

TO TAKE HAND WITH SENAT DESPITE OR GINAL AGREEMENT THAT MINISTRY WOULD HANDLE. UNLESS REHLINGER ADVISES SITUATION UNDER CONTROL PLAN SEE SIEGLERSCHMIDT AND IF NECESSARY LIPSCHITZ (19 OR 20 FEBRUARY) DEPENDING AVAILABILITY.

A. REHLINGER AFTERNOON 18 FEBRUARY ADVISED THAT LIPSCHITZ WANTS MAKE DTLINEN TERMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT (PRESUMABLY FOR PUBLICATION) AT HIS REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING 24 FEBRUARY OR, ALTERNATELY, PLAY SENIOR PARTNER ROLE AT CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND BRIEFING OF TYPE KUBARK AGREED TO WITH MINISTRY AFTERNOON 24 FEBRUARY. REHLINGER AWARE THAT EVEN LATTER ALTERNATIVE UNDESTRABLE SINCE AS MAIN ACTOR LIPSCHITZ APT RUN ALL OVER LOT INCLUDING POSSIBLE MENTION AMERICANS. REHLINGER SAID THAT GEFAELLER (WHO PRESENT FOR PART OF OUR DISCUSSION AND OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY) HOPED STRAIGHTEN OUT MATTER AT DEPUTY MAYOR AMREHN LEVEL. (HOW IT EVER GOT TO THIS LEVEL IS BEYOND US. HAS RING OF BERLIN SPD CDU SUMMIT MEETING IN ABSENCE BOTH PARTY Minery or CHIEFS.) REHLINGER THOUGHT PROBABLY BEST GIVE MINISTRY CHANCE STRAIGHTEN MESS OUT BEFORE WE INTERCEDED WITH SENAT BUT AGREED ACTION OUR PART MIGHT BECOME NECESSARY.

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- B. EARLY EVENING 18 FEBRUARY WE INFORMED BY MULLER OF USBER THAT AMREHN SEEING HIM MORNING 19 FEB IN ORDER CONFIRM GEFAELLER STATEMENT THAT AMERICANS WOULD BE OPPOSED LIPSCHITZ PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME. MULLER WILL CONFIRM.
- 2. NOT CLEAR WHETHER SITUATION RESULT POOR SENAT BRIEFING BY KELL (WHO NOW ON LEAVE), ATTEMPT BY LIPSCHITZ RUN AWAY WITH BALL, OR COMBINATION OF BOTH. FEEL WE CAN CONTAIN MATTER ONE WAY OR OTHER BUT REQUEST _____ CONFIDENTIALLY BRIEF DELLINGSHAUSEN ON ABOVE (MINISTRY PEOPLE HERE NOT AWARE WE REPORTING MATTER AND HOPE THEY CAN STRAIGHTEN OUT BEFORE COMES BONN ATTENTION) AND SUGGEST DELLINGSHAUSEN KEEP FINGER ON SITUATION BY COMMUNICATING BERLIN WITHOUT REFERENCE OUR INFORMATION "JUST TO CHECK THAT BRIEFING ARRANGEMENTS ALL IN ORDER."
- 3. REHLINGER, WHO COMPLETELY CLEAR ON MINISTRY ORIGINAL AGREEMENT WITH US, FURTHER DISTRESSED BY NEW THEDIECK MESSAGE (SEE ALSO BRLN 2226 /IN 24252/) THAT PRESS SHOULD BE GIVEN RELATIVELY STRONG ARM TREATMENT TO SAY NOTHING WHATSOEVER DURING PERIOD OF DTLINEN CLOSEUP. WE AGREED REHLINGER APPREHENSION MAJOR BACKFIRE PROSPECTS SUCH MUZZLING ATTEMPT. REHLINGER SAID LIPSCHITZ ALSO STRONGLY OPPOSES. WOULD HELP IF

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THEDIECK STIRRING SOUP TOO MUCH AND COMPLICATING ATTEMPTS HIS BERLIN PEOPLE
REACH SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT WITH SENAT. ALSO BOB NOT PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE
TWO SUCCESSIVE UNILATERAL MINISTRY DEPARTURES FROM ORIGINAL AGREEMENT.

4. IF NO FURTHER BOB MESSAGES YOU MAY ASSUME MATTER BACK ON TRACK.

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