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REF BERLINTEL 880 BONN 805.

SUBJ: VISITS TO EAST BERLIN.

DEPUTIES MET JAN 1 AND AGREED TO RECOMMEND FOL:

(1) WE COULD SEE NO RPT NO NEED FOR SUCH HASTE IN CONTINUING NEGOTS IN KORBER-WENDT CHANNEL AND SHOULD CONFIRM TO SENAT (HOPEFULLY BY 1800 HOURS JAN 1) THAT ALLIED VIEWS COULD NOT RPT NOT BE GIVEN BEFORE 0900 JAN 2. SENAT SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT ORIGINAL SCHEDULE SUGGESTED BY GOVMAYOR BRANDT TO COMMANDANTS DEC27 (I.E. ANNOUNCEMENT TO EAST ABOUT JAN.3 OF INTEREST IN CONTINUING NEGOTS FOLLOWED BY PAUSE IN ACTUAL NEGOTS UNTIL AT LEAST MID-JAN TO PERMIT ADEQUATE CONSULTATION) SEEMED REASONABLE TO US.

(2) ALLIES SHOULD COMMENCE URGENT CONSULTATIONS (PRESUMABLY INITIALLY AMONG THREE EMBASSIES AT BONN) TO DEFINE LIMITS BEYOND WHICH ALLIES CAN NOT RPT NOT PERMIT SENAT NEGOTS TO GO WITHOUT AFFECTING STATUS BERLIN AND ALLIED POSITION THERE. FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS OR ALONG WITH THEM SHOULD BE NECESSARY CONSULTATION WITH BONN GOVT EITHER THROUGH FONOFF OR AMBASSADORIAL GROUP WASH.

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(3) AT APPROPRIATE POINT IN ALLIED AND ALLIED/FEDREP CONSULTATIONS THERE SHOULD BE AK RPT AK DISCUSSIONS WITH SENAT TO ELICIT THEIR INTENTIONS, ESPECIALLY WHAT THEY ENVISAGE AS FALLBACK POSITIONS FROM PROPOSAL HANDED ALLIES DEC 31 (REFTEL), AND ULTIMATELY TO CONVEY OFFICIAL ALLIED VIEWS BEFORE NEGOTS COMMENCE.

IN COURSE OF MEETING FRENCH DEPUTY REPORTED ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOL INFO FURNISHED THEM BY ONE OF FIVE "TRUSTED PRESS REPS WHO MET PRIVATELY WITH BRANDT DEC 31. FRENCH REQUESTED THAT REPORT AND ITS SOURCE BE PROTECTED, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS FEDGOVT. BRANDT ALLEGEDLY REPORTED THAT (1) HE HAD SENT PERSONAL LETTER TO PRES JOHNSON DEC 28 CONVEYING HIS VIEWS ON CONTINUING NEGOTS WITH EAST; (2) HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT HAD AGREED THAT NEGOTS TO ALLEVIATE CONDITIONS IN BERLIN SHOULD CONTINUE, (3) ALLIED COMMANDANTS COULD NOT RPT NOT REFUSE TO AGREE WITH SENAT PROPOSALS TO BE PRESENTED TO EAST ESPECIALLY AS BERLIN POPULATION SUPPORTED BRANDT'S COURSE; (4) HE HAD CONSIDERED DIRECT TALKS WITH EAST BERLIN MAYOR EBERT BUT HAD REJECTED IDEA IN VIEW LATTER'S SED PARTY POSITION, (5) IF CDU RPT CDU AND OTHER GROUPS OPPOSING BRANDT'S COURSE CONTINUED SHARP CRITICISM HE WOULD ISSUE WHITE PAPER PRESENTING SPD RPT SPD SIDE; (6) HE MENTIONED POSSIBLE PROPOSAL RE WEST BERLIN VISITS TO EX-URBAN AREAS (SEE REFTEL). SENATE ENVISAGED GOING FROM THERE. FRENCH INDICATED THEY FELT SENAT HAD GONE FAR AS IT COULD IN TERMS OF SIGNING NEW PROTOCOLS AND REACHING NEW AGREEMENTS WITHOUT UNDERMINING ALLIED POSITION IN BERLIN. BRIT SEEMED TO FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO OPPOSE ANY PROPOSALS WHICH BONN GOVT AND SENAT WERE IN ACCORD ON, AND WE ALL AGREED THAT THERE WAS HIGHLY CONFLICTING INFORMATION AS TO REAL VIEWS OF BONN GOVT. I INDICATED AS MY IMPRESSION OF US RPT US GOVT VIEWS THAT WE FAVORED EFFORTS BY GERMANS TO AUELIORATE CONDITIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY DIVISION OF BERLIN, PROVIDED FED-REP AND SENAT WERE IN ACCORD ON THEM, BUT THAT I INFORMED MY COLLEAGUES THAT I HAD NO RPT NO INFO ABOUT ANY BRANDT LETTER TO PRESIDENT OR DETAILS ABOUT ANY DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLOR. WE AGREED MERELY TO FORWARD FRENCH REPORT FOR WHAT IT MIGHT BE WORTH. I HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT FULL ACCURACY OF REPORT AS REGARDS BRANDT'S VIEWS AND CONCEIVABLY IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PLANNED AS DELIBERATE PLANT FOR ALLIES HERE, BUT THIS IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE AT THIS STAGE.

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IN BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG DEPUTIES ON SUBSTANCE SENAT  
PROPOSAL WE AGREED THAT BY ITSELF IT WAS NOT RPT NOT OBJECTIONABLE,  
BUT KEY POINT WAS WHERE ALLIED POSITION IN BERLIN DERIVING  
FROM ORIGINAL FOUR-POWER OCCUPATION MUST BE PROTECTED IN PROCESS.

REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON WHICH TO BASE. TRIPARTITE REPLY TO SENAT.

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