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COUNTRY	FRANCE	REPORT NO.	TDCS DB-3/654,037
SUBJECT	DIFFERENCES OF DE GAULLE TO PATCH UP HIS DIFFERENCES WITH THE WESTERN ALLIANCE	DATE DISTR.	4 APRIL 1963
DATE OF INFO.	EARLY APRIL 1963	PRECEDENCE	ROUTINE
PLACE & DATE ACQ.	(4 APRIL 1963)	REFERENCES	IN 10537
APPRAISAL	(IT IS PROBABLY TRUE THAT DE GAULLE MADE THESE STATEMENTS)	FIELD REPORT NO.	NONE
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STATE: ATTN MR HILLSMAN; ACSI PASS TO GENERAL FITCH; NAVY PASS TO ADMIRAL LOWRANCE; AFCIN PASS TO GENERAL BREITWEISER; JCS PASS TO GENERAL COLLINS; TO DIA: ATTN GENERAL CARROLL; NSA PASS TO GENERAL BLAKE

DE GAULLE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD TO ACT DRAMATICALLY IN JANUARY BECAUSE HE HAD POLITICAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE COMMON MARKET AND ABOUT NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS WHICH DID NOT FIT IN WITH HIS DESIGN FOR EUROPE. HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED LEST A FUTURE LABOR PARTY GOVERNMENT IN GREAT BRITAIN UNDER HAROLD WILSON WOULD WRECK THE COMMON MARKET FROM INSIDE. IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET COULD GO AHEAD ON A SIX-NATION BASIS AND TO POSTPONE THE ENTRY OF BRITAIN.

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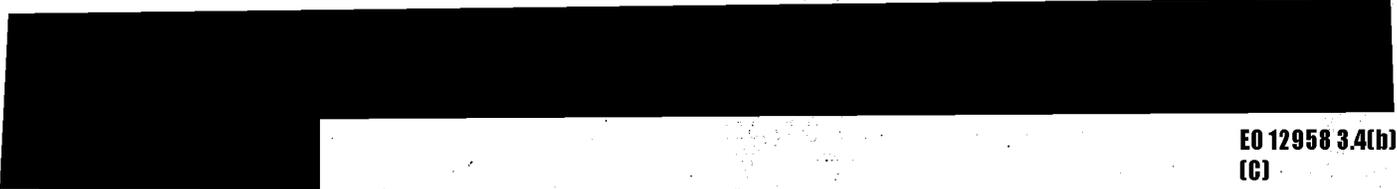
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2. DE GAULLE ADMITTED THAT THE POSITIONS THAT HE HAD TAKEN IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY HAD CAUSED A CERTAIN DISARRAY OR EVEN DISLOCATION WITHIN THE WESTERN ALLIANCE, BUT HAVING ACCOMPLISHED HIS LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES, HE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS TIME NOT ONLY TO PATCH UP THE DIFFERENCES, BUT TO RESTORE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS WORKING SMOOTHLY.

3. DE GAULLE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING AMERICAN REACTION TO THE GAULLIST POSITIONS. DE GAULLE SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND CONGRESS HAD ACTED WITH GREAT DISCRETION AND RESTRAINT, AND THAT THE EXCITED REACTION STEMMED FROM JOURNALISTIC COMMENT.

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 ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT CONFIRM IT PRECISELY THAT CERTAIN PERSONS IN OR NEAR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD TALKED TOO MUCH AND TOO VEHEMENTLY ABOUT RECENT EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS; THEY MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT THEIR WORDS ARE PICKED UP IN DIPLOMATIC AND JOURNALISTIC CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON AND REPORTED BACK TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. DE GAULLE WAS INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT A MAJOR INTEREST OF AMERICAN LECTURE AUDIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNS THE IMAGE ABROAD OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION.)

4. ALTHOUGH DE GAULLE APPEARED TO WANT TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS ON NATO AND NUCLEAR MATTERS WITH THE UNITED STATES, HE MADE NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS. THE QUAI D'ORSAY, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY MADE THE POINT THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BRING PRESIDENT

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DE GAULLE AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY TOGETHER, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES OF PROTOCOL IN THE WAY. ONE OF THESE WAS THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS ALREADY VISITED FRANCE AND IT WAS PRESUMABLY DE GAULLE'S TURN TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. THIS LED TO THE PROBLEM OF HOW INITIATIVES WOULD BE TAKEN AND HOW THEY WOULD BE RECEIVED, ETC.

5. DE GAULLE INDICATED INTEREST IN AUSTRIAN AND DANUBIAN PROBLEMS. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET UNION FACES GREAT PROBLEMS AT THE MOMENT, BOTH INTERNALLY AND FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS. THEREFORE, HE FEELS AUSTRIA MUST NOT JOIN THE COMMON MARKET NOR BECOME DEEPLY COMMITTED TO WESTERN EUROPE, SO THAT IT CAN BE A BRIDGE TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, AND POLAND, IN CASE THERE SHOULD BE ANY ALTERATION IN THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN BLOC.

6. DE GAULLE DID NOT DISCUSS FRENCH NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENTS, NOR ANY SPECIFIC NUCLEAR SUBJECTS OUTSIDE THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE ALLIANCE.

7. FIELD DISSEM: NONE.

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