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Best regards,

Sylvester

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From: Baldur Arnarson [mailto:baldura@mbl.is]

Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 3:26 PM

To: Sylvester Eijffinger

Subject: The transcript

Dear Professor Eijffinger

Thank you for taking the phone last night. This time the quote is short.

I will send you the pdf.

Inntur eftir áhrifum þjóðaratkvæðagreiðslunnar á stöðu málsins í Hollandi kveðst prófessor Sylvester Eijffinger, ráðgjafi Balkenende í Icesave-deilunni, meta stöðuna svo að útkoman hafi haft óveruleg áhrif. Afstaða Breta og Hollendinga sé óbreytt og nýr fjármálaráðherra landsins, Jan Kees de Jager, þeirrar skoðunar að enn skuli miðað við sömu greiðslukröfu, 1,3 milljarða evra. Þingið muni ekki gefa hana eftir en prófessor Eijffinger telur jafnframt að þar til ný stjórn verði mynduð í sumar hafi bráðabirgðastjórnin nokkurra mánaða svigrúm til samninga, þótt takmarkað sé. Þrátt fyrir það megi enn semja um vaxtastigið og lengd afborgunartímans. Ekki verði kvikað frá greiðslukröfunni.

Inquired about the impact of the referendum on the state of the debate in the Netherlands Professor Sylvester Eijffinger, adviser to Balkenende in the Icesave-dispute, regards the outcome to have had a marginal impact. Moreover, Professor Eijffinger argues that the position of the Dutch and the British has not changed and that the new finance minister of the Netherlands, Jan Kees de Jager, holds the opinion

that the same claim, 1,3 billion euros, should still be a point of reference. Professor Eijffinger then adds that the Dutch parliament will not retreat on the issue, arguing that the interim government has a window of opportunity of few months to negotiate, albeit with a little room of maneuver. In spite of this, Professor Eijffinger says that both the interest rate and the period of repayment can be negotiated on.

Warm Regards,

Baldur Arnarson.