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YOUR TELNO 1209 TO WASHINGTON: PARIS ECONOMIC SUMMIT: COMMISSION
VIEW

1. I HAVE ASKED LAMY (CHEF DE CABINET TO DELORS AND THE COMMISSION SHERPA) WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PARTICULAR POINTS ON THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT AGENDA TO WHICH DELORS ATTACHED IMPORTANCE AND ON WHICH HE WAS LIKELY TO INTERVENE. THE SHORT ANSWER WAS THAT DELORS DID NOT BELIEVE THE PARIS MEETING WOULD HAVE MUCH SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND DID NOT PLAN TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE HIMSELF.

2. ON DEBT LAMY SAID THAT DELORS WOULD BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS, AND PROBABLY COMPLETELY SILENT. THE FACT WAS THAT THERE WAS A FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE OF VIEW BETWEEN MEMBER STATES, AND IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES DELORS BELIEVED THE COMMISSION HAD AN OBLIGATION TO KEEP OUT OF THE MATTER.

3. THE ONLY POINT ON WHICH DELORS FELT STRONGLY WAS THE NEED FOR SOME WORK ON THE HUMAN AND MORAL ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS IE HOW TO ACHIEVE SOME COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE ATTITUDE OF, SAY, THE BRAZILIANS TOWARDS THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR RAIN FOREST AND THE ATTITUDE OF THE REST OF THE WORLD TOWARDS THE SAME PROBLEM. HE FELT THIS WAS A NEGLECTED ASPECT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE WHICH WOULD BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT AS WORK ON THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT GOT UNDER WAY.

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