WITH EUR/EX DON HAYS, A/S FOR ADMINISTRATION PAT KENNEDY, AND A/S FOR DIPLOMATIC SECURITY ERIC BOSWELL WHILE IN THE DEPARTMENT THIS WEEK. AMEMBASSY TIRANA SECURITY CONCERNS WERE PRIMARY TOPICS: ARRIVAL DATE OF MSG DETACHMENT; IMPROVEMENT TO HOUSING COMPOUND SECURITY FENCE; ACQUISITION OF SURROUNDING PROPERTIES AT RISK OF ENCROACHMENT BY SQUATTERS; ESTABLISHING A POSITION FOR A FOREIGN SERVICE NURSE PRACTITIONER. (RHOADES)

II. UPDATE:

(U) POST PROFILES FOR DEPUTY COMMITTEE ON TALL INN, RIGA

EUR/EX AND THE DESKS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE CONCISE POST SUMMARIES FOR THE D COMMITTEE TO USE IN SELECTING PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND DCMS FOR SEVERAL POSTS IN THE REGION. WHILE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EXIST, THE STRETCH OF FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES THAT HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE MAKES IT ESSENTIAL THAT OUR POS AND DCMS POSSESS STRONG MANAGERIAL SKILLS. (AARON)

(U) APEC ADVANCE MEETING IN VANCOUVER

THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EUR/EX WILL ATTEND THE APEC ADVANCE MEETINGS IN VANCOUVER FROM 29 SEPTEMBER TO 3 OCTOBER. SO FAR PREPARATIONS ARE ADVANCING SMOOTHLY. WE HAVE FORWARDED A REQUEST TO FMP FOR THE PROJECTED BUDGET OF DOLLARS2 MILLION. (SPALDING)

III. RESOURCES:

(U) FUNDING FOR SARAJEVO

FMP CONFIRMED THAT IT WILL PROVIDE DOLLARS974,000 TO

FUND ADDITIONAL FULLY ARMORED VEHICLES FOR EMBASSY AND
OHR/OSCE USE; ANOTHER DOLLARSL28,0000 WILL BE USED FOR
UNARMORED SUPPORT VEHICLES. S/RPP HAS AGREED TO FUND
ONGOING SECURITY DETAILS IN BOSNIA WITH AN ADDITIONAL
DOLLARSL.57 MILLION FROM PKO FUNDS. - (FOLDI)
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2. (S) CHANCELLERY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR INTELLIGENCE LIAISON (PLEASE PROTECT) STATED THAT THE FRG HAD DECIDED NOT TO TASK ITS OVERSEAS INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, THE BND, WITH OBSERVING ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE GERMANY. REPLYING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, OUR SOURCE CONFIRMED THE IDEA HAD BEEN MOOTED IN THE CHANCELLERY AT THE URGING OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE FACT OF THESE DELIBERATIONS HAD BEEN BRIEFED TO THE BUNDESTAG INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. THE FRG WOULD AWAIT THE RESULTS (NEXT SUMMER) OF ITS DOMESTIC OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY BEFORE CONSIDERING NEXT STEPS. END SUMMARY.

3. (SBU) IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA REPORTS THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING USING THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (BND) TO MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION OUTSIDE GERMANY, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS FOR PRESS GUIDANCE ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS.

-- WE HAVE SEEN REPORTS IN THE GERMAN MEDIA OF THE STATEMENT BY AN FRG SPOKESMAN (SCHMUELLING).

-- OUR EMBASSY SOUGHT THE FACTS IN THIS MATTER FROM THE GERMAN FEDERAL CHANCELLERY. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED NOT TO INVOLVE THE BND IN EXAMINING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION.

-- WE USED THE OCCASION TO RESTATE USG CONCERN THAT INDIVIDUALS NOT BE SUBJECTED TO OBSERVATION IN GERMANY OR BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE GROUNDS OF AN AFFILIATION WITH SCIENTOLOGY.

END PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE.

4. (C) OUR CHANCELLERY SOURCE STATED THAT SEVERAL ELEMENTS OF THE FRG (THE YOUTH MINISTRY WAS MENTIONED BY NAME) HAD PRESSED THE CHANCELLERY TO CONSIDER USE OF THE BND AS A COMPLEMENT TO DOMESTIC OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY BY THE STATE OFFICES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION, BFV (REF A). THIS STEP WAS PROPOSED BECAUSE THE ORGANIZATION WAS NOT HEADQUARTERED IN GERMANY AND MUCH SCIENTOLOGY LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED HERE WAS BELIEVED TO ORIGINATE ABROAD.

5. (C) IN THE COURSE OF MONTHS-LONG INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS, OUR SOURCE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMED THE PARLIAMENTARY CONTROL COMMISSION (THE BUNDESTAG'S INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE) THAT IT HAD THE USE OF THE BND FOR THIS PURPOSE UNDER CONSIDERATION. CHANCELLERY STATE MINISTER SCHMIDBAUER LED THIS BRIEFING IN THE PRESENCE OF BND CHIEF GEIGER. (THIS SESSION WAS APPARENTLY THE "PRELIMINARY CONVERSATION" BETWEEN THE TWO MENTIONED IN THE "SUEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" OF SEPTEMBER 26.) REPORTEDLY, THE PARLIAMENTARIANS PRESENT NEITHER DISSUADED FROM NOR ENCOURAGED THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

6. (SBU) ULTIMATELY THE FRG DECIDED, WE ARE TOLD, TO SET THE IDEA ASIDE -- INVOLVING THE BND IN STUDYING SCIENTOLOGY ABROAD WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR NOW, BUT MIGHT BE RECONSIDERED NEXT YEAR AFTER THE RESULTS OF DOMESTIC OBSERVATION BY THE BFV HAVE BEEN ASSESSED.

7. (U) FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION: ON ANOTHER SCIENTOLOGY-RELATED ISSUE, WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, WITH BUNDESTAG DEPUTY HERMANN GROEHE, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY HIS CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO LEAD ITS LEGAL DEFENSE IN THE MATTER OF EXCLUDING SCIENTOLOGISTS FROM PARTY MEMBERSHIP (REF B).

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SUMMARY

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2. (S) IN THEIR NOVEMBER 5 BILATERAL, THE SECRETARY AND GERMAN FM KINKEL DISCUSSED NATO ENLARGEMENT, WITH THE FOCUS ON COSTS. ON REINTEGRATING THE FRENCH, THEY AGREED THERE SHOULD BE "NO FREE LUNCH" ON CJTF OR ELSEWHERE. KINKEL THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO TALK TO TEHRAN; THE SECRETARY DISAGREED, SEEING LITTLE NEW IN THE IRANIAN POSITION. SHE SOLICITED KINKEL'S HELP IN PREVENTING THE RUSSIAN TRANSFER OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO IRAN; KINKEL AGREED TO RAISE IT AGAIN WITH PRIMAKOV. ON

TURKEY/EU/CYPRUS, KINKEL STATED HIS PREFERENCE FOR A "SEPARATE TRACK" FOR TURKEY WITH THE EU; HE THOUGHT TURKEY WOULD NEVER ALLOW A CYPRUS SOLUTION UNTIL ITS PATH TO THE EU WAS ASSURED. THE SECRETARY RESTATED THE USG POSITION ON AN EXPANDED UN SECURITY COUNCIL OF NO MORE THAN 21 MEMBERS, AND ASKED FOR KINKEL'S SUPPORT ON PAYMENT OF U.S. ARREARS/READJUSTMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT SCALE. KINKEL EXPLAINED INTERNAL POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES, BUT PROMISED TO TRY WITHIN THE EU.

3. (S) KINKEL PITCHED THE NEED FOR THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN AN SFOR FOLLOW-ON; THE SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT INTERNAL USG CONSENSUS-BUILDING WOULD BE EASIER IF THE EUROPEANS VOLUNTARILY ASSUMED MORE OF THE BURDEN OF IMPLEMENTING THE CIVILIAN SIDE OF DAYTON. ON CLIMATE CHANGE, KINKEL EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH THE U.S. POSITION. THE SECRETARY COUNTERED THAT WE HAD TO FOCUS ON THE ATTAINABLE AND CONSIDER REDEFINING "SUCCESS" AT KYOTO. WHEN KINKEL RAISED LANDMINES, THE SECRETARY SET OUT U.S. PLANS, INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONALLY-FUNDED DEMINING PROJECT. KINKEL WELCOMED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE BALTICS. KINKEL RAISED SCIENTOLOGY IN THE CONTEXT OF A (SUBSEQUENTLY DEFEATED) CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION, STATING THAT THE GERMAN PEOPLE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THESE SORTS OF ACCUSATIONS. KINKEL ALSO FLAGGED CONCERNS ABOUT THE STAYING POWER OF DEMOCRACY IN UKRAINE. ATMOSPHERICS WERE EXCELLENT. END SUMMARY.

4. (U) PARTICIPANTS: U.S.: THE SECRETARY, U/S THOMAS PICKERING, C WENDY SHERMAN, PA A/S JAMIE RUBIN, EUR DAS JIM GADSDEN, 10 DAS MOLLY WILLIAMSON, S EXEC DAVID HALE, EUR/AGS DIR RUTH VAN HEUVEN (MEETING NOTETAKER), EUR/AGS JANICE WEINER (LUNCHEON NOTETAKER). GERMAN: FM KLAUS KINKEL, AMBASSADOR JUERGEN CHROBOG, POLITICAL DIRECTOR WOLFGANG ISCHINGER, PRESS SPOKESMAN MARTIN ERDMANN, PERSONAL STAFFER HELGA SCHMID, AMERICAS DESK HEAD VOLKMAR STOECKER (NOTETAKER).

NATO ENLARGEMENT

5. (S) THE SECRETARY ASSURED FM KINKEL THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GERMANY WAS "SPECTACULAR" AND EXPRESSED SIMILAR SATISFACTION WITH THEIR PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP, THROUGH THE MANY MEETINGS AND PHONE EXCHANGES THEY HAD HAD DURING THE YEAR. ON NATO ENLARGEMENT, SHE TOLD KINKEL THE ADMINISTRATION WAS FULLY ENGAGED ON THE HILL; IN THE END, THE QUESTION BOILED DOWN TO COSTS. THERE WAS A

CREDIBILITY ISSUE: BECAUSE SO MANY DIFFERENT COST ESTIMATES WERE AFLOAT, CONGRESS WAS SUSPICIOUS, PARTICULARLY NOW THAT WE OFFERED AN EVEN LOWER ESTIMATE. CONGRESS THOUGHT WE WERE COOKING THE NUMBERS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO STAY IN BOSNIA. WE WERE TRYING HARD TO BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE, AS WAS NATO SYG SOLANA. IT WAS POPULAR TO SAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO APPRECIABLE COSTS, BUT WE NEEDED GERMAN SUPPORT IN SAYING PUBLICLY THAT GERMANY UNDERSTOOD THERE WILL BE COSTS, AS AGREED IN MADRID. AND, OF COURSE, CHIRAC'S "WE WON'T PAY" HAD BEEN A DISASTER.

6. ~~(S)~~ KINKEL SAID THERE WAS "NO QUESTION" THERE WOULD BE COSTS; GERMANY WOULD PAY ITS 21.9 PERCENT AND OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES WOULD PAY THEIR SHARE. THE U.S. NEED NOT WORRY THAT IT WOULD BEAR THE MAJOR SHARE OF COSTS. HE WAS WORRIED, HOWEVER, THAT TOO VISIBLE A DEBATE ON THESE ISSUES COULD AWAKEN QUESTIONS IN THE BUNDESTAG, AND HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO KEEP THE DEBATE LOW PROFILE. BUT, HE SAID, "IT WILL COST, AND WE WILL SHARE." HE HAD MET WITH SENATORS ROTH AND BENNETT AND TOLD THEM GERMANY WOULD PAY ITS PART OF THE BILL.

7. ~~(S)~~ KINKEL HAD BEEN ASTONISHED, HOWEVER, TO HEAR SENATOR BENNETT COMMENT THAT A NEXT NATO ENLARGEMENT ROUND MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT ANY BALTIC COUNTRY INCLUDED. THIS DID NOT SEEM POSSIBLE, AT LEAST NOT FOR GERMANY. IN HIS MIND, THE DEBATE ON FURTHER MEMBERS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN 1999; IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT WITH ANY BALTIC MEMBERSHIP, BUT NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT. THE SECRETARY ASSURED HIM THIS WAS "A DISCUSSION WE HAVE NOT HAD." AT MADRID, EVERYONE HAD AGREED THE DOOR WOULD REMAIN OPEN, AND THIS REMAINED THE CASE. REFINING FURTHER, KINKEL SAID NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF ENLARGEMENT DECISIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN '99, SIMPLY THAT THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW AT THAT TIME. HE THOUGHT IT WAS DANGEROUS TO HAVE TOO MUCH DISCUSSION AT THIS JUNCTURE, WHILE SO MUCH WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE RUSSIANS, WHO REMAINED QUITE NERVOUS.

REINTEGRATING THE FRENCH

8. ~~(S)~~ THE SECRETARY SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH TO REINTEGRATE, BUT WE NEEDED TO STICK TOGETHER, FOR INSTANCE ON COMMAND RESTRUCTURING, TO ENSURE THERE WAS "NO FREE LUNCH" ON CJTF OR ELSEWHERE. KINKEL SAID HE AGREED ENTIRELY. NEVERTHELESS, AS HE HAD

TOLD THE NEW SACEUR THE WEEK BEFORE, HIS NEW FRENCH COLLEAGUE, HUBERT VEDRINE, WAS DIFFICULT, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO FIND SOME FLEXIBILITY. POLDIR LACHINGER INTERJECTED THAT, AT THE LAST QUAD, THE FRENCH HAD HINTED THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO ASSIGN SOME (EMPHASIS ON SOME) TROOPS, ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL.

IRAN

9. (S) TURNING TO IRAN, KINKEL TOLD THE SECRETARY THERE WAS STILL EU SOLIDARITY ON NOT RETURNING EU AMBASSADORS WITHOUT THE GERMAN, BUT SOME DISCUSSION OF A RETURN IN TWO GROUPS, IN WHICH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE IN GROUP TWO. THIS PROBLEM WAS BECOMING A PRESSING ONE FOR THE SMALLER COUNTRIES, WHICH HAD ONLY ONE PERSON IN TEHRAN, THE AMBASSADOR: THEY WERE BEGINNING TO THREATEN TO BREAK RANKS. THE PRESSURE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE SOUTHERN EUROPEANS, WAS BECOMING INTENSE. HE WOULD LET THE SECRETARY KNOW IN ADVANCE AND HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO NEGATIVE COMMENT FROM THE U.S. THE NEW IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, HE CONTINUED, MAY BE MORE POSITIVE. THERE WOULD BE NO CRITICAL DIALOGUE, BECAUSE HE WAS FED UP WITH THE TERM, BUT THEY WERE SLOWLY GETTING BACK TO TALKING ABOUT ALL THE IMPORTANT ISSUES. HE ASSURED THE SECRETARY THAT HE WAS, HOWEVER, NO LONGER IN THE FOREFRONT. CHANGING THE SUBJECT, KINKEL ADDED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE IN IRAQ AT THE MOMENT WAS SUCH THAT IT WAS MUCH EASIER FOR HIM NOW NOT TO SEND ANYONE BACK THERE.

10. (S) THE SECRETARY TOLD KINKEL SHE HAD A GENUINE PROBLEM WITH HIS CHARACTERIZATION OF THE SITUATION WITH IRAN IN HIS PRESS STATEMENT. (FYI: IN THE PRESS AVAILABILITY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE BILAT, KINKEL SAID THE U.S. AND GERMANY ARE WORKING ALONG THE SAME LINES ON IRAN, BUT DIFFER SOMETIMES ON METHOD; THE GERMANS BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO TALK TO THE IRANIANS TO INFLUENCE THEM. HE ALSO SAW A NEED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE SITUATIONS IN IRAN AND IRAQ. END FYI.) SHE TOLD HIM WE DIFFERED ON THE VALUE OF THE CRITICAL DIALOGUE, AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THE NEW REGIME. SO FAR WE SAW NOTHING REALLY DIFFERENT: LOTS OF WORDS, BUT NO ACTIONS. ISCHINGER SAID WE ALL AGREED IRAN STILL POSES A DANGEROUS THREAT, BOTH IN TERRORISM, AND TO THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS, ADDING THAT THE ISRAELIS ALWAYS RAISED WITH THE GERMANS THE EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO THEIR TERRITORY. THE SECRETARY SAID WE HAD MORE THAN A SUSPICION THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE

TRANSFERRING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY AND COMPONENTS TO IRAN, WHICH WE WERE PURSUING IN THE WISNER CHANNEL. SHE ASKED FOR GERMAN SUPPORT IN DISSUADING THE RUSSIANS FROM THESE TRANSFERS. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS "NOT JUST AN AMERICAN 'IDEE FIXE.'" THERE WAS LEGISLATION IN THE WORKS IN CONGRESS FOR RUSSIAN SANCTIONS AS WELL, AND THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO HEAD IT OFF. KINKEL TOLD HER SUCH LEGISLATION WOULD BE A DISASTER WHICH WOULD POISON THE CLIMATE, BOTH WITH THE RUSSIANS, AND ALSO WITH THE EU, JUST WHEN WE WERE BEGINNING A CHAPTER OF WORKING TOGETHER "ON A GOOD WAY." HE HAD PERSONALLY MENTIONED CONCERNS ABOUT MISSILE TRANSFERS IN HIS LAST MEETING WITH PRIMAKOV, AND PRIMAKOV HAD DENIED THAT ANY WERE TAKING PLACE, BUT KINKEL WAS WILLING TO EXPLORE FURTHER. HE ASKED WHETHER WE HAD ANY INTEL WE COULD SHARE. PICKERING SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DO SO WHEN HE MET WITH ISCHINGER THE FOLLOWING DAY.

11. (S) THE SECRETARY TOLD KINKEL THAT THE TOTAL/GAZPROM DEAL WAS A HUGE PROBLEM FOR THE U.S. THE FRENCH APPEARED NOT TO CARE, TO THINK ONLY ABOUT TRADE. ISCHINGER NOTED THAT THE "MOOD" IN THE EU TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE U.S. IN ALL FORA (IAEA, WASSENAAR, ETC.) WAS POSITIVE - THE EU MEMBERS GENERALLY WANTED TO BE IN LINE WITH THE U.S. THE SECRETARY SAID WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF SHARING INTEL FOR THIS PURPOSE.

OSCE; TURKEY/EU/CYPRUS

12. (S) KINKEL THANKED THE SECRETARY FOR U.S. SUPPORT IN ESTABLISHING THE OSCE MEDIA REP POSITION, APPROVED THAT MORNING, AND ASKED FOR U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE GERMAN CANDIDATE, FREIMUT DUVE. TURNING TO TURKEY/EU/CYPRUS, THE SECRETARY SHARED HER CONCERN ABOUT INCREASING TENSION IN THE AEGEAN, AND ASKED KINKEL TO KEEP THE EU DOOR OPEN TO TURKEY, TO KEEP TURKEY FACING WEST. SHE TOLD HIM HOLBROOKE WOULD BE MEETING WITH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH THE FOLLOWING WEEK. KINKEL EXPLAINED AT LENGTH TWO DIFFERENT PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO HANDLE EU EXPANSION TALKS NEXT YEAR, AND HOW TO HANDLE TURKEY: FIVE PLUS ONE TALKS, OR A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE OF 15 WITH "11 (APPLICANTS) PLUS TURKEY." HE PERSONALLY WAS NOT SO HAPPY WITH THE CONFERENCE IDEA, PREFERRING A BILATERAL, SPECIAL PATH FOR TURKEY. KINKEL LITERALLY DREW HIS "STADIUM" ANALOGY FOR THE SECRETARY, WHICH HE HAD TRIED TO LAUNCH AT NONDORF. BUT TURKEY SEEMED TOTALLY FOCUSED ON THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE. IN HIS MODEL, ALL ELEVEN ASPIRANTS WOULD BE

IN THE STADIUM. SOME WOULD BE AT THE STARTING LINE FOR ENTRY IN 2002/3. THE REST WOULD BE WARMING UP, GETTING FUNDING. ANYONE WHO APPEARED READY COULD ALSO START, PERHAPS EVEN OVERTAKE EARLIER STARTERS. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHERE TURKEY WOULD FIT IN THIS MODEL. THE SECRETARY TOLD KINKEL THAT TURKEY NEEDED TO BE IN THE STADIUM, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY, BUT BECAUSE IT HAD IMPORTANT RAMIFICATIONS FOR CYPRUS. WE NEEDED TO SEIZE THE ACCESSION EFFORT AS A WAY OF RESOLVING SOME OF THE LONGSTANDING AREA TENSIONS. KINKEL WAS EMPHATIC THAT TURKEY WOULD NEVER ALLOW A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION UNTIL ITS PATH TO THE EU WERE ASSURED. COMMENTING THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO SEE EUROPE AS ONLY A CHRISTIAN EUROPE, THE SECRETARY URGED FINDING A WAY OUT OF THE VICIOUS CYCLE, WHERE THE GREEKS AND TURKS WERE ARGUING OVER ROCKS. KINKEL AGREED, SAYING WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES.

UN SC/UN ARREARS AND ASSESSMENTS

13. (S) THE SECRETARY TOLD KINKEL WE WERE THE PRIME SUPPORTERS OF A GERMAN SEAT ON THE UNSC, BUT WE HAD SOME DISAGREEMENTS ON HOW TO ACHIEVE IT. KINKEL AGREED, BUT SAID HE FELT THAT RECENTLY A STEP BACKWARDS HAD BEEN TAKEN. FROM MADRID HE KNEW THAT THE U.S. WAS A WORLD

POWER CAPABLE OF GETTING ITS WAY, RIGHT OR NOT, BUT HE DID FEEL THERE WERE MANY ARGUMENTS FOR MOVING TO 24 SEATS. THE SECRETARY REJOINED THAT WE COULD NOT SOLVE ONE PROBLEM BY CREATING ANOTHER. WE FIRMLY SUPPORTED A GERMAN SEAT, BUT THE THIRD WORLD WOULD STILL NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE ON ADDITIONAL SEATS, WHETHER THE NUMBER WAS 24, 26 OR MORE. PAKISTAN WOULD NEVER AGREE TO INDIA, AND ITALY, CANADA, AND EMERGING CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL ALL WANT TO BE MEMBERS. INCREASING THE NUMBERS WOULD SOLVE NOTHING. RECENTLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE, BUT IT WOULD BE HARD TO MANAGE EVEN WITH 21. TO KINKEL'S "HARDER, NOT HARD," PICKERING REJOINED "TOO HARD." ADMITTING THAT THE EU HAD A SIMILAR PROBLEM, WITH EVERY MEMBER WANTING A SEAT ON THE COMMISSION, KINKEL EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT SAID THE U.S. WAS GERMANY'S STRONGEST SUPPORTER, AND GERMANY WOULD CONTINUE TO NEED OUR HELP. THE SECRETARY URGED THAT WE AND GERMANY AGREE ON A RESOLUTION TO DEFEAT THE ITALIAN RESOLUTION.

14. (e) THE UN DISCUSSION CONTINUED INTO THE LUNCHEON. THE SECRETARY ASKED FOR KINKEL'S SUPPORT ON THE CONGRESSIONALLY-VETTED PLAN FOR PAYMENT OF U.S. UN

ARREARS, AND FOR CHANGING THE ASSESSMENT SCALE. KINKEL REPLIED THAT THIS WAS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO GERMAN PARLIAMENTARIANS, WHO FEEL THE U.S. SHOULD PAY WHAT IT OWES FIRST; ONLY THEN WOULD THEY BE WILLING TO DISCUSS A NEW ASSESSMENTS SCALE. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE ASSESSMENTS SCHEDULE COMES UP FOR DISCUSSION ONLY ONCE IN THREE YEARS. THE U.S. DID NOT WANT TO MOVE UNILATERALLY TO DROP ITS ASSESSMENT RATE TO 20 PERCENT BUT, ABSENT SUPPORT, WOULD BE FORCED TO DO SO. KINKEL PROMISED TO TRY WITH THE EU, THOUGH HE WAS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT SUCCESS. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR EUROPEANS TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE U.S., A WORLD POWER, REGULARLY HAGGLED OVER COSTS/DUES ISSUES. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE FOCUSED ON COSTS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF OUR GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DEMANDS THAT FLOWED FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD. A FLOOR OF THREE PERCENT FOR PERM 5 (OR 7) ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE FAIR. CURRENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CHINESE PAY ONLY ONE PERCENT.

BOSNIA/SFOR

15. (e) TURNING TO BOSNIA, THE SECRETARY STATED THE U.S. WAS COMMITTED TO CARRYING OUT THE DAYTON ACCORDS. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHAT WAS NEEDED TO FULFILL DAYTON, INCLUDING A FOCUS ON IPTF, WAR CRIMES AND THE MEDIA. GERMANY WAS ON THE SAME SIDE, KINKEL ASSERTED. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THE MANDATE WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED POST-SFOR, AND HE COULD NOT SEE THE BUNDESTAG DECIDING TO STAY ON IN BOSNIA WITHOUT THE AMERICANS. CONTINUED RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION WAS IMPORTANT, TOO, BUT THE U.S. WAS KEY. FRANCE AND THE U.K. LIKELY WOULD REACT SIMILARLY. KINKEL NOTED THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY, HE STRESSED, IT WAS NECESSARY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF

KARADZIC. THE SECRETARY AGREED, NOTING THAT THE CRITICAL MASS OF EUROPEAN SUPPORT AT SINTRA HAD HELPED MOVE THE WAR CRIMES EFFORTS FORWARD.

16. (C) ON POST-SFOR, THE SECRETARY CONTINUED, AS THE PRESIDENT HAD TOLD KINKEL EARLIER IN THE DAY, THERE WAS NO USG DECISION YET; WE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING CONSENSUS. THE WORK OF IMPLEMENTING DAYTON WAS DIVIDED BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TASKS. THE MORE CIVILIAN ROLES THE EUROPEANS ASSUME, THE GREATER THE CHANCE THAT CONSENSUS HERE WILL MOVE TOWARD CONTINUATION. THE U.S. MILITARY DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH THE CIVILIAN TASKS; MOREOVER, THE EUROPEANS HAVE MORE EXPERTISE HERE.

IT WOULD HELP THE INTERNAL U.S. DEBATE IF THE EUROPEANS VOLUNTARILY ASSUMED MORE ON COORDINATING REFUGEE RETURNS, POLICE TRAINING AND ESCORTING NEWLY-ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS. KINKEL UNDERTOOK TO RAISE CIVILIAN IMPLEMENTATION AT THE 11/10 EU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. HE ALSO ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT FOR SCHUBMACHER - A FORMER MEMBER OF KINKEL'S PERSONAL STAFF - AS DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE AMB. WAGNER. OVERALL, THEY CONCLUDED THEY NEEDED TO LOOK AT IPTF, STRENGTHEN EU DUTIES ON THE CIVILIAN SIDE, COOPERATE ON WAR CRIMES, AND IMPLEMENT LOCAL ELECTIONS, INCLUDING LOOKING INTO ALLEGED CASES OF CORRUPTION.

KOSOVO

17. (C) ON KOSOVO, KINKEL ASKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S HELP IN HAVING THE LONG-PLANNED GELBARD/LACHINGER TRIP TO KOSOVO TAKE PLACE. NE NEEDED IT DOMESTICALLY BECAUSE OF THE REFUGEE SITUATION IN GERMANY (400,000 ALBANIANS). HE HOPED IT WOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE HIS PLANNED DECEMBER TRIP TO BELGRADE AND ZAGREB WITH FRENCH FM VEDRINE. IN ORDER FOR KINKEL TO TRAVEL TO PRISTINA, HE WOULD HAVE TO MEET FIRST WITH MILOSEVIC, WHICH HE WAS NOT INCLINED TO DO.

FRY TRADE PREFERENCES

18. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE EU ACTION ON TRADE PREFERENCES FOR THE FRY. THE U.S. DOES NOT FAVOR GRANTING SUCH PREFERENCES NOW; THEY ARE THE FINAL LEVERAGE OVER MILOSEVIC. THESE TACTICS HAD WORKED WITH CROATIA. TWO THINGS NEED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE GRANTING THEM - PROGRESS ON WAR CRIMINALS AND ON KOSOVO. ISCHINGER SAID THE CURRENT DECISION-MAKING INVOLVED NEXT YEAR; THERE WAS PROBABLY A MAJORITY AGAINST IT, BUT SOME WERE IN FAVOR (FRANCE, ITALY, GREECE). HE THOUGHT THE EU WOULD HOLD OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BEFORE DECIDING.

BONN PIC MINISTERIAL

19. (C) KINKEL REGRETTED THE SECRETARY'S INABILITY TO ATTEND THE DECEMBER PIC MINISTERIAL IN BONN. THE FRG, HE

SAID, WAS FOCUSED ON THE NEED FOR A STRONG STRATEGIC COMMUNIQUE THAT WOULD PROVE A CREDIBLE FOLLOW-ON TO SINTRA. A WEEK HENCE, REGULAR CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BEGIN WITH GELBARD AND THE STAFF OF THE HIGH

REPRESENTATIVE ON DRAFTING THE COMMUNIQUE. ONE GOAL WAS TO REINFORCE THE MANDATE OF THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE TO ALLOW HIM TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH ISSUES SUCH AS THE MEDIA. THE SECRETARY SECONDED THE IDEA.

CLIMATE CHANGE

20. (c) KINKEL RAISED THE CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE, STATING THAT HE WAS "NOT SATISFIED" WITH THE U.S. POSITION. HE WAS WORRIED THAT, PARTICULARLY FOR THE U.S. AND JAPAN, KYOTO COULD BE A "CATASTROPHE." THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE FROM THE START. IN PRODUCING A CAREFUL MIX OF REALISTIC, ACHIEVABLE TARGETS, HIS AIM WAS TO BALANCE PAIN AND GAIN. HE ALSO FELT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES NEEDED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. GERMANY WAS IN A FORTUNATE SITUATION - BY GAINING HALF A COUNTRY AND SHUTTING DOWN POLLUTING INDUSTRY, IT HAD ACHIEVED A SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN EMISSIONS. THE U.S., AS THE LARGEST EMITTER, WAS IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION (25 PERCENT OF EMISSIONS, 4 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION) . WE WERE, HOWEVER, A LARGE COUNTRY THAT DEPENDED GREATLY ON GASOLINE FOR TRANSPORT. IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, WERE THE PRESIDENT TO AGREE TO UNREALISTIC REDUCTIONS. KINKEL REPLIED THAT THE U.S. RESPONSE PARALLELED WHAT HE HAD HEARD THE PREVIOUS WEEK IN JAPAN FROM HA SHIMO TO - WE DID NOT WANT TO MAKE PROMISES WE COULD NOT FULFILL. THE U.S., TOO, WANTED KYOTO TO BE A SUCCESS, THE SECRETARY CONCLUDED, BUT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO REDEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES "SUCCESS."

LANDMINES

21. (c) LANDMINES, KINKEL SAID, WERE HIS "HOBBY." JAPAN APPEARED TO BE MOVING FORWARD. HE DID NOT BELIEVE YELSTIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN MUCH CONSIDERED; HE MAY EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BACKPEDAL. THE SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT LANDMINES WERE HER HOBBY AS WELL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE USG POSITION WAS MUCH MISUNDERSTOOD. THE U.S. HAD BANNED ALL BUT "SMART" LANDMINES. IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT HAD DIRECTED THAT WE FIND ALTERNATE TECHNOLOGY TO ALLOW US TO GET RID OF ALL LANDMINES OUTSIDE OF KOREA BY 2003, AND IN KOREA BY THE YEAR 2006. WE HAD ALSO INITIATED A HUGE DEMINING PROJECT, TO BE FUNDED INTERNATIONALLY AT USD ONE BILLION ANNUALLY. THE U.S., AS AN INTERNATIONAL POWER, HAD DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES THAN OTHER COUNTRIES. KINKEL HAD VISITED

THE KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DIFFICULT SITUATION THERE.

SCIENTOLOGY

22. (C) KINKEL DESCRIBED SCIENTOLOGY AS ISSUE ON WHICH HE HAD DIFFICULTIES NOT WITH THE USG, BUT WITH CONGRESS. HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION THAT HAD PASSED THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ALLEGING GERMAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY RELIGIONS. HE TERMED THE CHARGE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND SAID THERE WAS NOT THE SLIGHTEST REPROACH AGAINST THE FRG. GERMANS, HE STRESSED, SIMPLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THESE SORTS OF ACCUSATIONS. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS. KINKEL AGREED. THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT THIS TOPIC HAD BEEN COVERED IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS, AND STATED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE MEMBERS OF AN ORGANIZATION. KINKEL REPLIED THAT THIS DID NOT HAPPEN IN GERMANY. SHE FLAGGED THE NEED TO LOWER THE TEMPERATURE ON THIS ISSUE.

WARBURG AWARD/BERLIN AIRLIFT ANNIVERSARY

23. (SBU) KINKEL PITCHED THE OFFER TO PRESENT THE SECRETARY WITH THE WARBURG AWARD NEXT JUNE 26 AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT ON JUNE 27. THE SECRETARY AGREED THIS WAS AN IMPORTANT OCCASION TO CELEBRATE GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND SAID SHE WOULD TRY TO COME.

BALTICS

24. (C) THE SECRETARY ASKED FOR KINKEL'S HELP IN ENABLING THE DEPUTY SECRETARY TO ATTEND BARENTS AS AN OBSERVER, AND THE CONFERENCE OF BALTIC SEA STATES (CBSS) MINISTERIAL AS A GUEST. KINKEL WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS AMERICAN PARTICIPATION WITH THE BALTICS, AND PROMISED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF CBSS ATTENDANCE WITH KOHL, NOTING THAT IT WAS TO BE A MEETING OF HEADS OF STATE.

UKRAINE

25. (C) FINALLY, KINKEL RAISED UKRAINE, DESCRIBING IT AS THE FIRST POST-COXTIMUNIST STATE THAT COULD EXPERIENCE A STRONG SWING BACK TO COZMNUNISZA IN ITS NEXT ELECTIONS. HE EZNPHASIZED THE NEED TO HELP KUCHINA. THE SECRETARY AGREED IT WAS IZAPORTANT TO ASSIST UKRAINE.

26. (U) SARAJEVO MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.
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 1.5 (B) AND (D).

1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY: IN THEIR JANUARY 21 MEETING, INTERIOR MINISTER KANTHER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT INTERNAL SECURITY ISSUES, ABOVE ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, WOULD BE PROMINENT IN UPCOMING GERMAN ELECTIONS AND KEY TO PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY. ENFORCING SCHENGEN WOULD BE DIFFICULT, AS THE KURDISH INFLUX INTO ITALY DEMONSTRATED, AND HAD STIFFENED GERMAN OPPOSITION TO FULL APPLICATION OF SCHENGEN TO GREECE. ON THE MLAT, KANTHER PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT FOR CLOSURE, ADDING THAT THE FDP JUSTICE MINISTER WAS TO BLAME FOR THE DELAY. KANTHER CRITICIZED THE "BRUTAL" ANTI-GERMAN CAMPAIGN ON SCIENTOLOGY AND NOTED HIS CONCERN THAT THE ISSUE COULD DISTORT BILATERAL PRIORITIES. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION OF THE "THIRD FORCE" CONCEPT IN BOSNIA, KANTHER SAID GERMANY ITSELF WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE PERSONNEL, SINCE THEY LACKED BOTH TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, BUT COULD SUPPORT THE CONCEPT. REFLECTING ON THE EU, KANTHER EXPRESSED DISMAY OVER THE CYPRIOT APPLICATION, SAYING SUCH A DIVIDED AND MILITARIZED COUNTRY SHOULD NOT BECOME A MEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) AMBASSADOR MADE HIS INTRODUCTORY CALL ON INTERIOR MINISTER MANFRED KANTHER (CDU) JANUARY 21.

MICHAEL FREHSE, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE MINISTER'S OFFICE, ALSO SAT IN. ACCOMPANYING THE AMBASSADOR WERE GLOBAL AFFAIRS COUNSELOR MARY WARLICK AND POLITICAL EXTERNAL CHIEF BURTON.

POWERFUL FORCES BUFFETING SCHENGEN

3. (e) KANTHER TOOK THE AMBASSADOR'S POINT THAT THE INTERNAL SECURITY PORTFOLIO WOULD BE IMPORTANT DURING THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTIONS. KANTHER CALLED INTERNAL SECURITY THE "THIRD LEG" OF THE EUROPEAN UNITY PROCESS, ALONG WITH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC. INDEED, GERMANS NOW TENDED TO SEE INTERNAL SECURITY ISSUES AS MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN MILITARY ONES AND EQUAL TO ECONOMIC ONES. KANTHER COMPLIMENTED AMBASSADOR FOR COINING A TERM ("ATLANTISCHE INNENPOLITIK") THAT CAPTURED THE SHARED NATURE OF THE SOCIAL ISSUES AND DOMESTIC CHALLENGES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC.

4. (e) ASKED ABOUT SCHENGEN, KANTHER SAID THE WORLD HAD CHANGED DRAMATICALLY SINCE SCHENGEN WAS CONCEIVED IN 1985. THE WORLD HAD SHRUNK, THANKS TO MODERN INFORMATION FLOWS AND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS. PEOPLE WERE NOW MUCH MORE MOBILE, AND DISPOSED TO MOVE IN RESPONSE TO LOCAL CONFLICT OR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. THE INFLUX OF KURDS INTO ITALY UNDERScoreD THE DIFFICULTIES OF ENFORCING SCHENGEN. UNDER THE IMPRESSION OF THESE EVENTS, GERMANY WAS FIRM IN ITS INTENTION TO REJECT THE FULL APPLICATION OF SCHENGEN TO GREECE.

5. (e) THE INTERIOR MINISTER AGREED THAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WOULD BE A KEY ISSUE OF THE FUTURE. IN GERMANY, HE ADDED, THE PROBLEM WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE POTENTIAL ARRIVAL OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD NO INTEREST IN INTEGRATING. PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR EUROPEAN UNITY DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON COUNTERING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. OVER SIXTY PERCENT (62%) OF ALL PERPETRATORS OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN GERMANY WERE FOREIGNERS. THIS LED TO POLITICAL PROBLEMS, KANTHER SAID, REFERRING TO SIMILAR CHALLENGES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. "WE CANNOT TACKLE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON A NATIONAL BASIS, ONLY INTERNATIONALLY."

6. (e) IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION ABOUT POLAND'S EASTERN BORDER, KANTHER SAID WARSAW NEEDED TO DO MORE TO SECURE THAT BORDER. KANTHER SAID HE HAD TOLD HIS POLISH AND CZECH COUNTERPARTS THAT, ONCE THEIR COUNTRIES ENTERED THE EU, THEY TOO WOULD BECOME A DESTINATION FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, WITH ALL ITS ATTENDANT PROBLEMS. CRIME WAS ALREADY RISING IN EASTERN EUROPE. KANTHER EMPHASIZED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EU AND SCHENGEN: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP WERE DIFFERENT.

JUSTICE MIN. TO BLAME FOR MLAT DELAY

7. (C) AMBASSADOR URGED THE INTERIOR MINISTER TO WRAP UP NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY (MLAT), NOTING THAT THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS
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PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN CLOSURE. KANTHER PLEDGED TO DO SO; NOTED HIS OWN COMMITMENT; AND COMMENTED THAT THE PROBLEM LAY NOT WITH HIS OWN MINISTRY, BUT RATHER WITH JUSTICE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE KEY OUTSTANDING ISSUE WAS "DATENSCHUTZ" (DATA PROTECTION) AND THAT RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WAS IMPORTANT OUTSTANDING AGREEMENTS. ALLUDING TO THE LIBERAL (FDP) JUSTICE MINISTER SCHMIDT-JORTZIG, KANTHER COMMENTED THAT CONFUSION SOMETIMES AROSE BETWEEN "LIBERALISM" AND "LIBERATARIANISM."

DEALING WITH SCIENTOLOGY

8. (C) KANTHER RAISED SCIENTOLOGY, SAYING IT HAD MOUNTED A "BRUTAL" ANTI-GERMAN CAMPAIGN IN THE PRESS. GERMANY RESENTED ITS LECTURES ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION. THE DANGER WAS THAT THE ISSUE WOULD DISTORT BILATERAL PRIORITIES. KANTHER NOTED THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY CURRENTLY HAD THE SCIENTOLOGY CHURCH IN GERMANY UNDER OBSERVATION. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR URGED KANTHER, IN DEALING WITH SCIENTOLOGY, TO BE RIGOROUSLY FACTUAL AND ADDED THAT SCIENTOLOGY CHARGES DID NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. POLICY.

"THIRD FORCE" IN BOSNIA

9. (C) AMBASSADOR RAISED THE "THIRD FORCE" CONCEPT FOR BOSNIA, EXPLAINING ITS INTENDED FUNCTION. KANTHER SAID GERMAN POLICE FORCES WERE NEITHER TRAINED NOR EQUIPPED FOR SUCH A ROLE; BUT GERMANY, HE ADDED, WOULD SUPPORT THE CONCEPT IF OTHER COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTED THE PERSONNEL.

EU PROSPECTS OF TURKEY AND CYPRUS

10. (C) ON TURKEY, KANTHER REHASHED GERMAN CONCERNS OVER THE TURKISH REACTION TO THE EU SUMMIT IN DECEMBER,

SAYING CHANCELLOR KOHL CLEARLY STATED GERMANY'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT TURKISH EU MEMBERSHIP DURING THE KOHL-YILMAZ TALKS SEPTEMBER 30. A CENTRAL PROBLEM FOR GERMANY WAS THE PROSPECT OF AN INFLUX OF MILLIONS OF TURKS. SAYING THE EU COULD NOT BE BURDENED WITH ALL REGIONAL PROBLEMS, KANTHER EXPRESSED DISMAY OVER THE CYPRIOT MEMBERSHIP: A COUNTRY THAT WAS SO DIVIDED AND MILITARIZED, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE EU.

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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY EUR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARK GROSSMAN, REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND (D).
2. (U) EUR/AGS JANUARY 27 ORGANIZED "FRESH START" DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR GERMAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR CHROBOG, DCM MATUSSEK, POLMIN BRAUN, ECONMIN SCHIEGEL AND OTHERS. A/S GROSSMAN, DAS GADSDEN, DAS ASMUS, S/P HAMILTON, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NBC, USIA, L/CID, EUR/PPA AND EUR/AGS ATTENDED FOR THE U.S. SIDE. WE REVIEWED THE ROLLING POLICY AGENDA OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. THIS REVIEW AND A/S GROSSMAN 5 VISIT TO BONN SHOULD HELP SET THE STAGE FOR THE UPCOMING BONN ROUND OF "FRESH START" TALKS FEBRUARY 10. ISSUES DISCUSSED INCLUDED: DEALING WITH IRAN/ILSA IN A BROADER CONTEXT; ENHANCING TURKEY'S STRATEGIC ORIENTATION TO THE WEST; NEXT STEPS IN NATO ADAPTATION; BALTIC COOPERATION; OSCE; SCIENTOLOGY; WW2 CLAIMS ISSUES; VISIT COORDINATION; AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.
3. (U) IRAN/ILSA: A/S GROSSMAN SAID IRAN REMAINED A SERIOUS ISSUE BETWEEN THE EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES. WE HAVE LAUNCHED A SPECIFIC DIALOGUE WITH EUROPE ON THREE ISSUES FOCUSED ON IRAN'S BEHAVIOR: NONPROLIFERATION; COUNTERTERRORISM; AND IRAN 5 OPPOSITION TO THE MEPP.

ACCORDING TO A/S GROSSMAN, THE SECRETARY TOOK SERIOUSLY THE PAPER RECEIVED FROM EM COOK AND SIR LEON BRITTAN ON EU STEPS ON THESE ISSUES. WHAT WE NEED NOW IS MORE. WE NEEDED TO KEEP WORKING ON THESE ISSUES, AND TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON IRAN TO CHANGE ITS BEHAVIOR. A/S GROSSMAN TOLD THE ERG DELEGATION THAT HE HOPED THE UK'S REPORT TO THE GAC REFLECTED THE POSITIVE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE EU AND USG TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM POSED BY IRAN. A/S GROSSMAN ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH THE USG WAS NOT BLIND TO THE DIFFERENT TONE EMANATING FROM SOME IN IRAN, THE U.S. NEEDED DEEDS, NOT WORDS. AMBASSADOR CHROBOG AGREED THAT WE WERE BETTER OFF ON THE IRAN ISSUE, ADDING THAT, BILATERALLY, THERE WAS LITTLE DAYLIGHT BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE U.S. ON IRAN. NEVERTHELESS, GERMANY WAS CONSTRAINED TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH THE REST OF THE EU ON THIS ISSUE, BECAUSE THE EU HAD BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF GERMANY VIS A VIS IRAN. CHROBOG CONFIRMED THAT THE GAC HAD BEEN UNABLE TO APPROVE MINISTERIAL CONTACTS WITH IRAN, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM ONE COUNTRY. CHROBOG ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT THE TIMING OF A DECISION ON IMPOSITION OF ILSA SANCTIONS, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WAIVERS FOR EU COUNTRIES WOULD BE APPROVED.

4. (C) AMBASSADOR CHROBOG IN QUICK SUCCESSION ALSO RAISED THREE ISSUES NOT ON THE ERESH START AGENDA, INCLUDING HELMS-BURTON, SPARE PARTS FOR LUFTHANSA/IRAN AIR, AND THE ISSUE OF DOLLAR-DENOMINATED MONEY TRANSFERS BEING MONITORED AND BLOCKED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL. (NOTE: THE GERMAN EMBASSY LATER EXPLAINED THAT THIS ISSUE INVOLVED THE FACT THAT MOST DOLLAR-DENOMINATED MONEY TRANSFERS--EVEN THOSE FROM ONE EUROPEAN COUNTRY TO ANOTHER--WERE ROUTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH U.S. COMMERCIAL BANKS. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ROUTINELY SCREENS THESE TRANSACTIONS USING COMPUTER ALGORITHMS THAT AUTOMATICALLY BLOCKED TRANSFERS CONTAINING KEY WORDS SUCH AS "CUBA1, OR "HAVANA."

WHILE THE MAJORITY OF BLOCKED TRANSFERS WERE QUICKLY RESOLVED, SOME CASES TOOK AS LONG AS A YEAR TO RESOLVE. END NOTE.) ON HELMS-BURTON, A/S GROSSMAN SAID THAT BOTH THE U.S. AND THE EU HAD MADE PROGRESS IN OCTOBER ON HELMS-BURTON BUT THE TOTAL OIL CONTRACT HAD MEANT THE END TO THAT CYCLE OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WANTED TO START TALKING AGAIN SOON. THERE SHOULD BE NO LINK TO ILSA.

5. (C) DCM MATUSSEK ASKED WHETHER THE ACTIONS OF EUROPEAN EMBASSIES--PARTICULARLY SPEECHES ON U.S. SANCTIONS POLICY--WERE HELPFUL OR COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. A/S GROSSMAN SAID THAT HE COULDN'T TELL THE EUROPEANS WHAT TO DO, BUT ADDED THAT WHAT THE EUROPEANS SAID WAS IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY REGARDING WHAT ACTIONS THEY WERE TAKING ON WMD. FM COOK'S SPEECH, WHERE OPPOSITION TO SANCTIONS WAS COUCHED IN LANGUAGE ADVOCATING ADDITIONAL TOUGH STEPS ON IRAN NONPROLIFERATION AND COUNTERTERRORISM, WAS AN EXAMPLE.

6. (C) CASPIAN ENERGY CORRIDOR: A/S GROSSMAN SAID THAT THE CASPIAN BASIN ENERGY CORRIDOR ISSUE PLAYED A LARGE

PART IN THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EU ININISTERS AND IN HIS OWN MEETINGS WITH THE EU TROIKA AS WELL. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GEOSTRATEGIC ISSUES TODAY, WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR ENERGY SECURITY; TRUE INDEPENDENCE OF EMERGING STATES IN THE CAUCASUS REGION; AND AS A WAY TO BETTER ANCHOR TURKEY TO THE WEST. GROSSMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IRAN WAS IMPORTANT. WE DO NOT WANT ONE COUNTRY TO HAVE A HOLD ON ENERGY RESOURCES IN THE REGION. BUT WE WERE NOT RULING OUT IRANIAN PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF CASPIAN ENERGY RESOURCES SOME DAY WHEN THEY PLAY BY THE RULES AND HAD CHANGED THEIR BEHAVIOR. THE EUROPEANS COULD PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS, AND WE NEED TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION ON THIS ISSUE. S/P HAMILTON UNDERScoreD THAT THE CASPIAN WAS POTENTIALLY A POSITIVE AGENDA ITEM WITH THE RUSSIANS AS WELL, AND ADDED THAT THERE WAS INTEREST HERE IN A MORE CONCERTED BILATERAL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE AIMED AT MORE INTEGRATED THINKING TOWARD GREATER SOUTHWEST ASIA AS A WHOLE. IN RESPONSE TO AN INQUIRY FROM DCM MATUSSEK ABOUT THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS IN THIS ISSUE, A/S GROSSMAN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, IN THE END, THE MARKETS WOULD MAKE THE DECISION. NEVERTHELESS, MANY

ASPECTS OF THIS ISSUE-CASPIAN DEMARCATION, ENCOURAGING COMPANIES, ETC, ARE ALL ACTIONS THAT GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE. HAMILTON ADDED THAT MARKET DECISIONS ARE MADE IN A BROADER POLITICAL CONTEXT, AND THAT GOVERNMENT SIGNALS CAN BE VERY IMPORTANT AS COMPANIES ASSESS FUTURE INVESTMENTS.

7. *yes* TURKEY-EU: A/S GROSSMAN SAID DISCUSSIONS ABOUT TURKEY PLAYED A LARGE PART DURING RECENT MEETINGS IN BONN AND LONDON. MANY GERMANS HAD ASKED THE U.S. TO CONVEY TO PM YILMAZ THAT THE EU SUMMIT DECLARATION HELD OUT POSSIBILITIES FOR TURKEY AND THAT TURKEY SHOULD LOOK AT THE LONGER TERM AND ACCEPT THE OPEN MARCH 12 INVITATION. WE HAD DONE THIS. IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT TO CREATE A CRISIS OVER WHETHER TURKEY COMES TO THE MARCH 12 MEETING OR NOT, ALTHOUGH WE WANT THEM TO AND SHOULD KEEP TRYING. GROSSMAN URGED THE GERMANS AND OTHER EU MEMBERS TO PRESS TURKEY TO KEEP COMING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH GREECE, AND DISPLAY GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SEEKING A SOLUTION ON CYPRUS. WE WILL DO THIS AS WELL. AMBASSADOR CHROBOG AGREED. HE SAID HE HAD MET WITH PM YILMAZ AT A WASHINGTON RECEPTION, AND CHARACTERIZED YILMAZ MOOD THEN AS "DESPERATE." CHROBOG SAID HE KNEW YILMAZ PERSONALLY AND THAT YILMAZ ALWAYS REACTED EMOTIONALLY. YILMAZ HAD MADE A MISTAKE AND PROMISED TOO MUCH TO HIS DOMESTIC POPULATION. CHROBOG ASSERTED THAT THE SITUATION NEEDED TO BE CALMED DOWN. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. WAS PARTLY TO BLAME FOR UNDULY RAISING TURKISH EXPECTATIONS. GROSSMAN REPLIED THAT AFTER CUSTOMS UNION, THE TURKS HAD FOOLISHLY RAISED PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE EU ENTRY; WE HAD COUNSELED THE TURKS TO BE MORE REALISTIC. CHROBOG SAID THAT THE USG NEEDED TO "TALK TOUGH" WITH GREECE TO GET THE GREEKS TO DROP THEIR OPPOSITION TO TURKEY'S RECEIVING EU CUSTOMS UNIONUNDS. WE HAD JUST SENT COMMERCE SECRETARY DALY TO GREECE AND THAT OTHERS WOULD FOLLOW IN ORDER TO RAISE THE DEPTH AND LEVEL O&DIALOGUE WITH ATHENS. FINALLY, ON THE

ISSUE OF RUSSIAN S-300 MISSILES TO CYPRUS, GROSSMAN SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE A DESTABILIZING STEP. THE MISSILES SHOULD NOT BE DELIVERED. WE NEEDED TO BEGIN A CONVERSATION ON THIS WITH THE EUROPEANS, THE NATO SYG, AND WITH SACEUR SO WE COULD BE READY TO ACT BY MARCH.

8. (✓) U.S.-GERMAN CONGRUENCE ON NATO ENLARGEMENT: ASMUS EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTED CONTINUED NATO ENLARGEMENT. NONETHELESS, NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED YET ON WHAT STEPS WILL FOLLOW INTEGRATION OF THE FIRST TRANCHE OF NEW MEMBERS OR WHEN THEY WILL TAKE PLACE. S/P HAMILTON AND ASMUS EMPHASIZED THAT SUCCESSFUL RATIFICATION OF THE FIRST TRANCHE HAD ABSOLUTE PRIORITY NOW. THE U.S. WOULD, ASMUS CAUTIONED, LIKELY SEEK TO PRESERVE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY ON WHO SHOULD BE INVITED NEXT. S/P HAMILTON NOTED THAT SENATOR LOTT WAS PLANNING SENATE CONSIDERATION OF RATIFICATION WITHIN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH. HAMILTON SUGGESTED THAT A BILATERAL STRATEGIC DIALOGUE ON POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS COULD AND SHOULD BEGIN SOON AFTER THE SENATE HAD COMPLETED ITS DELIBERATIONS. FRG AMBASSADOR CHROBOG AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO RUSH IN DECIDING WHOM WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT WAVE OF NATO ENLARGEMENT AND THAT A BILATERAL DISCUSSION SOON AFTER RATIFICATION IN THE U.S. WOULD BE USEFUL. CHROBOG HOPED THAT EU ENLARGEMENT WOULD ALLEVIATE PRESSURE FROM SOME EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT TRANCHE. ERG DCM MATTUSEK NOTED GERMAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL STRATEGIC APPROACH TO NATO ENLARGEMENT IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TALBOTT AND ISCHINGER AND WITHIN MEETINGS OF THE CLOSE ALLIES.

9. (✓) U.S. CONTENT WITH OBSERVER STATUS IN CBSS: ASMUS REVIEWED U.S. EXPECTATIONS AS AN OBSERVER TO THE COUNCIL OF BALTIC SEA STATES (CBSS) AND THANKED GERMANY FOR SUPPORTING U.S. OBSERVER STATUS IN THE CRIME TASK FORCE. CHROBOG EXPLAINED THAT GERMANY'S DECISION TO GIVE THE U.S. OBSERVER STATUS WAS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE CBSS' UTILITY AS A REGIONAL GROUPING. INCLUDING THE U.S. AS A FULL MEMBER WOULD GIVE THE CBSS AN OSCE FLAVOR AND IMMEDIATELY ESCALATE THE SECURITY DIMENSION OF THE CBSS, HOWEVER, WHICH WAS NOT THE INTENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. CBSS, CHROBOG AFFIRMED, WAS INTENDED TO BE A SMALL REGIONAL ORGANIZATION WHERE NEIGHBORS HELPED NEIGHBORS GROW AND BUILD CONFIDENCE. GERMANY FEARED THAT SUPERPOWER PRESENCE CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THIS EFFORT. ASMUS STATED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHERE AND WHY THE U.S. AND GERMANY DISAGREED ON BALTIC ISSUES IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS. GERMAN DCM

MATTUSEK STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. AND ERG WORKING TOGETHER COOPERATIVELY ON COMMON CBSS PROJECTS. ASMUS AGREED THAT THE U.S. DID NOT NEED A HIGH POLITICAL PROFILE AND ASSERTED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE CONTENT WITH OBSERVER STATUS IN THE MINISTERIAL PROCESS. ASMUS PROMISED TO BRIEF THE GERMANS OFFERED TO SHARE IDEAS ON FUTURE AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH THE GERMANS IN CBSS.

10. (✓) POTUS VISIT TO GERMANY LIKELY AROUND MAY 13-14:

NSC MCELLOWNEY ALERTED THE GERMANS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE POTUS WOULD VISIT BERLIN ON OR AROUND MAY 13-14. MCELLOWNEY AND OTHERS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE ACCESS HIGH RANKING GERMAN VISITORS HAD ENJOYED AT THE WHITE HOUSE. TO AVOID CONFUSION, EUR/AGS VAN HEUVEN ASKED FOR THE GERMANS TO DESIGNATE ONE POINT OF CONTACT AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY TO COORDINATE PRELIMINARY VISIT REQUESTS. CHROBOG REVIEWED THE DIFFICULTIES HIS EMBASSY FACED IN COORDINATING VISITS, PARTICULARLY THOSE ORIGINATING FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTES AND RIVAL GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS AND ASKED FOR SUPPORT IN STEERING GERMAN FOUNDATIONS IN WASHINGTON TO COORDINATE VISIT REQUESTS WITH THE EMPASSY. CHROBOG MADE A PITCH FOR A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING FOR THE EVENTUAL OPPOSITION SOCIALIST PARTY CANDIDATE FOR CHANCELLOR ONCE THE SOCIALISTS SELECTED THEIR CANDIDATE. CHROBOG EXPECTED THE SOCIALISTS TO DECIDE AFTER THE MARCH STATE ELECTIONS IN LOWER SAXONY.

11. ~~let~~ EXCHANGE OFFICER PROGRAM MAY BE DISCONTINUED: CHROBOG EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT THEIR PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE DIPLOMAT SERVING IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE SHUT OUT OF MEETINGS AND IS DENIED MATERIAL NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS DUTIES. CHROBOG WARNED THAT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE OR THE DIPLOMAT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND REPLACED WITH A LOWER LEVEL EXCHANGE CANDIDATE. GADSDEN MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH DIPLOMATIC SECURITY LATER THIS MONTH AND ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS IN GRANTING THE GERMAN EXCHANGE DIPLOMAT GREATER ACCESS.

12. ~~let~~ PROGRESS ON WORLD WAR II COMPENSATION: CHROBOG APPLAUDED THE PROGRESS BETWEEN THE CHANCELLERY AND THE FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE (FCSC) . L/ BETTAUER

NOTED THAT OF THE 1370 CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION UNDER THE PRINZ AGREEMENT, THE FCSC HAD RECOMMENDED 230 CASES FOR AWARDS. BETTAUER NOTED THAT NOBODY HAD EXPECTED 1370 APPLICANTS. CHROBOG SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT THE APPLICANTS WHO HAD HOPED FOR PRINZ COMPENSATION WOULD NOW FORM A NEW LOBBY TO PUSH THE GERMANS FOR EVEN MORE MONEY.

13. ~~let~~ EXCHANGES: USLA/DENIG DISCUSSED IMPORTANCE OF CONGRESS-BUNDESTAG YOUTH EXCHANGE AND NOTED THAT THE PROGRAM WOULD CELEBRATE ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY NEXT YEAR. ACCORDING TO DENIG, USIS WAS CONSIDERING STARTING EXCHANGES OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS. USIA CONTINUED TO SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT GERMAN HOLDERS OF F VISAS BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE COST OF THEIR EDUCATION. EUR/AGS VAN HEUVEN ASKED THE GERMANS TO FORWARD THE NAMES OF THE CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES THAT THEY HAD LOBBIED ON THE ISSUE OF F VISAS.

14. ~~let~~ SCIENTOLOGY AND GERMAN SENSITIVITIES: CHROBOG UNDERLINED GERMAN NERVOUSNESS AND DISSATISFACTION OVER GERMANY'S TREATMENT IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT BECAUSE OF GERMAN REACTIONS TO SCIENTOLOGY. CHROBOG SUGGESTED THAT ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SECT WERE BECOMING MORE CRITICAL IN THE UNITED STATES. DAS GADSDEN AND EUR/AGS VAN HEUVEN

EMPHASIZED THE FUNDAMENTAL U.S. VIEW THAT SCIENTOLOGISTS SHOULD ONLY BE JUDGED BY THEIR BEHAVIOR, NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION. EUR/AGS VAN HEUVEN NOTED THAT, UNLIKE PAST YEARS, GERMANY WOULD NOT BE THE ONLY COUNTRY SINGLED OUT FOR ITS TREATMENT OF SCIENTOLOGISTS. SHE EMPHASIZED THAT A MAJOR EFFORT HAD BEEN MADE TO FORESTALL ANY PRESS LEAKS SUCH AS THOSE LAST YEAR, WHICH HAD SERVED TO DISTORT UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY IN THE REPORT.

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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. THE PERIODIC "FRESH START" DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE FRG AND USG CONTINUED IN BONN ON FEBRUARY 10 WITH AMBASSADOR KORNBLUM, EUR/DAS GADSDEN, GERMAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR WOLFGANG ISCHINGER AND MOD POLICY PLANNER ULRICH WEISSER ATTENDING, IN ADDITION TO APPROXIMATELY 20 OTHER FRG PARTICIPANTS, U.S. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN GERMANY, AND COUNTRY TEAM REPRESENTATIVES. MAIN TOPICS INCLUDED IRAQ/BURDENSARING, IRAN, TURKEY, ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS, BILATERAL MLAT NEGOTIATIONS, MYKONOS TRIAL INFORMATION, JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO GERMANY, AND SCIENTOLOGY. ON IRAQ, ISCHINGER ARGUED, AND THE AMBASSADOR REFUTED, THE NOTION THAT THE GERMAN COMMITMENT TO EU INTEGRATION IS A SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN THE OVERALL CALCULUS ON ALLIED BURDENSARING. ON IRAN, THE AMBASSADOR ECHOED U/S EIZENSTAT'S APPEAL FOR GERMAN SUPPORT THAT WOULD BE IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST AS ILSA DETERMINATIONS COME CLOSER. THE GERMANS RESPONDED WITH A THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION OF IRAN POLICY AND A PLAINTIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE UK PRESIDENCY'S PRECARIOUS POSITION TRYING TO BROKER A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE US AND EU.

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2. (e) ON TURKEY, THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE WORKING TO ASSUAGE ANKARA'S "HURT FEELINGS" OVER LUXEMBOURG AND THAT THE DANGERS OF AN AEGEAN OR CYPRUS FLARE-UP (OR WORSE) ARE INCREASING. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF RESUMING MLAT NEGOTIATIONS AND WELCOMED THE AMBASSADOR'S STRONG ENGAGEMENT ON THE ISSUES INCLUDING IN ANY UPCOMING CALL ON JUSTICE MINISTER SCHMIDT-JORZIG. THE FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED ATTENTION TO GERMANY'S CURRENT POSITION AS THE WORLD'S NO. 2 DESTINATION FOR JEWISH EMIGRANTS AFTER ISRAEL. THE FOREIGN OFFICE PROMISED AN ANSWER SOON ON THE USG'S PENDING REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CERTAIN TRANSCRIPTS AND ONE WITNESS FROM THE "MYKONOS" TRIAL. ON ASIA, THE FOREIGN OFFICE CALLED FOR STRONGER POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTRIES IN PROMOTING STABILITY AND WAS UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE NOTION THAT THIS ISSUE IS THE EXCLUSIVE PRESERVE OF FINANCE MINISTRIES. ON SCIENTOLOGY, THE GERMANS EXPRESSED CONTINUING HURT FEELINGS OVER INCLUSION OF GERMANY IN THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. ASKED HOW THE U.S. WOULD REACT IF THE TABLES WERE TURNED AND EUROPEANS WROTE CRITICAL REPORTS ON U.S. ISSUES, THE AMBASSADOR SAID WE WOULDN'T CARE. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THE "FRESH START" PROCESS ON THE BASIS OF WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER ISSUE-BY-ISSUE FOLLOW-UP BETWEEN PLENARIES. IN PARTICULAR, WE ARE ENGAGED IN VIGOROUS FOLLOW-UP ON IRAN. END SUMMARY.

IRAQ BURDENSARING: CREDIT FOR EU INTEGRATION?

3. (e) IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, REFERRING TO U.S. SENATORS' STATEMENTS AT THE WEHRKUNDE CONFERENCE, POLDIR ISCHINGER NOTED THAT "COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION" HAS EMERGED AS A NEW SECURITY CONCEPT. HE ARGUED THAT THE PROJECTED COST OF ENGAGEMENT IN IRAQ WOULD BE "RELATIVELY LIMITED" IN COMPARISON WITH THE HUGE ONGOING INVESTMENT IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. THIS PROCESS, HE ARGUED, IS MAKING EUROPE PERMANENTLY STABLE AND THREAT-FREE AS THE "CORE OF STABILITY" SPREADS EASTWARD. THE PROCESS OF INCLUDING THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE EU WILL COST GERMANY DM THREE BILLION ANNUALLY FOR YEARS TO COME, FOR EXAMPLE. ONE MIGHT ARGUE THAT WE ARE SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME AND MONEY ON THIS, ISCHINGER SAID, SUGGESTING THAT IT SHOULD NONETHELESS BE SEEN AS A GENUINE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. AMBASSADOR KORNBLUM RESPONDED THAT THE US HAS SUPPORTED EU INTEGRATION FOR 50 YEARS AND HAS NO QUARREL WITH THIS LONG-TERM PROCESS. THE QUESTION, HOWEVER, IS HOW THIS CORE OF EUROPE WILL RESPOND TO CHALLENGES, LIKE IRAQ, WHICH LIE OUTSIDE EUROPE? THIS IS NOT A NEW ISSUE AT ALL: EUROPE AND THE U.S. HAVE LONG MOSTLY AGREED ON CHALLENGES WITHIN EUROPE, BUT HAVE HAD OCCASIONAL FRICTION OVER PROBLEMS BEYOND EUROPE'S BACKYARD (E.G. SUEZ IN '56, BOSNIA IN '93, AND THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY). THE POINT AT WEHRKUNDE WAS THAT U.S. SENATORS HAVE THE

PERCEPTION THAT EUROPE WANTS TO FOCUS ON ITS INTERNAL INTEGRATION WHILE LEAVING IT TO THE U.S. TO MOP UP ELSEWHERE.

CONTINUING DIFFERENCES OVER IRAN

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4. (✓) THE AMBASSADOR CHARACTERIZED THE RECENT EIZENSTAT VISIT AS AN EFFORT TO HELP THE USG AVOID SANCTIONS, AND CALLED FOR VIGOROUS JOINT FOLLOW-UP IN DEFUSING THIS ISSUE. DCM REFERRED TO EIZENSTAT'S LIST OF POINTS DELIVERED IN EU CAPITALS, INCLUDING ENHANCED EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES, WMD MEASURES, THE POSSIBILITY OF FRG STATEMENTS, POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES, ETC. FOREIGN OFFICE ASST. SECRETARY PETER DINGENS SAID THAT THE EU HAS ALREADY PRESENTED AN ACCOUNTING OF ACTIONS TAKEN, REITERATED WHAT GERMANY IS NOT DOING WITH AND IN IRAN, AND THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE. THE QUESTION, HE SAID, IS HOW WE TREAT IRAN OVER THE LONGER TERM IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR INTERNAL SITUATION. IS THE GLASS HALF-FULL OR HALF-EMPTY, ETC? AMB. KORNBLUM INTERVENED BY REITERATING THE USG'S CALL FOR FRG HELP TO AVOID A TRAIN WRECK OVER SANCTIONS. WE NEED JOINT EFFORTS, NOT LONG DISCUSSIONS, HE SAID. DINGENS CONTINUED BY ASKING HOW WE CAN CHANGE IRANIAN BEHAVIOR? THE MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN ARE ON THE U.S. LIST SHARED WITH THE USG. THE OBJECTIVE NOW IS TO USE GERMANY'S AND THE EU'S RELATIONS WITH IRAN TO DISCUSS DIFFERENCES AND CHANGE BEHAVIOR IN A SORT OF CRITICAL DIALOGUE, BUT UNDER A DIFFERENT NAME.

5. (✓) AFTER THE AMBASSADOR REITERATED OUR CALL FOR HELP, NOT DISCUSSION IN THIS VEIN, ISCHINGER TOOK THE FLOOR. HE SAID THAT THE UK HAS UNDERTAKEN AN ADMIRABLE EFFORT TO RESPOND TO THE USG CALL FOR HELP. HOWEVER, THIS CANNOT BE A ONE-WAY STREET, SAID ISCHINGER: THE UK PRESIDENCY IS OUT ON A LIMB WHICH HE FEARS COULD BREAK OFF. IT IS NOT 100 PERCENT CERTAIN THAT THE EU MEMBER WILL FOLLOW THE UK LEAD ON IRAN. THERE IS AN ENORMOUS FEELING IN EUROPE OF BEING FED-UP WITH TRYING TO PLEASE THE U.S. CONGRESS. ISCHINGER SAID HE THANKS GOD THAT GERMANY IS NOT IN THE CHAIR AT THIS TIME TO RESOLVE THE ISCHINGER THEN REFERRED TO GERMANY'S COMMITMENT TO FULFILL ALL ITS UNDERTAKINGS ON IRAN, WHILE SOME OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES MAKE COMMITMENTS THAT THEY THEN IGNORE; THIS PLACES GERMANY AT A CONSIDERABLE DISADVANTAGE, HE SAID. FOR EXAMPLE, GERMANY HAS HAD NO MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONTACT WITH IRAN SINCE LAST APRIL; HE COULD NOT PROMISE THE SAME OR ALL OTHER EU MEMBERS. CONCLUDING, ISCHINGER SAID HE SUPPORTED OPEN DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO NARROW POLICY DIFFERENCES. GERMANY SUPPORTS THE UK

PRESIDENCY'S INITIATIVE. ABASSADOR KORNBLUM RESPONDED WITH GERMANY HAD MISJUDGED THE EIZENSTAT VISIT. ISCHINGER ARGUED THA GERMANY IS TRYING TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY, T REITERATED THAT THE UK IS RISKING EU REJECTION WTH ITS APPOROACH. "IT GOES DOWN VERY POORLY, FO EXAMPLE, FOR THE UK TO RETURN FROM WASHINGTON AD SAY 'WE NEED A BETTER LIST.'" IF THE U.S. IS AVING TROUBLE WITH THE EU OVER IRAN, HE SAID, ITIS NOT BECAUSE OF GERMANY.

TURKEY, GREECE, AND CPRUS POST-LUXEMBOURG

6. *(e)* POLEXTCHIEF BURTON AN DAS GADSDEN PRESENTED THE U.S. POSITION ON TURKY, STRESSING THE NEED FOR A SIGNAL ON THE TRACK OWARD EU ACCESSION IN VIEW OF TURKEY'S STRATEGIC MPORTANCE AND RISING TENSIONS IN THE AEGEAN AND N CYPRUS. BURTON BRIEFED ON THE RECENT HOLBROOKE VISIT HERE AND GADSDEN CALLED FOR EU HELP IN PROVIDING ANKARA A "PACKAGE OF MOTIVATIONS." ISCHINGER SAID THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT OVER FUNDAMENTALS; THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE GET THERE? HE ASKED WHETHER THE "FRAGILE" EU IS CURRENTLY STRONG ENOUGH TO INCLUDE MEMBERS WHICH ARE STABILITY RISKS? THE EU IS INCAPABLE, HE SAID, OF WITHSTANDING GREEKTURKISH TENSIONS WITHIN ITS STRUCTURE, AND GERMANY IS DETERMINED NOT TO ALLOW THE EU TO SUFFER FROM BILATEAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. IT WILL OT BE POSSIBLE TO JUST FORGET LUXEMBOURG AND DEFNE A NEW OUTCOME IN CARDIFF IN FIVE MONTHS. EU AS SCHWEPPE REFERRED TO THE DAVID HANNAY'S ONGOIG EFFORT TO GET ANKARA TO COME TO THE EUROPEAN CNFERENCE IN MARCH AND NOTED PROGRESS ON AN EU FINNCIAL PACKAGE FOR TURKEY. DCM NOTED THAT WE AREALL BUT CERTAIN THAT T SAID GERMANY IS ALREADY PLANNING TO ORGANIZEANOTHER EUROPEAN CONFERENCE DURING ITS PRESIDENC IN 1999.

7. *(e)* AMBASSADOR KORNBLUM AGREED THT TURKEY WOULD EVENTUALLY OVERCOME CURRENT "HURTFEELINGS" BUT WARNED THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE THE RUSSIAN MISSILES ON

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CYPRUS POSE A DANGER OF WAR BY SUMMER. WHILE NOT A BILATERAL ISSUE, THE U.S. AND GERMANY NEED TO CONSULT BILATERALLY, AS TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PLAYERS IN THE REGION, ON A TRULY ACTIVE AND CREATIVE STRATEGY FOR CYPRUS. ISCHINGER DESCRIBED HIS EFFORT TO START A SORT OF PING-PONG MATCH BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE ON THE BASIS OF PANGALOS' 1/25 INTERVIEW IN A TURKISH NEWSPAPER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GERMAN EFFORT HAD COME TO NAUGHT AS THE TURKS DECLINED TO RESPOND. ISCHINGER SAID THAT THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. IS NOT ONLY USEFUL BUT NECESSARY ON CYPRUS. HE THEN NOTED KINKEL'S COMMENTS OPPOSING A DIVIDED CYPRUS WITHIN THE EU AND POINTED TO BUNDESTAG OPPOSITION TO SUCH AN OUTCOME. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER GERMANY FEARS THAT GREECE WOULD VETO EU

EXPANSION FOR POLAND. ISCHINGER RESPONDED: "LET THEM TRY IT. THEY WON'T ENJOY IT." ADMIRAL WEISSER ADDED: IT WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS BUDGETARY IMPACT IN ATHENS IF THEY DID."

LEGAL ISSUES: MLAT, IMMIGRATION, AND MYKONOS REQUESTS

8. (C) DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISOR BORN EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL MLAT NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED TO CONTINUING OPPOSITION, DUE TO PRIVACY PROTECTION CONCERNS, FROM GERMANY'S JUSTICE MINISTRY. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED HIS PENDING MARCH 4 CALL ON MINISTER SCHMIDT-JORZIG, AT WHICH HE WILL RAISE THE ISSUE. PROVIDING STATISTICS, BORN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GERMANY HAS BECOME, AFTER ISRAEL, THE NO. 2 DESTINATION FOR JEWISH EMIGRATION. HE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS COORDINATING A RESPONSE TO THE USG'S PENDING REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS AND ONE WITNESS FROM THE "MYKONOS" TRIAL IN BERLIN; AN ANSWER SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON, HE SAID. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE FRG'S APPROACH TO THE CONGRESS ON THE STUDENT VISA PROBLEM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF ORGANIZED PROGRAMS, NOTING THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK AND WRITE TO KEY SENATORS ON THE SAME ISSUE.

HURT GERMAN FEELINGS OVER SCIENTOLOGY

9. (U) ISHINGER THEN NOTED GERMANY'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT THE U.S. APPROACH ON SCIENTOLOGY. HE CHARACTERIZED THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AS "SPECIAL" AND NOTED THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT" OF U.S. CRITICISM ON GERMANY. IMAGINE, HE SAID, IF THE TABLES WERE TURNED AND THE EUROPEANS WROTE CRITICAL REPORTS ABOUT THE U.S. HOW WOULD AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT THAT? "WE WOULDN'T CARE," SAID THE AMBASSADOR. WE HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GERMANY, BUT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE THESE DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE SENSITIVE TO GERMAN FEELINGS ABOUT OUR HUMAN RIGHTS PROCESS, WHICH IS WHY THE AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY EDITED THE TEXT THIS YEAR SEVERAL TIMES TO ENSURE THAT THE REPORT INCLUDED ONLY THE FACTS AND NO VALUE JUDGMENTS. ISCHINGER NOTED A REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GERMANY AND THE U.S.: IN GERMANY, THE STATE IS CHARGED WITH DEFENDING FUNDAMENTAL CITIZENS' RIGHTS, WHILE IN THE U.S. THOSE RIGHTS ARE GUARANTEED DIRECTLY TO CITIZENS AGAINST AND ABOVE THE STATE ITSELF.

ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS: A ROLE FOR FOREIGN MINISTRIES?

10. (C) HANS-PETER SCHIFF OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S G-7/8 ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICE RAISED THE ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS, NOTING FM KINKEL'S RECENT SUGGESTION OF MORE BILATERAL DIALOGUE WITH THE U.S. HOW DID THE USG FEEL ABOUT THIS? DOES THE U.S. AGREE THAT THIS IS

AN ISSUE NOT ONLY FOR FINANCE MINISTRIES? EMIN NOTED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS FORMED ITS OWN TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE, BUT OPINED THAT THE ROLE OF FOREIGN MINISTRIES OUGHT TO COMPLEMENT, NOT REPLACE, EXISTING MECHANISMS WITHIN THE IFI'S AND THE G-7/8 WHERE FINANCE MINISTRIES TRADITIONALLY PLAY THE PREDOMINANT ROLE. ISCHINGER ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT THE U.S. BELIEVES THAT THE ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS IS THE "PROPERTY OF FINANCE MINISTRIES?" HE NOTED THAT KINKEL HAS BEEN PRESSING HIS STAFF TO PROVIDE MORE MEANINGFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR ROLES FOR FOREIGN MINISTRIES TO PLAY IN THE G-7/8 PROCESS: ISN'T THIS ISSUE IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR OUR BOSSES? DCM SUGGESTED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO A GERMAN REQUEST FOR A BILATERAL

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DISCUSSION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS, AND EMIN URGED THE GERMAN SIDE TO PROVIDE ITS SPECIFIC IDEAS ON FOLLOW-UP. THE ECON MINISTRY'S WOLFGANG HANTKE (WHO REPORTS TO GERMAN FINANCE SOUS-SHERPA SCHILL) SUGGESTED FOCUSING ON INDONESIA, WHERE A STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE IS PARTICULARLY NEEDED IN THE FACE OF CORRUPTION, SUCCESSION QUESTIONS, INSTABILITY, ETC.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

11. (C) IN CONCLUDING, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE "FRESH START" PROCESS, BOTH IN BONN AND IN WASHINGTON, AND AGREED THAT THE KEY TO MAKING IT WORK IS GOOD PREPARATION AND ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN PERIODIC PLENARY SESSIONS. INDEED, THERE ARE ACTIVE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE MISSION AND GERMAN OFFICIALS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF ISSUES, INCLUDING MANY THAT WERE NOT RAISED IN THIS SESSION. FOR THE NEXT PLENARY IN BONN, BOTH SIDES WILL STRIVE TO NARROW THE FOCUS AROUND A SHORTER AGENDA OF ISSUES WHERE WE HAVE REAL VALUE TO ADD TO OTHER ONGOING DISCUSSIONS AND PROCESSES.

COMMENT ON IRAN COORDINATION

12. (C) THE EXCHANGE ON IRAN WAS POINTED AND FRANK. SEVERAL OF THE GERMAN PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY ENGAGED IN IRAN POLICY LATER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND CONCERN ABOUT THE APPARENT EXTENT OF OUR DISAGREEMENT ON HOW TO FOLLOW UP THE EIZENSTAT VISIT. AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION, MANY ASKED HOW THEY COULD BE HELPFUL IN CLOSING THIS GAP. WE ARE NOW ENGAGED IN A VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF FOLLOW-UP WITH SEPARATE INTERLOCUTORS WHO DEAL WITH SUCH ISSUES AS EXPORT CONTROLS, COUNTER-TERRORISM, EXPORT CREDITS, ETC., WITH THE HOPE OF GENERATING A SOMEWHAT MORE FORTHCOMING COLLECTIVE GERMAN RESPONSE THAN WE HAVE HEARD TO DATE.

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1. (S) SUMMARY: AT A NOVEMBER 19/20 CONFERENCE, FRG
 STATE AND FEDERAL INTERIOR MINISTERS DECIDED TO
 CONTINUE OBSERVATION BY THE OFFICES FOR THE PROTECTION
 OF THE CONSTITUTION (OPC) OF THE PARTY OF DEMOCRATIC
 SOCIALISM (PDS) AND THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION. THEY
 ALSO DECIDED TO CONTINUE REFUGEE RETURN POLICIES.
 FEDERAL OFFICIALS TOLD EMBASSY THAT, WITH REGARD TO
 SCIENTOLOGY, THE DECISION WAS BASED ON INDICATIONS THAT
 SCIENTOLOGY CONTINUED TO PURSUE POLITICAL GOALS
 DIRECTED AGAINST THE FRG'S DEMOCRATIC ORDER. THEY
 EXPLAINED THAT OBSERVATION DID NOT INCLUDE WIRE TAPPING
 OR ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE MEASURES AND DID NOT IMPEDE
 THE ACTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY.
 END SUMMARY.

EAST-WEST SPLIT ON PDS OBSERVATION

2. (U) GERMAN STATE INTERIOR MINISTERS MET IN BONN
 WITH NEW FEDERAL INTERIOR MINISTER OTTO SCHILY NOVEMBER
 19 AND 20. DESPITE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT ON THE
 FEDERAL LEVEL, THE CONFERENCE'S KEY DECISIONS REFLECTED
 A CONTINUATION OF POLICIES PURSUED UNDER THE KOHL
 GOVERNMENT. OF DIRECT INTEREST TO SOCIAL DEMOCRAT
 SCHILY WAS THE DEBATE ON CONTINUING THE OBSERVATION OF
 THE PDS (SUCCESSOR PARTY TO THE FORMER-EAST GERMAN
 COMMUNIST PARTY, SED). SCHILY HAD ARGUED AGAINST THE

NEED FOR OBSERVATION, NOTING THE PARTY'S SEPTEMBER ELECTION RESULT (OF OVER FIVE PERCENT NATIONALLY) AND THE FACT THAT THE PDS WAS NOW IN A GOVERNING COALITION WITH THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SPD) IN MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN. IN THE END, INTERIOR MINISTERS FROM THE EASTERN STATES VOTED TO OBSERVE ONLY THREE SMALL GROUPS AFFILIATED WITH THE PDS. BRANDENBURG REFUSED TO OBSERVE EVEN THOSE. THE WESTERN STATES DECIDED TO CONTINUE OBSERVATION OF THE PARTY AS A WHOLE.

REFUGEE RETURN POLICY UNCHANGED

3. (U) THERE WAS NO SURPRISE REGARDING REFUGEE RETURN POLICY. INTERIOR MINISTER SCHILY'S COMMENTS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE THAT GERMANY WAS NOT AN IMMIGRATION COUNTRY CAPTURED THE MOOD AMONG THE STATE MINISTERS. THERE WAS NEVER ANY QUESTION THAT THE STATES WOULD DECIDE TO CONTINUE THEIR POLICIES THAT REFUGEES MUST RETURN WHEN WARS ENDED. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE DISCUSSION WAS CLEARLY THE BOSNIAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULT RETURN CASES (E.G., TRAUMATIZED REFUGEES), THOUGH NO POLICY CHANGE. (AS NOTED REFTTEL, HOWEVER, THE NEW FRG COMMISSIONER FOR BOSNIAN REFUGEE RETURNS, HANS KOSCHNIK, HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON REFUGEE RETURNS AND CONSIDERATION OF THEIR POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR BOSNIA'S INTERNAL SITUATION.)

SCIENTOLOGY TO REMAIN UNDER OBSERVATION

4. (C) THE MINISTERS AGREED ON THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY. THEIR DECISION WAS BASED THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN OPC REPORT THAT ASSESSED THE RESULTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY DURING THE PAST 15 MONTHS. (A SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE REPORT WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.) FEDERAL INTERIOR MINISTRY DAS DIETRICH VAUBEL, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY'S INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, BRIEFED EMBASSY OFFICERS ON NOVEMBER 24 ON THE SCIENTOLOGY DECISION. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE ONGOING OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY WAS BASED ON INDICATIONS THAT SCIENTOLOGY CONTINUED TO HAVE "POLITICAL AMBITIONS" THAT WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE FRG'S FREE AND DEMOCRATIC ORDER. HE EXPRESSED THE EXPECTATION THAT THE ASSESSMENT AT NEXT YEAR'S REVIEW WOULD BE THAT SCIENTOLOGY WAS "NOT AS DANGEROUS AS ORIGINALLY THOUGHT." AS A CONSEQUENCE, OBSERVATION, AT LEAST OBSERVATION WITH INTELLIGENCE MEANS, WOULD THEN BE DISCONTINUED, VAUBEL SAID.

OBSERVATION METHODS

5. (C) ASKED WHAT OBSERVATION BY THE OPC ENTAILED, VAUBEL STRESSED THAT THE TAPPING OF PHONES OR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WERE NOT PART OF THE AUTHORIZED "INTELLIGENCE MEANS." THE OPC COULD ONLY USE INFORMERS FROM WITHIN OR OBSERVE INDIVIDUALS' ACTIONS IN PUBLIC. OBSERVATION WOULD BE CONFINED TO CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THE SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS ITS "OFFICE OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS." A COMMON

SCIENTOLOGY MEMBER WOULD NOT BE OBSERVED IN A SUSTAINED MANNER. MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO REMARKED THAT DURING THE LAST 15 MONTHS, SCIENTOLOGY (WHICH WAS ALREADY UNDER OBSERVATION) STAGED DEMONSTRATIONS IN SEVERAL GERMAN CITIES WITH NO INTERFERENCE BY AUTHORITIES. NO ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 010968

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FOREIGN VISITORS ENTERING GERMANY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE EVENTS HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO CUSTOMS OR IMMIGRATION INSPECTIONS OR OTHER HINDRANCES TO THEIR MOVEMENTS. VAUBEL NOTED THAT THIS SHOWED THAT OBSERVATION DID NOT IMPEDE THE ACTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF SCIENTOLOGY IN GERMANY.

6. (SBU) VAUBEL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD EMBASSY'S PROTESTATION THAT THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY STIGMATIZED THE ORGANIZATION AND HELPED CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF INTOLERANCE. HE ARGUED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERS FOUND THEMSELVES THE SUBJECT OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THEY WOULD HAVE RECOURSE TO THE COURTS. AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC SECTOR WAS CONCERNED, ONLY BAVARIA ASKED APPLICANTS FOR CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTOLOGY. THUS FAR, NO ONE HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO OR DISMISSED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BECAUSE OF SCIENTOLOGY MEMBERSHIP. ANY SUCH ACTION WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, VAUBEL SAID. ONE OF HIS ASSISTANTS MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT A COURT CASE WAS PENDING IN BERLIN IN WHICH A SCIENTOLOGY MEMBER HAD FILED SUIT AGAINST THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY BY THE OPC.

7. ~~(S)~~ COMMENT: SCIENTOLOGY THUS REMAINS ONE OF NUMEROUS GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE POLITICAL INTENTIONS REMAIN A MATTER OF OFFICIAL SCRUTINY. THE INTERIOR MINISTERS' DECISION TO MAINTAIN STATUS QUO WAS THE EASY CHOICE -- AN ASSERTION OF THEIR VIGILANCE WITHOUT GETTING INTO DETAILS ON THE RESOURCES TO BE COMMITTED TO OBSERVATION. MORE BROADLY, THE MESSAGE REACHING THE PUBLIC ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY IS CHANGING; THE FEW CRUSADERS' FEVERED CALLS TO COMBAT OF SEVERAL YEARS AGO HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE "THREAT" IS LESS THAN ONCE THOUGHT, AND SHRINKING. DAYS BEFORE THE INTERIOR MINISTERS MET, SEVERAL GREENS POLITICIANS CAME OUT OPENLY AGAINST AN EXTENSION OF OBSERVATION. THE NEXT REVIEW OF THE POLICY MAY WELL CONCLUDE THAT THE "THREAT" POSED BY SCIENTOLOGY TO GERMAN DEMOCRACY IS MINIMAL. HOWEVER, CONCERN OVER THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL IMPACT WILL REMAIN AN ACTIVE ISSUE FOR OTHER ELEMENTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (E.G., FAMILY AND YOUTH AFFAIRS MINISTRIES).

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 SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AND SCIENTOLOGY

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY JOHN F. SAMMIS, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, REASONS 1.5 (B/D)
2. (U) THIS CABLE HAS BEEN COORDINATED AND CLEARED WITH FCS AND POLITICAL SECTIONS.
3. (SBU) A SEPTEMBER 18, 1998 LETTER CIRCULATED BY THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY REQUIRES FIRMS COMPETING FOR CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SERVICES TO SIGN A STATEMENT PLEDGING:
 - THAT THE TECHNOLOGY OF L. RON HUBBARD WILL NOT BE USED IN THE COURSE OF COMPLETING A CONTRACT OR BE OTHERWISE SPREAD,
 - THAT LEADERSHIP OF A FIRM IN THE COURSE OF CARRYING OUT ITS BUSINESS WILL NOT RECOMMEND OR APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN COURSES AND SEMINARS INVOLVING THE TECHNOLOGY OF L. RON HUBBARD,
 - THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF A FIRM WILL REJECT THE TECHNOLOGY OF L. RON HUBBARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULFILLMENT OF A CONTRACT BY ANY BRANCH OF THAT FIRM,
4. (SBU) THE STATEMENT CONTINUES THAT PROCURING ENTITIES CAN WITHOUT NOTICE TERMINATE ANY CONTRACT IN WHICH A FIRM DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED REQUIREMENTS.
5. ~~(S)~~ ACCORDING TO FREDRICH MARX, DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (AND A

KEY PLAYER IN SHEPHERDING THROUGH GERMANY'S PROCUREMENT LAW REFORM LAST YEAR), TREMENDOUS POLITICAL PRESSURE FROM FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH, WOMEN AND SENIORS AFFAIRS CLAUDIA NOLTE AND "SPECIAL ENVOYS FOR CULT MATTERS" IN HAMBURG AND MUNICH MADE ISSUING THE LETTER -- WHICH BEARS HIS SIGNATURE -- UNAVOIDABLE.

6. (S) ALTHOUGH MARX SPENT A GOOD FIFTEEN MINUTES DEFENDING THE POLICY SET OUT IN THE MEMORANDUM, HE SOON ADMITTED THAT HE FOUGHT TOOTH AND NAIL TO CONVINCED THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY THAT IT WAS FOOLHARDY. HE NOTED ALL OF ECONOFF'S POINTS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS SUCH A DECLARATION CREATES FOR U.S. FIRMS.

7. (S) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS LETTER IS A HOLDOVER FROM THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVERAL STEPS THAT WE CAN TAKE NOW -- DISCREETLY AND WITHOUT CREATING MORE OF AN ISSUE -- TO FIX THIS BEFORE IT STARTS LIMITING THE ABILITY OF U.S. FIRMS TO COMPETE IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT MARKET. SPECIFICALLY, ECON, POL AND FCS WILL:

- ENCOURAGE AMCHAM TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY CRITICIZING THE LETTER, (FCS/ECON)
- DISCOVER THE POTENTIAL LIABILITY UNDER U.S. LAW FOR FIRMS THAT SIGN SUCH A DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT, (FCS)
- RAISE OUR CONCERNS WITH HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC MINISTRY OFFICIALS AS AN "EARLY WARNING" OF WHAT COULD BECOME A BILATERAL TRADE DISPUTE (EMIN)
- DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS WITH THE NEW FAMILY, WOMEN AND YOUTH MINISTER WITH A VIEW TO HAVE HER WEIGH IN FOR A RETRACTION OF THE MEMO. (POL)

8. (U) POST WILL ADVISE SOONEST THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS.
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 MINISTER SCHILY

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 MINISTER SCHILY

(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR JOHN C. KORNBLUM. REASON 1.5
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1. (U) THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER
 OTTO SCHILY IN BERLIN SEPTEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS A RAGE OF
 BILATERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.

MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TREATY (MLAT)

2. ~~(S)~~ THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED TO SCHILY THAT THE U.S.
 CONTINUES TO BE VERY INTERESTED IN CONCLUDING AN MLAT WITH
 GERMANY, THE ONLY MAJOR EU COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE U.S. DOES
 NOT HAVE SUCH AN AGREEMENT. WHILE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
 TWO COUNTRIES' LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IS EXCELLENT, THE
 AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT AN MLAT WOULD CLARIFY THIS
 COOPERATION, AND THEREBY AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS. SCHILY
 FULLY SUPPORTED THE NEED TO CONCLUDE AN MLAT, AND SAID HE
 WOULD DISCUSS THE STATUS OF INTERNAL GERMAN DELIBERATIONS
 WITH THE JUSTICE MINISTER. (COMMENT: WE HAVE BEEN
 INFORMED SEPARATELY THAT THE JUSTICE MINISTRY IS PREPARING
 A NEW DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. TO REVIEW. END
 COMMENT)

SCIENTOLOGY

3. (S) THE AMBASSADOR TOLD SCHILY THAT GERMANY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH SCIENTOLOGY REMAINS AN ISSUE OF CONCERN IN WASHINGTON. IN THE PAST, GERMAN FEDERAL MINISTRY OFFICIALS SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN UNWILLING TO MEET WITH VISITING REPRESENTATIVES OF SCIENTOLOGY. THE AMBASSADOR ENCOURAGED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENGAGE IN OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE USE OF "SECT FILTERS" TO SCREEN COMPANIES AND EMPLOYEES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTOLOGY, AND TOLD SCHILY THAT THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE USE OF FILTERS ENDED, PARTICULARLY BY FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. CONTINUING SUCH POLICIES SENDS STRONG NEGATIVE MESSAGES TO SOCIETY. SCHILY TOOK THE AMBASSADOR'S POINTS, BUT DID NOT PROVIDE A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE.

INTERNET CONTENT

4. (S) SCHILY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE ISSUE OF INTERNET CONTENT HAD BEEN WEIGHING ON HIS MIND. HE COMMENTED THAT THE INTERNET HAD MADE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT FOR GERMANY TO KEEP ILLEGAL NEO-NAZI MATERIALS, SUCH AS "MEIN KAMPF", OUT OF THE COUNTRY. SCHILY RECALLED GERMANY'S FRUSTRATION WITH AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE U.S. WHO WAS TRANSMITTING NEO-NAZI MATERIALS. THE GERMANS WERE NOT ABLE TO APPREHEND THIS PERSON UNTIL HE LEFT THE U.S. FOR DENMARK, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS EXTRADITED TO GERMANY. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. AND GERMANY HAVE VERY DIFFERENT APPROACHES ON THIS ISSUE. THE AMBASSADOR AND SCHILY AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXAMINE THESE DIFFERENCES IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE MANNER BY EXPANDING ONGOING DISCUSSIONS ON INTERNET CONTENT ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR PROPOSED THAT U.S. AND GERMAN WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS MEET TO DEVELOP AN AGENDA FOR EXAMINING THESE ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO INVITED SCHILY TO SEND MEMBERS OF HIS MINISTRY TO A CONFERENCE ON "E-COMMERCE: OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY" WHICH AMCONSUL MUNICH IS HOSTING OCTOBER 7-8.

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2. ECONOFF MET 9/28/99 WITH DR. FRIDHELM MARX, OFFICE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND PRICING POLICY, MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS, TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF SECT FILTER LANGUAGE USED BY THE FEDERAL ECONOMICS MINISTRY. US FIRMS HAD RAISED WITH EMBASSY THEIR CONCERN THAT PROVIDING THE SECT FILTER DISCLAIMER REQUIRED FOR BIDDING ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WOULD LEAVE THEM VULNERABLE TO CHARGES OF DISCRIMINATION. MARX EMPHASIZED THAT THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND LARGE PORTIONS OF THE GERMAN POPULATION CONSIDERED SCIENTOLOGY TO ACT IN WAYS INIMICAL TO THE GERMAN STATE. HE NOTED THAT IN A TELEVISION PROGRAM AIRED THE PREVIOUS EVENING THE SCHROEDER GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CRITICISED FOR ITS INACTION IN NOT PUSHING AN ANTI-SECT LAW, AND NOTED THE LIMITED MANEUVERING ROOM ON AN ISSUE IN WHICH THE STATE GOVERNMENTS OF BAVARIA AND HAMBURG WERE AGREED.

3. MARX HOWEVER STRICTLY CAVEATED THE APPLICABILITY OF THE SECT FILTER LANGUAGE. HE NOTED THAT IT ONLY APPLIED TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT OF TRAINING THAT HAD A PSYCHOLOGICAL COMPONENT, SUCH AS TRAINING OF POLICE, MANAGEMENT TRAINING OR CERTAIN CONSULTANT CONTRACTS. HE NOTED THAT COMPUTER TRAINING OR TRAINING IN WHICH PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY ETC, WAS NOT PSYCHOLOGICAL AND THEREFORE DID NOT REQUIRE THE SECT FILTER DISCLAIMER. HE COULD NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE SECT FILTER'S USE BY CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE

LUFTHANSA CASE CITED BY ECONOFF, BUT STATED THAT HE HAD CIRCULATED AN EXPLANATORY LETTER TO COMPANIES WHO HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICABILITY OF THIS REQUIREMENT. HE ALSO DISCOUNTED FEARS OF US COMPANIES THAT THEY WOULD BE SUCESSFULLY BE SUED FOR DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BUT NOTED THAT HE HAD ALREADY BEEN APPROACHED BY A MAJOR US INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FIRM ON THIS ISSUE.

4. MARX SAID THAT THE MINISTRY WAS CONSIDERING CHANGES TO THE SECT FILTER LANGUAGE BASED ON THE CONCERNS THAT HAD BEEN RAISED. THE FIRST PART OF THE SECT FILTER LANGUAGE, THE SENTENCE STATING THAT THE BIDDER WILL REFRAIN FROM USING THE TECHNIQUES OF SCIENTOLOGY, WOULD LIEKLY REMAIN AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN. IN THE SECOND SENTENCE, IN WHICH THE BIDDER STATES THAT SCIENTOLOGY IS NOT APPLIED WITHIN COMPANY MANAGEMENT, WOULD LIKE BE CHANGED. MARX NOTED THAT FIRMS WITH A GLOBAL REACH COULD NOT ALWAYS PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES NOR SHOULD GERMANY REQUIRE THEM TO DO SO. HE WAS NOT HOWEVER OPTIMISTIC AS TO THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH THIS CHANGE WOULD BE MADE.

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1. ~~(S)~~ SUMMARY. S/P DIRECTOR DR. MORTON HALPERIN'S DISCUSSIONS IN BERLIN ON 7 OCTOBER WITH HEAD OF THE GERMAN MFA POLICY PLANNING STAFF GEORG DICK AND HIS ASSISTANTS FOCUSED ON THREE MAIN THEMES. THE GERMANS WERE INTERESTED IN PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY -- THE TOPIC OF THE DECEMBER G-8 MEETING -- AND OUR RELATED PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING A MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL POLICE CAPABILITY. THEY CAUTIONED THAT, ON LONG-TERM TRANSATLANTIC ISSUES, SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON BASIC VALUES WERE BECOMING MORE APPARENT. ESDI WAS DESCRIBED AS THE NEXT GREAT EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROJECT, WITH THE GERMANS PROFESSING NOT TO SEE ANY LONG-TERM THREAT TO THE US IN SUCH A DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

 EAST TIMOR AND PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY

2. ~~(S)~~ S/P DIRECTOR DR. MORTON HALPERIN, MEMBER ANGELA STENT AND POL M/C MET IN BERLIN ON 7 OCTOBER WITH GEORG DICK, HEAD OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF OF THE MFA, TOGETHER WITH STAFF MEMBERS HEINRICH KREFFT, FRANK HERTERICH, AND ALEXANDER LAMBSDORFF. ALSO PRESENT WAS THOMAS SCHMITT, AIDE TO GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS COORDINATOR KARSTEN VOIGT.

3. (✓) BOTH SIDES WERE IN AGREEMENT ABOUT THE SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR. DR. HALPERIN SUGGESTED THAT EAST TIMOR COULD BE VIEWED AS A TEST CASE FOR PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY, THE THEME FOR THE G-8 MINISTERIAL IN DECEMBER. HE CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRC VOTING, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN SUPPORT OF A CHAPTER 7 OPERATION. THE GERMANS AGREED, AFFIRMING THAT IT WAS CRITICAL TO KEEP THE CHINESE IN.

4. (✓) DR. HALPERIN NOTED THAT IT WAS NOW UP TO THE UN TO MAKE EAST TIMOR WORK. ONE OF THE THINGS THIS OPERATION HIGHLIGHTED WAS THE NEED TO CREATE A BETTER CAPACITY TO DEPLOY INTERNATIONAL POLICE AND TO TRAIN LOCAL POLICE. PRESIDENT CLINTON HAD REFERRED TO THIS IN HIS UNGA SPEECH, AND THE US WAS DRAFTING A PAPER FOR THE G-8 MINISTERIAL ON CREATING A UN CAPABILITY IN THIS AREA. USING REGULAR POLICE FOR SUCH OPERATIONS DIDN'T WORK BECAUSE THEY WERE ALL ALREADY COMMITTED IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES, WHEREAS A BEEFED-UP UN PEACEKEEPING OFFICE COULD CALL UP SPECIALLY TRAINED STANDBY UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS. THE GERMANS WERE INTERESTED IN THIS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE OSCE SUMMIT IN ISTANBUL IN NOVEMBER COULD PRODUCE A DECISION TO CREATE A STANDBY CAPABILITY ALONG THESE LINES.

TRANSATLANTIC ISSUES

5. (✓) SCHMITT THEN URGED THAT DISCUSSION FOCUS ON TRANSATLANTIC ISSUES, BEYOND THOSE OF THE DAY. REGARDING COMMON VALUES, HE SAID, THE PASSING OF THE COLD WAR HAD SEEN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT REVEALING SOME DIFFERENCES. EXAMPLES WERE IN THE AREAS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SCIENTOLOGY, ABORTION AND UN DUES, GMOS, THE DEATH PENALTY, AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY. OUR GOVERNMENTS HAD VERY LITTLE LEEWAY IN THESE AREAS, PULLED AS THEY ARE BY VARIOUS DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCIES. WHILE NATIONAL DEBATES ON VALUES WERE OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE, THEY COULD LEAD TO ONE SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC IMPOSING ITS VALUES ON THE OTHER. THE RESULTANT FRICTION WAS MUCH MORE OBVIOUS TO THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN THAN WAS OUR HISTORICAL AND EMOTIONAL CLOSENESS. BOTH SIDES NEEDED A "SYSTEM THAT WOULD CHANNEL POLICY CHOICES," IN WHICH NGOS AND PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAMS WOULD PLAY A BIG ROLE. ON SECTORAL TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUES, GOVERNMENTS COULD STRENGTHEN EARLY-WARNING SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY IMPENDING DISPUTES. THE US, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD HEAR MORE ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE IN INTERNATIONAL DISCOURSE.

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6. (✓) SCHMITT TERMED ESDI THE NEXT GREAT EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROJECT. THE QUESTION WAS HOW THE US RELATED TO IT. THE US INTEREST, AS THE "PRESENT HEGEMON," WAS HOW TO INFLUENCE AND SHAPE THIS DEVELOPMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, ESDI MET US DEMANDS FOR MORE EFFICIENT PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT, COMMAND STRUCTURES, AND POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING. THERE WAS

A NEED TO SHARE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, TO COUNTERBALANCE THE PRESENT LOPSIDED DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES. THE GERMANS WERE WELL AWARE OF THE OUR THREE DS, BUT COULDN'T SEE ANY LONG-TERM THREAT TO THE US IN SUCH DEVELOPMENTS. IN FACT, ESDI WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THE PREDOMINANCE OF TRANSATLANTIC IDEAS AND AGENDAS. DR. HALPERIN RESPONDED THAT WE HAD NO DESIRE TO BE A "HEGEMON."
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REGARDING ESDI, THE US UNDERSTOOD THE BASIC POINT AND WAS IN FAVOR. BOTH SIDES THEREFORE NEEDED TO TALK THROUGH MISUNDERSTANDINGS. THE US DID HAVE CONCERNS, BUT WAS NOT SURE THAT THESE ARE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTOOD. THERE WAS ALSO THE QUESTION OF DISCRIMINATION OF NATO MEMBERS WHO DO NOT BELONG TO THE EU - NORWAY, TURKEY, POLAND, THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AND HUNGARY - "WHO WERE WORRIED ABOUT ESDI." THE LATTER THREE WERE ALSO WONDERING ABOUT WHAT EU DECISIONS MIGHT BE TAKEN WHICH AFFECTED THEM, BEFORE THEY WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AS MEMBERS IN EU DECISION-MAKING.

7. (U) THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH S/P.
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1. SUMMARY: BUNDESTAG HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON CLAUDIA ROTH (GREENS) TOLD US THAT THE GENERAL RHETORIC SURROUNDING SCIENTOLOGY CONTINUED TO DIMINISH IN GERMANY. SHE CONDEMNED ANTI-SCIENTOLOGY BEHAVIOR, IN PARTICULAR THAT OF URSULA CABERTA IN HAMBURG AND BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTER BECKSTEIN, CALLING IT "HYSTERIA." ROTH SAID SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ANY ACTS WHICH DISCRIMINATED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS BECAUSE OF THEIR BELIEF IN OR ASSOCIATION WITH SCIENTOLOGY. SHE BELIEVED THE SCREENING OF JOB APPLICANTS OR PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS FOR TIES TO SCIENTOLOGY WAS WRONG, AND WOULD DO WHAT SHE COULD IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO STOP THE PRACTICE. SHE ADDED THAT INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE FORCED TO SIGN "SCIENTOLOGY FILTERS." END SUMMARY.
2. IN A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF ON DECEMBER 10, BUNDESTAG HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON CLAUDIA ROTH STATED HER STRONG OPPOSITION TO ACTIONS AGAINST INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS BECAUSE OF THEIR BELIEF IN SCIENTOLOGY OR ANY OTHER RELIGION. SHE CONDEMNED THE "HYSTERIA" OF URSULA CABERTA (IN CHARGE OF THE HAMBURG WORKING GROUP ON SCIENTOLOGY) AND OTHERS, AND WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF HER HOME STATE OF BAVARIA AND BAVARIAN INTERIOR MINISTER BECKSTEIN FOR THEIR ACTIONS AGAINST SCIENTOLOGY. SHE SAID THE GENERAL RHETORIC ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY CONTINUED TO DIMINISH, AND ADDED THAT

BECKSTEIN TOO SAID LESS THESE DAYS ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY, AS HE HAD "MOVED ON TO OTHER ISSUES." ROTH ALSO MENTIONED THAT SHE OPPOSED THE "OBSERVATION" OF SCIENTOLOGY BY THE OFFICES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

3. (e) ROTH RECALLED HER MEETING WITH EUR DAS JIM GADSDEN DURING HER VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER. SHE FOUND THE MEETING TO BE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT TOOK ISSUE WITH GADSDEN'S REFERENCE TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARTISTS (SPECIFICALLY CHICK COREA) AND FILM BOYCOTTS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE ATTEMPTED BOYCOTT SEVERAL YEARS AGO OF "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE" WAS A FLOP AND THAT TOM CRUISE, AS WELL AS JOHN TRAVOLTA, WERE SUPERSTARS IN GERMANY. THEIR FILMS DID EXCEPTIONALLY WELL HERE. REGARDING CHICK COREA, SHE KNEW OF ONLY ONE INCIDENT IN BAVARIA, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WHERE THE STATE WITHDREW ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A CONCERT IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED. EMBOFF MENTIONED COREA'S RECENT COMPLAINT REGARDING VENUES (REFTEL). ROTH WAS TROUBLED BY THE CONTINUED REFERENCE TO PAST EVENTS AND WONDERED IF CHICK COREA'S CURRENT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH VENUE OR ATTENDANCE WAS DUE RATHER TO A SHRINKING INTEREST IN HIS STYLE OF MUSIC. ROTH NOTED THAT COREA DEVOTEES TENDED TO BE MORE SOPHISTICATED THAN MAINSTREAM ROCK-AND-ROLL LISTENERS AND WOULD UNLIKELY BE SWAYED BY CALLS BY THE LIKES OF CABERTA TO BOYCOTT HIS MUSIC OR CONCERTS. (COMMENT: ROTH IS A FORMER BAND MANAGER AND APPEARED TO BE FAIRLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE MUSIC INDUSTRY.)

4. (e) EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH ROTH THE USE OF QUESTIONNAIRES ("SCIENTOLOGY FILTERS") TO SCREEN EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS FOR ASSOCIATION WITH SCIENTOLOGY. HE PROVIDED ROTH WITH A COPY OF THE NOVEMBER 30 LETTER, WITH ATTACHMENTS, FROM THE WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRM BISCEGLIE AND WALSH, RETAINED BY SCIENTOLOGY, TO AMBASSADOR KORNBUM, WHICH DETAILED INDIVIDUAL CASES OF DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS DIRECTED AT PERSONS DUE TO THEIR AFFILIATION, OR SUSPECTED AFFILIATION, WITH SCIENTOLOGY. ROTH SAID THAT SUCH INFORMATION WAS USEFUL IN COMBATING DISCRIMINATION. IT WAS HELPFUL TO HAVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF THE USE OF "SCIENTOLOGY FILTERS." ROTH RECOMMENDED CONTACTS IN THE BUNDESTAG AND IN THE BAVARIA LANDTAG WITH WHOM EMBASSY AND CONGEN MUNICH COULD MEET TO DISCUSS SCIENTOLOGY IN MORE DETAIL. (BUNDESTAG: HERMAN GROHE (CDU); BAVARIAN LANDTAG: ELIZABETH KHLER (GREENS) OR KLAUS HANZOG (SPD)). SHE ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO GROHE, INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE FORCED TO SIGN A STATEMENT REGARDING THEIR BELIEF IN OR AFFILIATION WITH SCIENTOLOGY.

5. (e) ROTH NOTED THAT MEMBERS OF HER COMMITTEE MET IN BONN LAST MARCH WITH WASHINGTON SCIENTOLOGY LAWYER DAVID MILLER. SHE NOTED THAT SINCE THEN SHE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT MILLER'S FIRM REPRESENTED AUSTRIAN FREEDOM PARTY LEADER JOERG HAIDER ON HIS TRIP TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR. SHE SAID SHE WAS SHOCKED BY THE NEWS. ROTH EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WHEN TOLD THAT MILLER MIGHT ACCOMPANY CONGRESSMAN GILMAN TO GERMANY IN THE NEW YEAR. SHE KNEW OF GILMAN AND HIS EXPERTISE IN FOREIGN POLICY, BUT DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE WOULD BRING MILLER WITH HIM. ROTH SAID SHE WAS DISTURBED THAT THE U.S. SEEMED TO BE INTERESTED ONLY IN

SCIENTOLOGY. SHE AGREED THAT GERMANY HAD PROBLEMS WITH ITS ACTIONS VIS-A-VIS SCIENTOLOGY AND SCIENTOLOGISTS AND SHOULD BE CRITICIZED FOR IT. GERMANY NEEDED TO CHANGE ITS BEHAVIOR.

HOWEVER, THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM WAS ALL OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE PROBLEM ITSELF. THERE WERE OTHER GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS, SUCH AS REFUGEE AND ASYLUM POLICY, AND THE TREATMENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR IN GERMANY, INCLUDING THE CHILDREN OF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN. ROTH SAID SHE WOULD PREFER A MORE BALANCED APPROACH AND WELCOMED MORE CRITICISM ON
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GERMAN TREATMENT OF MINORITIES AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, AND REFUGEE AND ASYLUM POLICY.

6. (U) ROTH HAD NEVER HEARD OF THE DECEMBER 4 FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG ARTICLE WHICH STATED THAT THE "DISKEEPER" PROGRAM IN WINDOWS 2000 WAS DEVELOPED BY A FIRM OWNED BY A SCIENTOLOGIST AND RUN ACCORDING TO SCIENTOLOGY'S PRINCIPLES. SHE WAS UNPERTURBED BY THE SUGGESTION BY THOSE INTERVIEWED FOR THE ARTICLE (CABERTA FROM HAMBURG, FOR ONE) THAT SCIENTOLOGY COULD GAIN ACCESS TO SENSITIVE DATA THROUGH THE "DISKEEPER" PROGRAM.

7. (C) COMMENT: ROTH, LIKE MANY OF HER GREEN COLLEAGUES, IS OPPOSED TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SCIENTOLOGY AND ITS MEMBERS. SHE WANTS AN END TO "SCIENTOLOGY FILTERS" AND THE OBSERVATION OF SCIENTOLOGY, AS DOES BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENT ANTJE VOLLMER (GREENS). ROTH REMAINS OPEN TO MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SCIENTOLOGY. HOWEVER, HER NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE NEWS THAT MILLER MIGHT ACCOMPANY GILMAN ON HIS NEXT VISIT IS A CLEAR REMINDER THAT FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS OF THIS ISSUE REQUIRE SENSITIVITY. ROTH SEEMED TO VIEW MILLER WITH SOME SUSPICION AS A LAWYER/LOBBYIST FROM WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH JOERG HAIDER. WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AND REMAIN READY TO FACILITATE CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTOLOGY AND GERMAN OFFICIALS.
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1. (c) SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND: GERMAN PRESS REPORTING HAS
 RECENTLY FOCUSED ON THE SCIENTOLOGY AFFILIATION OF A
 MICROSOFT SUBCONTRACTOR TO ALLEGE THAT THE DISK DEFRAGMENTER
 INCLUDED IN WINDOWS 2000 SOFTWARE MIGHT INCLUDE A TROJAN
 HORSE PROGRAM THAT COULD COLLECT INFORMATION ON USERS AND
 FORWARD IT TO THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY, OR ALLOW SUCH
 INFORMATION TO BE EXTRACTED BY THE CHURCH. SINCE SCIENTOLOGY
 REMAINS UNDER OBSERVATION BY THE GERMAN OFFICE FOR THE
 PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION, THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE IN FACT
 RECEIVING CREDENCE. REPORTING ON THE ALLEGATIONS HAS TAKEN
 PLACE IN THE SERIOUS BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 PRESS, WITH THE ALLEGATION REPEATED BY VARIOUS CATHOLIC AND
 LUTHERAN REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR SECT ISSUES, AND BY
 LAENDER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MICROSOFT AND THE BSI (FEDERAL
 OFFICE FOR SECURITY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) HAVE ENTERED
 INTO NEGOTIATIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW BSI TO CERTIFY THE DISK
 DEFRAGMENTER PROGRAM. EMBASSY OFFICERS MET WITH OFFICIALS
 FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF
 ECONOMICS ON MARCH 7 TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN
 THESE PROCEEDINGS AND GAIN INFORMATION ON THE PROCESS OF
 CERTIFICATION. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY SAID THAT PUBLIC
 INTEREST AND INQUIRY HAD MOTIVATED IT TO INITIATE THE
 INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. (c) ECONOFF'S REQUEST FOR ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS

REGARDING GERMAN GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN REVIEWING WINDOWS 2000 RESULTED IN AN INTERAGENCY MEETING ON MARCH 8 THAT TOOK A WEEK TO ORGANIZE. THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND ECONOMICS MINISTRY WERE ALSO REPRESENTED IN THE MEETING CHAIRED BY DR. VAUBEL P/DAS IN THE BUREAU FOR DOMESTIC SECURITY OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY. BSI WAS NOT, THOUGH THEIR PROMISED ATTENDANCE HAD BEEN ONE REASON THE MEETING HAD BEEN POSTPONED. DR. VAUBEL REVIEWED THE BACKGROUND OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE TOWARD SCIENTOLOGY, SEVERAL TIMES EMPHASIZING THAT THE DECISION TO PUT SCIENTOLOGY UNDER OBSERVATION WAS MADE AT A POLITICAL RATHER THAN BUREAUCRATIC LEVEL. HE NOTED THAT HIS MINISTRY REGARDED SCIENTOLOGY NOT AS A RELIGION BUT RATHER AS A MONEY-MAKING ENTERPRISE. ALTHOUGH SCIENTOLOGY WAS SEEN AS POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS, IT HAD NOT TAKEN POLITICAL ACTIONS THAT HAQED GERMAN STRUCTURES. HE ADDED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION, DUE OUT IN APRIL, WOULD MENTION SCIENTOLOGY.

3. (C) ON THE SPECIFICS OF THE WINDOWS 2000 ISSUE, ANDRE REISEN OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, SAID THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAD INSTRUCTED THE BSI TO INVESTIGATE WINDOWS 2000. ACCORDING TO REISEN, NEWSGROUPS HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE SCIENTOLOGY ANTECEDENTS OF THE DISK DEFRAGMENTER PROGRAM AS EARLY AS 1998, AND THE INTERIOR MINISTRY AND BSI HAD RECEIVED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF ALLEGATIONS ON TROJAN HORSES IMBEDDED IN THE SOFTWARE BY LAENDER AND FEDERAL AGENCIES CONTEMPLATING PURCHASING THE SOFTWARE. REISEN SAID THE INTERIOR MINISTRY HAD THAN MADE THE DECISION TO ASK BSI TO INVESTIGATE IN RESPONSE TO THESE EXPRESSED CONCERNS AND THAT THE FIRST LETTER FROM BSI TO MICROSOFT WENT OUT AROUND YEAR-END 1998/99. (NOTE: THIS DATE IS MUCH EARLIER THAT WHAT WE WERE TOLD BY THE MICROSOFT GERMANY PRESS OFFICER.) REISEN EMPHASIZED THAT THE GERMAN AGENCIES WERE REACTING ONLY TO INFORMATION THAT WAS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

4. (C) MICROSOFT AND THE BSI ARE CURRENTLY STILL NEGOTIATING SOME FINAL POINTS. REISEN SAID THAT MICROSOFT HAD TOLD BSI THAT EXECUTIVE SOFTWARE HAD AGREED TO ALLOW BSI TO EXAMINE ITS SOURCE CODE. THE CURRENT PLAN IS THAT BSI EXPERTS TRAVEL TO THE U.S. FOR FIVE DAYS WHICH THEY BELIEVE IS SUFFICIENT IF THE PROGRAM IS OF THE SIZE DESCRIBED TO THEM. BOTH VAUBEL AND REISEN EMPHASIZED THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO FIND ANY TROJAN HORSE PROGRAMS. WINDOWS 2000 HAS ALREADY BEEN RUN THROUGH VARIOUS BLACK BOX ROUTINES THAT WOULD NORMALLY IDENTIFY THE PRESENCE OF SUCH VIRUSES. HOWEVER BSI WILL NOT CERTIFY THE PROGRAM UNLESS IT CAN COMPLETELY ITS EXAMINATION OF THE SOURCE CODE IN THE FIVE DAYS, OR WOULD ISSUE ONLY A LIMITED STATEMENT. IF BSI IS SATISFIED THAT THE PROGRAM IS SAFE, IT WILL SO STATE. WHETHER THIS STATEMENT WILL BE GIVEN ONLY TO GOVERNMENT USERS OR BE MADE PUBLIC IS ONE OF THE POINTS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH MICROSOFT. VAUBEL AND REISEN BELIEVED THAT THE LAENDER WOULD ACCEPT BSI CERTIFICATION AND WOULD THEN BE PREPARED TO PROCURE WINDOWS 2000 SOFTWARE. THEY NOTED THAT BAVARIA, (NOTE: WHICH TOGETHER WITH HAMBURG HAS BEEN MOST ACTIVE AGAINST SCIENTOLOGY) WAS A BETA USER OF WINDOWS 2000. ACCORDING TO

AMCONSUL MUNICH AND VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS, BAVARIAN OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO ACQUIRE WINDOWS 2000 IF IT IS CERTIFIED SAFE BY BSI. THE BSI TEAM IS LIKELY TO TRAVEL AT THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL AND ISSUE ITS DECISIONS IN LATE QIL.

5. (C) GERMAN INTERLOCUTORS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE
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U.S. REACTION. WHILE NOTING THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE METING WAS TO GAIN INFORMATION, POLOFF EMPHASIZED THE EXTENT OF U.S. INTEREST IN HOW SCIENTOLOGY WAS TREATED IN GERMANY, AND NOTED THAT SHORT MENTIN OF THE WINDOWS 2000 ISSUE HAD ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE 1999 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. ECONOF

NOTED THAT THE WTO CODE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMET COULD COME INTO PLAY; AND THAT THE USG HAD INTRESTS BROADER THAN THOSE OF SIMPLY RESOLVING MICOSSOFT'S IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. MR. WANKMUELLER OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY COMMENTED THAT HIS MINISTRY AD BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THE SECT FILTER LANGAGE TO EXCLUDE GERMAN FIRMS WITH OVERSEAS COMPONENS, ESPECIALLY US-GERMAN COMPANIES, FROM HAVING T PROVIDE ASSURANCES ON SCIENTOLOGY PARTICIPATION IN MNAGEMENT ON THE U.S. OR OVERSEAS SIDE. WANKUELLER SAID MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD BUT AGREEMENTAMONG THE LAENDER ON THIS ISSUE STILL HAD NOT BEN REACHED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT BAVARIA WAS ONE OF HE FEW LAENDER THAT APPLIED THE SECT FILTER TO SOTWARE PURCHASES. THE MEETING WAS LOW-KEY WITH AL PARTICIPANTS AWARE THAT THE ISSUE REMAINED TO E RESOLVED.

6. (C) IN A FEBRUARY 28 CONVERSATIO ECONFFF HELD WITH MICROSOFT GERMANY PRESS SPOKEMAN BAUMGARTNER, HE ASKED THAT NO ATTENTION BE DRWN TO THE ISSUE OF WHETHER BSI WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEE SOURCE CODE. BAUMGRTNER NOTED THAT SALES OF WINDOWS 2000 TO GERMAN GOVERNMENT USERS WOULD BE A MARKET IN THE HUNDRED OF MILLIONS AS WOULD THE CHURCH MARKET. MICROSOT THEREFORE HAD A CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN COOPEATING WITH BSI TO OBTAIN A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. REISEN OF INTERIOR LATE HIM AND EXPRESSED FEARS THAT EMBASSY WULD ATTEMPT TO INTERFERE WITH THE PROCESS.

7. (C) COMMENT: EXAGGERATED CONCERNS ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY ARE ALIVE AND WELL IN GERMANY, AS MUCH OF THE PRESS REPORTING ON THIS ISSUE INDICATES. WHILE THE DECISION TO HAVE BSI INVESTIGATE WINDOWS 2000 TO SOME EXTENT LEGITIMIZES THE ANTI-SCIENTOLOGISTS, THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE ALSO BELIEVED THAT DECISIONS BY LAENDER MINISTRIES NOT TO PROCURE WINDOWS 2000 BASED THE SCIENTOLOGY ANTECEDENTS OF ITS DISK DEFRAGMENTER WOULD HAVE HAD IMMEDIATE REPERCUSSIONS IN THE U.S. NEITHER BSI NOR THE INTERIOR MINISTRY BELIEVE THERE IS A SERIOUS REASON FOR THIS INVESTIGATION APART FROM THAT OF QUELLING DOMESTIC PRESSURE. HOWEVER, THE PRECEDENT SET BY THIS INVESTIGATION COULD HAVE WORRISOME IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER U.S. EXPORTERS. END COMMENT.

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 SUMMARY

1. ~~let~~ FRG INTERIOR MINISTER OTTO SCHILY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR JUNE 21 THAT HE WELCOMES ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO'S OFFER TO SET UP MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C. BETWEEN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION CENTER EXPERTS AND THEIR GERMAN COUNTERPARTS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION AND CYBERCRIMES. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL HOST A CONFERENCE THIS FALL ON THE U.S. NATIONAL PLAN FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION FOR WHICH IT ALSO SEEKS U.S. EXPERT PARTICIPATION. SCHILY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN SPRING 2001 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL LEGAL ISSUES WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. ON SCIENTOLOGY, THE AMBASSADOR STRESSED THE TROUBLING IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT GERMAN DECISION TO HAVE MICROSOFT WINDOWS 2000 REVIEWED FOR HIDDEN SUB-PROGRAMS AND STRONGLY URGED SCHILY TO DROP "FILTERS" SPECIFICALLY TARGETING THE RELIGIOUS GROUP. THE AMBASSADOR WARNED OF GROWING CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER GERMANY'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IN THIS AREA. SCHILY TOOK THE POINT, REPLYING THAT HE IS RELATIVELY RELAXED ABOUT THE ISSUE BUT THAT SOME STATE GOVERNMENTS (E.G.'S, BAVARIA, HAMBURG) ARE PUSHING FOR AN EVEN TOUGHER POLICY.

END SUMMARY

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2. (C) FRG INTERIOR MINISTER OTTO SCHILY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR JUNE 21 THAT HE WELCOMES ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO'S OFFER TO SET UP MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C. BETWEEN FBI AND NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION CENTER INTERNET SECURITY EXPERTS AND THEIR GERMAN COUNTERPARTS FROM THE BUNDESKRIMINALAMT (BKA-FEDERAL CRIMINAL OFFICE) AND THE BUNDESAMT FUER SICHERHEIT IN DER INFORMATIONSTECHNIK (BSI) -- GERMANY'S NSA EQUIVALENT. (THE DOJ OFFER RESPONDS TO A FEBRUARY 22 LETTER FROM SCHILY TO AG RENO (REFTEL A) PROPOSING INTENSIFIED COOPERATION.) SCHILY SAID THAT BOTH THE U.S. AND GERMANY FACE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN POLICING CYBERSPACE AND BOTH CAN PROFIT FROM INCREASED COOPERATION. REFERRING TO RECENT PARTICIPATION BY A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE U.S. CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSURANCE OFFICE IN AN INTERIOR MINISTRY-HOSTED CONFERENCE, THE MINISTER NOTED FRG PLANS TO HOST ANOTHER MEETING THIS FALL ON THE U.S. NATIONAL PLAN FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION. HE ASKED FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S HELP IN GETTING APPROPRIATE U.S. EXPERTS TO ATTEND THE EVENT.

3. (C) SCHILY SAID HE IS PLEASED BY THE RECENT U.S.-E.U. AGREEMENT ON DATA PRIVACY BUT THAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE SECURE. SCHILY SAID THAT THERE ARE BASICALLY THREE KINDS OF INTERNET ATTACKS. THE FIRST IS THE "LOVE BUG" SORT THAT ERASES DATA FROM A COMPUTERS (OR DENIES SERVICE). THE SECOND IS ATTACKS BY HACKERS WHO WANT TO SHOW THAT COMPUTER SECURITY SYSTEMS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED. THE THIRD IS BREAK-INS BY PEOPLE WHO WANT TO STEAL MONEY OR MANIPULATE ACCOUNTS. THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE THIRD, SINCE IT POSES THE GREATEST THREAT TO ELECTRONIC COMMERCE. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT EVEN COMPUTER-ENTHUSED AMERICAN CONSUMERS HAVE NOT ACCEPTED ELECTRONIC BANKING AS EXTENSIVELY AS EXPECTED DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS. HOWEVER, AMERICANS NOW WIDELY USE ON-LINE BROKERAGE SERVICES. SCHILY SAID THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR FINANCIAL MARKET TRANSACTIONS. HE ADDED THAT CORPORATE USE OF DERIVATIVES AND FINANCIAL HEDGING WAS BECOMING SO SOPHISTICATED THAT IT IS HARD FOR NONPROFESSIONALS TO UNDERSTAND LET ALONE POLICE.

4. (U) THE MINISTER REGRETTED THAT HE HAD NOT YET VISITED THE UNITED STATES DURING HIS TERM, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GO TO WASHINGTON DURING SPRING 2001 TO DISCUSS VARIOUS BILATERAL LEGAL AND INTERNET SECURITY ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR STATED IT IS A U.S. MISSION PRIORITY TO INCREASE U.S.-GERMAN COOPERATION IN THIS AREA AND CITED THE U.S. CONSULATE IN HAMBURG'S RECENT SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE ON INTERNET SECURITY WHICH ATTRACTED MORE THAN 50 CORPORATE PARTICIPANTS. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THE MISSION IS PREPARING A CD ROM WITH THE PROCEEDINGS AND HE WOULD PROVIDE A COPY TO SCHILY; AN OFFER THE MINISTER WELCOMED.

5. ~~(e)~~ THE AMBASSADOR TOLD THE MINISTER THAT THE FRG'S POLICIES TOWARD SCIENTOLOGY ARE EXTREMELY TROUBLING TO THE UNITED STATES. HE CRITICIZED THE FRG'S RECENT DECISION TO

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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER SEEKS ENHANCED U.S.-GERMAN INTERNET SECURITY COOPERATION

HAVE THE BSI REVIEW MICROSOFT WINDOWS 2000 FOR HIDDEN SUB-PROGRAMS, WHICH HAS TAKEN GERMANY'S ANTI-SCIENTOLOGY EFFORT INTO A NEW DIMENSION. THIS WAS AN EXAMPLE OF IRRATIONAL PARANOIA. THE AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THE MAY 1 USTR TITLE VII REPORT WHICH CITED THE USE OF "SECT FILTERS" AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF TRANS-ATLANTIC TRADE FRICTION AND URGED SCHILY TO DROP SECT FILTERS SPECIFICALLY TARGETING THE RELIGIOUS GROUP. THE AMBASSADOR WARNED OF GROWING U.S. AND CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN OVER GERMANY'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IN THIS AREA. HE ASKED THE MINISTER TO RECONSIDER GERMAN POLICY IN THIS AREA.

6. ~~(e)~~ SCHILY TOOK THE POINT, REPLYING THAT HE IS RELATIVELY RELAXED ABOUT SCIENTOLOGY BUT THAT SOME STATE GOVERNMENTS (E.G., BAVARIA, HAMBURG) ARE PUSHING FOR AN EVEN TOUGHER POLICY. HE SAID THAT A DEMOCRACY MUST BE ABLE TO TOLERATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF NON-TRADITIONAL THINKING. HOWEVER, GERMANY WITH ITS PARTICULAR HISTORY, HAS TO BE CAREFUL WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT MIGHT THREATEN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER. WHILE HE IS NOT NECESSARILY CONVINCED THAT SCIENTOLOGY POSES A THREAT TO THE STATE, THERE ARE MANY IN GERMANY WHO BELIEVE OTHERWISE. SCHILY PROMISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD TAKE U.S. VIEWS INTO CONSIDERATION.

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