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FBIS 64

BRANDT SENDS LETTER TO NIXON ON U.S.-FRG RELATIONS

L301037 HAMBURG DPA IN GERMAN 0921 GMT 30 OCT 73 L

(TEXT) BONN--FEDERAL CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT HAS SENT A LETTER TO U.S. PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON, THUS TAKING A DIRECT HAND IN EFFORTS TO CLEAR UP RECENT TENSION IN GERMAN-U.S. RELATIONS. DPA LEARNED THIS IN BONN TODAY. NO DETAILS OF THE LETTER HAVE BEEN DIVULGED.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN HIS LETTER, BRANDT DESCRIBED BONN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CONTROVERSY WHICH WAS TRIGGERED BY U.S. ARMS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL FROM FRG TERRITORY. THE CHANCELLOR HAS PROBABLY MADE CLEAR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN SETTLING THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. BRANDT IS CURRENTLY ON A SHORT HOLIDAY IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.

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MORE DETAILS ON BRANDT LETTER TO NIXON

L301329 HAMBURG DPA IN GERMAN 1109 GMT 30 OCT 73 L

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DPA HAS LEARNED FROM DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN BONN THAT IN HIS LETTER TO NIXON, DISPATCHED A FEW DAYS AGO, THE CHANCELLOR STRESSED THAT THE COHESION AND SOLIDARITY OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE IS THE SUPREME PRINCIPLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

THE TENSIONS CAUSED BY U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL FROM GERMAN TERRITORY WERE ALSO THE SUBJECT TODAY OF TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, WALTER J. STOESSEL; FOREIGN MINISTER WALTER SCHEEL; AND HIS STATE SECRETARY PAUL FRANK. EARLIER, STOESSEL HAD MET CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY CHAIRMAN, KARL CARSTENS. ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN OF THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, IN HIS TALK WITH STOESSEL, CARSTENS EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NOT FOUND A SINGLE WORD OF APPRECIATION FOR THE U.S. ROLE IN RESTORING THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THAT IT HAD VOICED ITS CRITICISM IN THE FULL GLARE OF PUBLICITY.

IN HIS LETTER TO NIXON, WHICH INFORMED CIRCLES BELIEVE IS PART OF A CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THE CHANCELLOR PLEADED FOR A DEEPENING AND STRENGTHENING OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE AND UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR GOOD COMMUNICATIONS. BRANDT WROTE THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE LETTER FROM HIS FRENCH HOLIDAY RESORT.

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