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QUESTION:

(Inaudible)

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I think that is possible.

QUESTION:

Could you enlighten us on the arithmetics, is it 4 + 2 or 2 + 4?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

They each add up to 6.

QUESTION:

Yes, but the implication is that if it is 2 + 4, the two German states are best to sort out some of their internal matters first and then the four powers come in for the security arrangements whereas 4 + 2 would be the other way round?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I think you will have to see the form in which it is announced, but the underlying point you are on is entirely correct. There are two aspects of this, there always have been. One is self-determination which is a decision of the German people, the German people in the areas I have described, and that is not to do with the four powers, that is not to do with the rest of us, that is their business and we have always supported their right to take

