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A U.S. summary of a meeting between Bill Clinton and Helmut Kohl.

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THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S JANUARY 31, 1994 LUNCHEON MEETING WITH  
CHANCELLOR KOHL OF GERMANY FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL OF GERMAN

PARTICIPANTS:

THE PRESIDENT  
JENONNE WALKER, NSC STAFF NOTETAKER

HELMUT KOHL, CHANCELLOR  
JOACHIM BITTERLICH, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN FOR THE GERMAN  
FEDERAL CHANCELLERY

DATE, TIME' PLACE: JANUARY 31, 1994, 12:30-2:00 P.M.  
FILOMENA.S RESTAURANT WASHINGTON, D.C.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: I'VE BEEN TALKING TO LEE HAMILTON WHO IS  
SKEPTICAL ABOUT HELPING RUSSIA. I TOLD HIM SKEPTICISM IS

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UNDERSTANDABLE BUT WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?

THE PRESIDENT: HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE BUT VERY SKEPTICAL ON RUSSIAN AID. I THINK THAT THE REACTION WE ARE NOW SEEING IN RUSSIA IS A NATURAL THING IN POLITICS; THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN THROUGH A TIGHT TIME AND WE IN THE WEST WERE NOT WILLING TO DO THE NECESSARY THINGS. IF WE ACT LIKE WE ARE ABOVE THEM, NOT WILLING TO GET INVOLVED UNTIL THEY DO EVERYTHING JUST AS WE WANT, WE WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO WITHDRAW MORE.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: YOUR TRIP THERE WAS A BIG SUCCESS. PEOPLE IN THE WEST HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DIMENSION. YELTSIN HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU AND I ARE THE ONLY ONES TRYING TO HELP. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU ARE  
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SERIOUS. YELTSIN IS VERY SENSITIVE, EVEN SOFT. WHAT YOU ACHIEVED WAS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE YOU MADE CLEAR THAT YOU TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY. SO YOUR VISIT WAS A BIG SUCCESS. YOU DID MANY THINGS TO GIVE HIM A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST.

GERMANY BECOMES PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON JULY 1. AFTER THAT COMES THE G-7 SUMMIT. SO WE SHOULD PREPARE A NUMBER OF THINGS FOR THAT. OUR PEOPLE COULD MEET TO DO THE PREPARATION. NATURALLY WE SHOULD BE DISCRETE SO WE WON'T AROUSE JEALOUSIES. WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING CONCRETE AT THE G-7 SUMMIT; BY THEN WE WILL HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN RUSSIAN AND UKRAINE. IF YOU AGREE, OUR PEOPLE CAN START QUICKLY.

THE PRESIDENT: YES. WE NEED A CLEAR AGENDA. AS THE TOKYO G-7 SUMMIT DEMONSTRATED, WHEN WE MEET AND DO SOMETHING IT INCREASES CONFIDENCE. BUT WHEN WE MEET AND DON'T DO ANYTHING CONCRETE, IT HURTS CONFIDENCE.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: YELTSIN NOW HAS TWO YEARS IN WHICH HE CAN ACCOMPLISH THINGS -- UNTIL PARLIAMENT'S RE-ELECTION SUPPOSING THINGS RUN THEIR NORMAL COURSE. WE MUST SEE TO IT THAT THE TWO YEARS ARE WELL USED.

THE PRESIDENT: ONE THING I HAD NOT THOUGHT OF BEFORE IS THAT SOMETIMES WESTERNERS TALK TO RUSSIANS ABOUT REFORM AS IF IT WERE SOME MONOLITHIC ONE-TIME THING IN WHICH EVERY MOVE WAS SELF-EVIDENT AND THE SAME STRATEGY WORKED EVERY TIME EVERYWHERE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE BIG ELEMENTS TO RUSSIAN REFORM. THE FIRST IS

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FINANCIAL AND MONETARY POLICY -- HOW MUCH MONEY IS  
PRINTED, WHAT THE RATE OF INFLATION IS. RUSSIA WILL NOT  
DO WELL ON THAT FOR A WHILE. THE SECOND IS  
PRIVATIZATION. THEY HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER FORMER  
COMMUNIST ECONOMY, EVEN THE CZECHS, AND HAVEN'T GOT MUCH  
CREDIT FOR IT.

THE THIRD IS LEGAL AND MARKET MECHANISMS TO LET REFORMS  
HELP ORDINARY CITIZENS. WE CAN HELP ON THAT, EVEN WITH  
THE CURRENT PARLIAMENT. THE CZECHS ARE BEHIND ON  
PRIVATIZATION BUT WAY AHEAD ON LAWS OF PROPERTY,  
CONTRACTS, OTHER LEGAL ASPECTS OF MARKET ECONOMIES. WE  
CAN GO TO CHERNOMYRDIN AND SAY, "OK, YOU WANT MORE  
GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES BUT YOU STILL HAVE A BIG INTEREST  
IN JOINT VENTURES EVEN FOR STATE ENTERPRISES AND YOU NEED  
DIFFERENT LAWS TO ATTRACT WESTERN PARTNERS." THEY ALSO  
LACK SECONDARY FINANCIAL MARKETS. PERHAPS WE NEED TO  
FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN SELL THE MODERATE REFORMERS ON  
FOCUSING ON THIS THIRD AREA. IF THEY MAKE PROGRESS AND  
GET MORE FOREIGN INVESTMENT, THEY WOULD THEN HAVE THE  
POLITICAL CONFIDENCE TO WORK ON THE FIRST AND SECOND AREAS.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: WE USE WESTERN TERMS THAT ARE NOT VERY  
MEANINGFUL IN RUSSIA. WHAT THEY NEED NOW ARE A THOUSAND  
SMALL STEPS THAT LEAD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

IN 1948 AND 1949 AT THE TIME OF GERMANY'S CURRENCY REFORM  
AND CONVERSION TO A MARKET ECONOMY WE HAD ENORMOUS  
PROBLEMS. THE DEUTSCHE MARK COLLAPSED. PRICES SHOT UP  
BECAUSE THERE WERE TOO FEW GOODS ON THE MARKET, ESPECIALLY  
CLOTHES. IN 1949 LUDWIG ERHARD THREW CHEAP CLOTHES ON THE  
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MARKET FOR ONE YEAR TO PUSH PRICES DOWN. NOW YOU DO NOT  
READ ABOUT THAT IN MILTON FREEDMAN OR FOR THAT MATTER  
MARGARET THATCHER. BUT ERHARD DID IT BECAUSE HE BELIEVED  
IN A SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY. NOT PURE CAPITALISM. SO WE  
SHOULD GET OUR PEOPLE TOGETHER IMMEDIATELY TO PREPARE FOR  
THE G-7 MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT: ABSOLUTELY. YELTSIN WROTE ME LAST WEEK  
LOOKING FOR ASSURANCES ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. IT IS  
IMPORTANT THAT WE COME UP WITH A CONSTRUCTIVE, CONCRETE  
STRATEGY.

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF UKRAINE?

CHANCELLOR KOHL: I TOLD YELTSIN THAT EVEN ANY SUSPICION  
THAT RUSSIA WANTED TO ANNEX UKRAINE WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC.

THE PRESIDENT: BUT MANY THINK THAT UKRAINE WILL BREAK UP FROM WITHIN. THE ELECTIONS IN CRIMEA COULD POINT IN THAT DIRECTION. HOWEVER, I AM SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED THAT THEIR PARLIAMENT MAY APPROVE THE NUCLEAR DEAL.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: I AGREE. WE MUST TELL PEOPLE THAT WE WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR SOVEREIGNTY; THAT WE WILL NOT FORGET THEM BECAUSE OF THE LINKS WE ARE DEVELOPING WITH RUSSIA.

TH PRESIDENT: IF UKRAINE COLLAPSES, BECAUSE OF RUSSIAN INFLUENCE OR BECAUSE OF MILITANT NATIONALISTS WITHIN UKRAINE OR ANY OTHER REASON, IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE WHOLE THEORY OF NATO'S PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE. UKRAINE IS THE  
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LINCHPIN OF THE WHOLE IDEA. UKRAINE HAS SO MANY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT THE IFIS DO NOT WANT TO DO MUCH. BUT WHAT HAPPENS THERE IS VERY IMPORTANT. ONE REASON WHY ALL THE FORMER WARSAW FACT STATES WERE WILLING TO SUPPORT THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE WAS BECAUSE THEY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WE WERE SAYING ABOUT UKRAINE. IF IT GOES WRONG WE WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE FROM BOTH SIDES, ANOTHER SORT OF STANDOFF.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: I AGREE. WE WANT PEOPLE TO FOCUS NOT ONLY ON RUSSIA BUT ALSO ON UKRAINE.

WHAT CHANCES DO YOU SEE FOR THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA?

THE PRESIDENT: I WAS JUST GOING TO ASK YOU THAT.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: FIRST, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING TO PREVENT THE MUSLIMS' BEING PUSHED INTO A CORNER. THERE ARE 800 MILLION MUSLIMS IN THE WORLD. ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM IS AN IMPORTANT PHENOMENON AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN BOSNIA CAN COST US A HEAVY PRICE. THIS IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND DOWNING STREET AND IN PART SURPRISINGLY TO ME, WITH PARIS BECAUSE I EXPECTED FRANCE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE OF ALGERIA JUST ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN. I HAVE NO ILLUSION ABOUT THE PURITY OF ANY OF THE PARTIES. IT WAS DIFFERENT IN THE BEGINNING. NOW THE CROATS AND MUSLIMS ARE JUST AS BRUTAL BUT THEY ARE REACTING TO WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO.

SHOULD WE MAKE A LAST DITCH EFFORT? THERE IS AT LEAST A LITTLE PROGRESS IN WHAT THEY HAVE AGREED SO FAR. THE MUSLIMS GOT A LITTLE OF WHAT THEY ASKED. BUT OBVIOUSLY NOT  
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ENOUGH. SO SHOULD WE TRY TO COME TO A SETTLEMENT AT LEAST BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND CROATS? AS YOU, I WOULD OBJECT STRONGLY TO UNILATERAL PRESSURE ON THE MUSLIMS.

I HAVE A BAD CONSCIENCE ABOUT THE ARMS EMBARGO. IT WAS NOT A MORAL DECISION. WE ARE NOT DEFENDING THE MUSLIMS BUT REFUSE THEM THE MEANS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. NOW THEY ARE GETTING MORE ARMS.

I WONDER WHETHER IT IS WORTH THE EFFORT TO HAVE A DISCRETE, LOW PROFILE WAY, BUT ONLY IF AMERICA WILL PARTICIPATE -- THE U.S., UK, FRANCE, GERMANY, MAYBE THE CANADIANS, SPANIARDS AND DUTCH TOO BECAUSE THEY HAVE TROOPS THERE -- TO HAVE A MEETING OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS. THEY COULD WORK TO PREPARE AN INITIATIVE, PREPARE THE GROUND FOR SOME SORT OF INITIATIVE AND WE WOULD STEP IN WITH ALL OUR AUTHORITY IN THE END BUT ONLY IF WE SEE A CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

WE WOULD TELL ALL THE PARTIES " LET US RUN THROUGH ALL THE POINTS AT ISSUE; ON THIS, ON THIS AND THAT POINT THERE IS AGREEMENT; NOW WE NEED TO WORK ON SARAJEVO, MOSTAR, CENTRAL BOSNIA, ACCESS TO THE SEA, ETC."

THE PEOPLE NOW NEGOTIATING DO NOT REALLY HAVE AUTHORITY. WE WOULD NEED TO CONTACT THOSE WHO COULD REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THOSE WHO WOULD NEGOTIATE IN SUCH A NEW FRAMEWORK WOULD KNOW THEY HAD THE AUTHORITY OF THEIR BOSSES AND IF THERE WERE A CHANCE OF AN OUTCOME THEIR BOSSES WOULD STEP IN.

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THE BEST WOULD BE TO HAVE RUSSIA INVOLVED BUT I DOUBT THAT IS POSSIBLE AT THIS MOMENT. THAT IS NOT A QUESTION THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER RIGHT AWAY.

WE WOULD NEED TO BE VERY LOW KEY AND DISCRETE.

THE PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN THINKING A LITTLE BIT IN THE SAME WAY. I FEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE COULD END UP IN THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS BECAUSE THE MUSLIMS GOT ARMS ELSEWHERE. NOW THAT THEY ARE HAVING VICTORIES ON THE GROUND THEY MAY NOT FEEL THE SAME PRESSURE TO SETTLE AND DO NOT OWE US AS MUCH AS THEY MIGHT BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING WEAPONS DESPITE THE ARMS EMBARGO.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: BUT IF THE SERBS MAKE AN ALL OUT EFFORT THE MUSLIMS WOULD NOT HAVE A CHANCE.

THE PRESIDENT: EXACTLY THE POINT I WAS GOING TO MAKE. SO

IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS GAME THEY ARE PLAYING. MEANWHILE, BECAUSE OF A SENSE OF COMMON IDENTITY OF MUSLIMS AROUND

THE WORLD, THERE ARE IMPLICATIONS FOR EGYPT, ALGERIA. THE U.S. POSITION WITH TURKEY, PAKISTAN, AND OF COURSE ALL THE THINGS HAPPENING IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: I EMPHATICALLY AGREE. YOU ONLY HAVE TO READ THE TEXTBOOKS NOW BEING USED IN TURKISH SCHOOLS. IN 1900 A BRITISH DIPLOMAT CALLED TURKEY THE "SICK MAN OF EUROPE." WITHIN SIX YEARS THERE WILL BE 70 MILLION TURKS, AND A VERY YOUNG POPULATION. PEOPLE IN SERBIA ARE CRAZY NOT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THAT. AND THE GREEK LOBBYISTS IN  
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THE U.S. CONGRESS CONGRESS ARE BLIND TO THAT TOO. PAPANDREOU ONLY KEEPS POWER BY TAKING A NATIONALIST LINE. NOW HE WANTS TO BECOME PRESIDENT. THE TURKS ARE ARROGANT. I KNOW THAT PRIME MINISTER CILLER WAS HERE. SHE IS VERY TOUGH. I TOOK BALLADUR TO MY HOME TOWN EIGHT DAYS AGO. I SAID TO HIM, "JUST REMEMBER ALGERIA AND THE CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE SPILLOVER OF ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM; AT LEAST 2-3 MILLION FRANCO-ALGERIANS WOULD COME TO FRANCE." THE SITUATION IN EGYPT IS ALSO VERY DANGEROUS. SO WHATEVER WE DO WE MUST SEE THE POINT OF THE MUSLIMS.

THE PRESIDENT: I WILL TALK TO OUR PEOPLE ABOUT IT AND GET BACK TO YOU. THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT FROM A YEAR AGO, BECAUSE THE MUSLIMS FEEL OPTIMISTIC. BUT LIKE YOU, I THINK THIS IS FALSE OPTIMISM.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: IN THIS WAR, NO ONE NEEDS STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT IF THE OTHER SIDE DOES NOT HAVE IT. THE SERBS HAVE EVERYTHING THEY NEED AND THEY ARE FANATICS.

SO I APPRECIATE YOUR GETTING BACK TO ME AFTER YOU HAVE TALKED TO YOUR PEOPLE. AND WE MUST KEEP IT DISCRETE.

THE PROBLEM, FRANKLY, WITH PARIS IS DUE TO THE POLITICAL QUESTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

AND THEN WE WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT BRINGING RUSSIA TO A POSITIVE ROLE. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT. IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHAT YELTSIN WANTS BUT WHAT WILL BE POSSIBLE.

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THE PRESIDENT: YES AND MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THAN A FEW MONTHS AGO.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: IT IS IMPORTANT IN A LOW KEY WAY TO INDICATE OUR SYMPATHY FOR THE MUSLIMS' POSITION.

THE PRESIDENT: I AGREE, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO MAKE A DEAL IF IT IS THE RIGHT KIND.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: IT WILL ONLY WORK IF THE U.S. IS ENGAGED. THE AMERICANS AND THE GERMAN ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE THEY TRUST. THEY THINK THAT THE BRITISH AND FRENCH ARE IN THE SERB CAMP.

THE PRESIDENT: I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY THINK THAT.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: TWO YEARS AGO I WAS ATTACKED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR SAYING WE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THE YUGOSLAV REPUBLICS. I KNEW THAT THE OLD ORDER COULD NOT HOLD. AND SOME POSITIVE THINGS HAVE DEVELOPED; LOOK AT SLOVENIA. SO LET'S LOOK AT THIS IDEA AND, WHO KNOWS...ONCE WE KNOW WHAT WE WANT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO SELL THE IDEA TO YELTSIN. HE DOES NOT HAVE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE, JUST GO ALONG AND BE NEUTRAL.

MAY I ASK ABOUT YOUR MEETING WITH ASAD?

THE PRESIDENT: ON A PERSONAL LEVEL I THINK WE GOT ON WELL AND THINK HE BELIEVES I AM COMMITTED TO SEEING THE PEACE PROCESS THROUGH. I HOPE HE ALSO IS CONVINCED THAT RABIN  
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IS COMMITTED TO SEEING IT THROUGH. I THINK HIS SON DYING MAY MAKE HIM EVEN MORE DETERMINED TO MAKE PEACE BECAUSE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO THE SUCCESSOR WILL BE.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: SHOULD WE INVITE HIM TO GERMANY?

THE PRESIDENT: IT COULD NOT HURT ANYTHING FOR YOU TO BE TALKING TO HIM. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT AND I WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

HERE'S THE TRICK. RABIN HAS A DIFFICULT SITUATION IN THE KNESSET BECAUSE THE BASIS OF HIS MAJORITY WAS A RELIGIOUS PARTY THAT WITHDREW FROM THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF SOME PEOPLE BEING KICKED OUT OF THE CABINET FOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES. THEY HAVE NOT GONE AGAINST THE COALITION, BUT ARE JUST HANGING OUT THERE. THEY HAVE CREATED A KIND OF PURGATORY FOR RABIN. HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW FAR HE CAN GO.

BECAUSE WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS WITH THE PLO AND ASAD

HAS BEEN HELPFUL SINCE GENEVA, MAYBE SOMETHING COULD BE ACHIEVED BY YOUR TALKING TO HIM. LET ME THINK ABOUT IT. THE ISRAELIS WANT TO SEE THAT ASAD IS COMMITTED TO THE SAME SORT OF NORMAL RELATIONS THAT SADAT WAS. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK RABIN ABOUT AN INVITATION TO ASAD.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: WHEN WE LAST TALKED I HAD THE FEELING THAT HE WOULD BE WELL DISPOSED.

THE PRESIDENT: WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT HOW TO GET THE PARTNERSHIP FOR PEACE OFF TO A GOOD START AND ESPECIALLY TO ASSURE THE POLES. WE SHOULD DO SOME EXERCISES THIS  
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YEAR, PERHAPS ONE IN POLAND AND ONE IN GERMANY, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT POSITION THAT PUTS YOU IN THE CAMPAIGN.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: THE WOUND THAT STILL BLEEDS IS THE ODER-NEISSE FOR GERMANS WHO LIVED THERE. IT IS HEALING NOW AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE POLES GROW CLOSER TO EUROPE, IT HELPS.

DURING THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION I PLAN TO RAISE MEMBERSHIP FOR CENTRAL EUROPEANS. I HOPE THAT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY WE WILL HAVE COMPLETED NEGOTIATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF AUSTRIA, FINLAND SWEDEN, AND NORWAY. THEN IN THE AUTUMN WE CAN BEGIN DISCUSSING THE LONG TERM FUTURE OF THE UNION.

NOT ALL THE EAST EUROPEANS STATES WILL BECOME MEMBERS; WE REALLY ARE TALKING ABOUT MITTELEUROPA. FOR SOME TIME I HAVE TOYED WITH THE IDEA THAT ONCE AUSTRIA, SWEDEN, FINLAND, AND NORWAY ARE IN, WE SHOULD TAKE A BREAK BUT USE THE BREAK TO REFLECT ON HOW WE WANT THE EUROPEAN UNION TO LOOK IN THE END. WHO KNOWS, MAYBE MUCH LATER THE BALTICS WILL JOIN. BUT THAT I WOULD SEE AS THE END.

THE CZECHS WILL BE MUCH MORE RAPID. IN 1995-6 WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAY "WE WANT YOU TO COME IF YOU CREATE THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS." AND UNTIL THEY DO MEET THE CONDITIONS. WE SHOULD MAKE OFFERS THAT SHOW WILLINGNESS. I HAVE THOUGHT OF SUGGESTING THAT THEY HAVE OBSERVER STATUS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. MOREOVER, ONCE A YEAR THE EU SUMMIT COULD MEET FOR ONE DAY LONGER THAN USUAL AND INCLUDE THE CENTRAL EUROPEANS.  
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THE PRESIDENT: YES, I LIKE THAT.

I NEED TO RAISE, BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THE CASE OF HOLOCAUST VICTIM HUGO PRINCZ. I UNDERSTAND THAT HE CAN SETTLE THROUGH THE JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE BUT THAT A SPECIAL SETTLEMENT FOR HIM WOULD BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT WOULD PREJUDICE OTHER CASES.

MR. BITTERLICH: HE COULD GET A SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE BUT NOT IN THE AMOUNT HE IS

ASKING THROUGH AN AMERICAN COURT.

CHANCELLOR KOHL: HE HAS CLEVER LAWYERS WHO DO NOT WANT TO USE THE JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE. IF WE ALLOWED HIM TO APPROACH THE FRG IT WOULD HAVE INCREDIBLE CONSEQUENCES. AT THE END OF 1993 WE HAD EARMARKED 100 BILLION DEUTSCHE MARKS FOR THESE CLAIMS. WE CANNOT ALWAYS EARMARK ADDITIONAL FUNDS. HE MUST APPROACH THE JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE.

ONE REQUEST I HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BEAR IN MIND. WE NEED TO CONCLUDE A CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT. THE PROBLEM IS A DISPUTE AMONG AMERICAN CARRIERS IS HOLDING IT UP.

THE PRESIDENT: I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE STATUS OF THIS IN PARTICULAR. I WILL LOOK INTO IT. CHRISTOPHER

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