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WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO NYC 15 OF 3 NOVEMBER, I HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE MLF QUESTION BRIEFLY WITH WILLIAM KAUFMANN AT MIT LAST WEEK WHO, INCIDENTALLY, SENDS REGARDS TO CHARLIE. HE AGREES THAT THE "SELECT COMMITTEE" (WHICH HE REFERRED TO AS THE "SPECIAL COMMITTEE") IS THE CURRENT HOPE FOR SOME KIND OF A SOLUTION. I GATHER THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN AN ENTHUSIAST FOR THE MLF CONCEPT. HE SAID THAT A MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARIS ON 26 NOVEMBER. I DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS STATEMENT WHICH I TAKE TO MEAN THAT THE SCHEDULED NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE NINE OR TEN COUNTRIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FORMING SUCH A COMMITTEE. KAUFMANN SPECULATED THAT WHILE THE GERMANS CERTAINLY HAVE A DESIRE TO OBTAIN A NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, THEY PROBABLY REALIZE THAT THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT. HE GUESSED THEREFORE THAT ERHARD WOULD NOT DEMAND A NUCLEAR FOLE FOR BONN WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON BUT INSTEAD ASK FOR AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT.

THE PRESS RECENTLY HAS CARRIED A COUPLE OF USEFUL ARTICLES ON THE

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SUBJECT: FRYE IN WASHINGTON EVENING STAR OF 5 NOVEMBER AND FRANKEL IN NYT OF 6 NOVEMBER. FRYE REPORTS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SINCERELY INTERESTED IN A NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AND THEREFORE MIGHT ACQUIESCE IN THE SELECT COMMITTEE PROPOSAL. A CLEAR SIGN OF SOVIET OPPOSITION TO THE COMMITTEE APPEARS IN A UPI REPORT OF TODAY FROM PARIS BY JOSEPH GRIGG. HE CLAIMS THAT THE SOVIETS TOOK THIS LINE IN THEIR RECENT TALKS WITH DE MURVILLE IN MOSCOW. YOU WILL HAVE NOTED THAT THE UN POLITICAL COMMITTEE PASSED BY 83 TO 0 THE NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY; ROMANIA ABSTAINED WHICH SUGGESTS AN EFFORT TO SHOW SOME SYMPATHY FOR THE CHINESE. ALBANIA WAS ABSENT, WHICH SEEMS ODD.
REGARDS.
END MSG.