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- 1. If it can be avoided without danger to our interests, our first order of business with new FRG govt should not be Tripartite demarche.
- 2. I would like further clarification before considering any change this position. We assumed from Bonn 6526 that there was firm assurance from President Gerstennsier via Carstens that he would under no circumstances allow counting Berlin votes with those of delegates from FedRep. Was this assurance specifically limited to question of vote on Chancellor or can we assume that it applies im general and that at most motion would be referred to committee allowing time for consideration here and consultation with Germans? We were under impression that your approach to Carstons and bis to Gerstemmaier had resulted in understanding that there would be no action without prior notice to and consultation with us.

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