

(QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS)

QUESTION (Richard Widdle, Dallas Morning News):

Could you tell us, besides the Soviet Union, which nations at this gathering are still talking about a neutral Germany?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I have not heard anyone talk about a neutral Germany at this gathering. I have read various statements made by or attributed to Soviet spokesmen, although one particular statement attributed to a Soviet spokesman yesterday, which several of you picked up, has been repudiated by East European spokesmen today.

I have not heard anyone, except Herr Fischer, I think Herr Fischer's speech yesterday did commend the concept of a neutral Germany - the Foreign Minister of the GDR.

QUESTION:

Could you tell me a little bit more about the shape that a four-power conference might take, what sort of questions would be addressed, do you think it is important to get the legal questions out of the way first, the status of the four powers within Germany?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

We have not decided that. As I say, it is not in the bag yet, we are awaiting the final acceptance of Moscow and then there will need to be preparatory work which will need to cover obviously the agenda, the place, the timing of meetings and so on.