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OF DETERMINING... IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE FUTURE AS WELL, THE CREDIBILITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR MILITARY FORCES IN EUROPE MUST BE GUARANTEED. THE FUNDAMENTAL BASIS OF OUR ALLIANCE IS THE OBLIGATION OF ITS MEMBERS TO SHARE THE RISKS, BURDENS AND

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RESPONSIBILITIES, AS WELL AS THE BENEFITS, OF OUR COMMON EFFORTS. THESE COMMON ALLIANCE POSITIONS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE, UP TO NOW, TO RESPECT THE POLICY OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT ON NUCLEAR QUESTIONS IN TIME OF PEACE. HOWEVER, THE CHANGE IN THIS POLICY WHICH IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION COULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR COMMON ALLIANCE POSITIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH IN ALL QUESTIONS TOUCHING ON OUR COMMON SECURITY HAS ALWAYS LAID WEIGHT ON PARTICULARLY CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR ITS CONCERN OVER A DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD IMPINGE ON THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR DETERRENCE STRATEGY AND, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, ALSO ON OUR EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. END TEXT.

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GENSCHER HAS WRITTEN A LETTER TO DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ELLEMANN-JENSEN EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE DANISH PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION ON SHIP VISITS. THE GERMANS PLAN TO CIRCULATE THE LETTER IN NATO AND TO THE PRESS HERE IN BONN. END SUMMARY.

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THE TEXT OF THE GENSCHER LETTER FOLLOWS, IN AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION. BEGIN TEXT:

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING WITH CONCERN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE MOST RECENT DECISION OF THE DANISH PARLIAMENT ON SECURITY POLICY. THE NATO SUMMIT IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 2 AND 3 EMPHATICALLY REAFFIRMED THE SUCCESSFUL SECURITY POLICY OF THE ALLIANCE. POLITICAL SOLIDARITY AND ADEQUATE MILITARY STRENGTH, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT, AS WELL AS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION ARE INTEGRAL PARTS OF THIS POLICY. WE JOINTLY AGREED IN BRUSSELS THAT THE SECURITY OF THE EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN PARTNERS ARE INSOLUBLY BOUND UP WITH EACH OTHER, AND THAT THE PRESENCE OF US CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR FORCES IN EUROPE CONSTITUTES THE ESSENTIAL LINK TO THE US STRATEGIC DETERRENT. IT REMAINS OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY TO DETER ANY KIND OF WAR. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO THIS STRATEGY

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