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Kohl Upset Over French Leak

PARIS— Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany has complained to President François Mitterrand about the publication of conversations between the two leaders in a book by Jacques Attali that distorted the chancellor's views on the United States, according to a German political science professor.

Professor Tilo Schabert of the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg said in an article in the Aug. 28 edition of a newsmagazine, *Le Point*, that a Kohl aide had told him that the chancellor was angry about several passages included in the book "Verbatim" by Mr. Attali, the former Mitterrand aide and international banker.

Mr. Kohl was said to have been upset that the passages selected had a clearly anti-American tone and that comments putting the Americans in a more favorable light had not been included. Mr. Schabert did not elaborate.

Although the complaint was put in diplomatic terms, Mr. Schabert said that Mr. Kohl had been described by the aide as angered by remarks "that were selected with the intention of manipulating."