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SUBJ: US-FRG NUCLEAR CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS

REF: STATE 196674

1. THE INSTRUCTION IN THE REFERENCED DEPTEL WAS CARRIED OUT TODAY WITH DUCKWITZ BY THE DCM, AFTER DUCKWITZ INDICATED HE HAD HEARD IN BRUSSELS ABOUT "SCHMIDT'S INDISCRETION". AFTER THE DCM MADE THE POINTS IN THE REFTEL, DUCKWITZ REPLIED THAT "UNFORTUNATELY" SCHMIDT DID HAVE IN MIND THE US-FRG BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS, NOT THE NPT PERIODIC REPORTS. DUCKWITZ SAID THAT HE MUCH REGRETTED THAT SCHMIDT HAD MADE THIS REFERENCE TO HEALEY AND THAT THE FRG DEFINITELY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE KEEPING THE ARRANGEMENT STRICTLY BILATERAL AND LIMITED TO A SMALL CONTROLLED NUMBER OF OFFICIALS IN THE US AND FRG ONLY. HE APOLOGIZED FOR THE MATTER ATTRIBUTING IT TO THE KIND OF PROBLEM WHICH INEVITABLY ARISES WHEN THERE IS A GOVERNMENT TRANSITION.

2. RE EMBTEL 15148, DUCKWITZ SAID THAT NO REAFFIRMATION OF THE ARRANGEMENT WAS REQUIRED. DESPITE THE CHANGE IN THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, WE COULD ASSUME THAT IT CONTINUED FULLY IN EFFECT AS FAR AS THE GERMAN SIDE GOES.
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