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MY TELNO 230 (NOT TO ALL): DENMARK/INF

SUMMARY

1. I ATTENDED THE FOLKETING DEBATE ON 3 NOVEMBER. THE PRIME MINISTER AND ELLEMANN-JENSEN SPOKE ROBUSTLY ENOUGH AGAINST THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' ANTI-INF RESOLUTION, BUT IN THE END IT WAS PASSED: WITH THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES WEAKLY ABSTAINING. (THEIR LINE WAS THAT TO BE VOTED DOWN COULD HAVE BROUGHT IN A WORSE GOVERNMENT.) THE RESULT MUST BE THAT DENMARK WILL BE ACTIVELY TROUBLESOME IN NATO.

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DETAIL

2. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS' RESOLUTION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

'THE FOLKETING INSTRUCTS THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE AN ACTIVE EFFORT TO PUT A BRAKE ON THE BUILD UP OF ARMAMENTS IN EAST AND WEST FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES LAID DOWN IN THE RESOLUTION OF 26 MAY 1983 AND CONFIRMED IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT IS URGED TO TAKE AN IMMEDIATE INITIATIVE TO BRING NATO COUNTRIES TO UNDERTAKE A NEW POLITICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE INSTALLATION OF THE MISSILES BEGINS.'

IT WAS CARRIED BY 85 VOTES (SOCIAL DEMOCRATS AND OTHER SOCIALIST PARTIES AND RADICALS) TO 10 (PROGRESS PARTY). THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS TO ABSTAIN. (THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS EVIDENTLY HAD ENSURED IN ADVANCE THAT THE WORDING WAS AS FAR AS THEY COULD GO WITHOUT PROVOKING THE MINORITY GOVERNMENT'S RESIGNATION.)

3. THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT TIE THE GOVERNMENT'S HANDS ABOUT HOW NATO CAN RE-ASSESS NEGOTIATIONS; THE NEXT MEETING OF SCG MAY BE ENOUGH. BUT WORKING ACTIVELY FOR THE 26 MAY RESOLUTION (EXTENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS, POSTPONEMENT OF DEPLOYMENT, MERGER OF INF AND START AND INCLUSION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH SYSTEMS) MUST GIVE THEM TRICKY PROBLEMS.

4. BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER EMPLOYED MANY OF THE ARGUMENTS USED BY MINISTERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 31 OCTOBER. ELLEMANN-JENSEN EMPHASISED THAT THE DOUBLE DECISION WAS EXACTLY THAT: DEPLOYMENT AND NEGOTIATION COULD PROCEED SIMULTANEOUSLY. DEPLOYMENT SHOULD NOT MEAN THE END OF EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE. HE THEN CONTRASTED US CONSTRUCTIVENESS WITH SOVIET INFLEXIBILITY, DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE NEGATIVE REACTIONS HE HAD OBTAINED ON HIS VISIT TO MOSCOW.

5. ELLEMANN-JENSEN DEPLOYED THE STANDARD ARGUMENTS AGAINST INCLUSION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH SYSTEMS; BUT LATER IN AN UNFORTUNATE PASSAGE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IF THE INF NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO BREAK DOWN HE SAID: 'IT IS ALSO A QUESTION OF HOW THE INF NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE CONTINUED AND IF THEY COLLAPSE WHETHER WE SHOULD TRY TO COMBINE THEM WITH START. IT JUST MIGHT HELP TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH

WHETHER WE SHOULD TRY TO CONVINCE THEM WITH STAFF. IT COULD BE A
HELP TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH
NUCLEAR FORCES. THIS WAS IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP BY THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATS.

6. ELLEMANN-JENSEN MAY ARGUE THAT THE GOVERNMENT GOT THEMSELVES
OFF LIGHTLY BUT HE WILL EXPECT YOU TO REACT FIRMLY TO ANY IDEA OF
CALLING EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF NATO. THIS CAN ONLY HELP THE GOVERN-
MENT WHEN THEY FACE PARLIAMENT AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT ON
10 NOVEMBER. BUT THEIR ACCEPTANCE NOW OF AN OBLIGATION TO WORK
ACTIVELY FOR THE 26 MAY RESOLUTION (PARA 2 ABOVE) MUST MEAN THAT
THEY WILL BE EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME PARTNERS IN NATO.

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THIS TO BE ADDED DOWN-COURT HAVE BEEN IN A HOUSE BOARDS-REAR

THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN THIS LINE AND

BE VERY CLEAR WITH THE GOVERNMENT THAT IN THE END WE ARE NOT

THE DIFFERENCE - JENSEN SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR THAT THE SOCIAL

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