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Dr. Heinz Starke, FDP member of the Bundestag from Bayreuth, told some members of the FDP Bundestag Fraktion the following regarding a conversation with Ludwig Erhard: Erhard stated that he would very much welcome the creation of a CDU/FDP coalition; the FDP could be very useful to him as a counterweight to the left wing of the CDU.

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