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TRANSCRIPT B (CONTINUED FROM TRANSCRIPT A)

QUESTION:

If I may come back to the question of the 2 plus 4 for a moment, I would like you to expand a little on what seems to me to be a contradiction between your statement that the two Germans must have it within their own powers of self-determination to make certain decisions about Germany and yet the assertion of four power veto rights, however you want to describe it. I would like to ask you why is it not a contradiction and a quick follow-up would be at what point in the process do you envisage the four power role would cease, would there be some document signed, some commitment made by the newly unified Germany and if so to whom would it be made, or would the four power role continue essentially indefinitely until some further decisions are made by the four powers?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

I do not think there is a contradiction, it was dealt with admirably in Herr Genscher's speech today, both points, that it is not for the four powers to decide whether or not the Germans have the right of self-determination. Perhaps it was originally, but

