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AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND UKDEL NATO

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MY TELNO 108:U S/U S S R SUMMIT MEETING.

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1. SALT II TREATY AND ITS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WERE DULY SIGNED AT 1300 HOURS TODAY. PRESIDENT CARTER LEFT STRAIGHT AFTERWARDS FOR WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WILL ADDRESS A JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS THIS EVENING. BREZHNEV LEFT TWO HOURS LATER. THE TWO MET FOR A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN HOURS INCLUDING ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS WITHOUT ADVISERS THIS MORNING ON WHICH NO INFORMATION HAS SO FAR BEEN RELEASED. ACCORDING TO MR VANCE THE MOOD THROUGHOUT WAS SERIOUS BUT FRIENDLY WITH OCCASIONAL LIGHTER MOMENTS, AND THE SIGNATURE CEREMONY PRODUCED AN UNEXPECTED EMBRACE. THE AUSTRIAN ARRANGEMENTS SEEM TO HAVE RUN SMOOTHLY ENOUGH.

2. THE AMERICANS ARE SENDING FOUR OF THEIR TEAM LED BY MR EARLE TO BRIEF NATO IN BRUSSELS. SO FAR NO DIRECT BRIEFING HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICANS HERE EXCEPT ON M B F R, AND I WILL REPORT LATER IF I CAN GET ANYTHING OF INTEREST FROM THEIR EMBASSY. FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE IS IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE (NOT TO ALL). MAIN POINTS ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW WITH SUCH GLOSSES AS ARE AVAILABLE.

3. U S/SOVIET RELATIONS.

THERE IS A PLEDGE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THESE. FURTHER SUMMIT MEETINGS ARE TO BE HELD ON A REGULAR BASIS AND CONSULTATIONS ARE TO BE BROADENED AT ALL LEVELS. THE VALUE OF CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS QUOTE AT THE U N AND ELSEWHERE UNQUOTE IS RECOGNIZED. MUCH INTEREST HAS BEEN AROUSED BY THE FACT OF THE SEPARATE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO DEFENCE MINISTERS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF YESTERDAY, THE FIRST SINCE WORLD WAR II.

/4. ARMS

#### 4. ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT.

THE COMMUNIQUE LAYS SPECIAL STRESS ON THIS AREA, WHICH OCCUPIED THE BULK OF THE FIRST DAY AND SOME OF THE SECOND. THERE IS AN UNDERTAKING NOT TO STRIVE FOR MILITARY SUPERIORITY AND ANOTHER QUOTE TO TAKE MAJOR STEPS TO LIMIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ULTIMATELY ELIMINATING THEM AND TO COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY OTHER ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE. BREZHNEV'S SPOKESMAN REPORTED THAT HE HAD RAISED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR CEASING PRODUCTION AND REDUCING STOCKPILES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THE SENTENCE JUST QUOTED IS NO DOUBT THE RESULT. ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES:-

##### (I) SALT.

REFERENCE IN THE COMMUNIQUE AND SPEECHES TO THE VALUE OF THE AGREEMENT WERE ON PREDICTABLE LINES AND THE SOVIET SIDE EVIDENTLY PRESSED HARD ON RATIFICATION (BREZHNEV'S ALLEGED REMARK TO CARTER QUOTE GOD WILL NEVER FORGIVE US IF WE FAIL UNQUOTE WAS LATER OFFICIALLY AMENDED TO QUOTE THE NEXT GENERATION WILL NEVER ETC UNQUOTE). AT A PRESS BRIEFING AFTER SIGNATURE JODY POWELL SAID THAT THE STATEMENT ON THE BACKFIRE BOMBER HAD BEEN THE TOUGHEST PROBLEM FOR THE AMERICANS. THEY HAD DECIDED AFTER THE FIRST DAY THAT THE SOVIET UNDERTAKING TO LIMIT IT TO A MEDIUM RANGE CAPABILITY AND NOT INCREASE THE PRESENT RATE OF PRODUCTION WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. THEY WENT BACK TO THE RUSSIANS AND WERE ABLE TO EXTRACT BREZHNEV'S ASSURANCE THAT PRODUCTION WOULD NOT EXCEED 30 PER YEAR, TO WHICH CARTER ADDED HIS PROVISIO THAT SOVIET OBSERVANCE OF THESE COMMITMENTS IS AN ESSENTIAL CONDITION OF THE TREATY.

##### (II) COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN

DEFINITE PROGRESS AT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS WAS NOTED AND BOTH SIDES WOULD WORK WITH THE U K FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF A TREATY.

##### (III) NON-PROLIFERATION.

BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENTS AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTENDING COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS UNDER THE IAEA. FURTHER EFFORTS ARE REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN NON-PROLIFERATION ON A REGIONAL BASIS.

(IV) M B F R.

SEE UKDEL VIENNA TELEGRAM NO. 31 (NOT TO ALL). THIS SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME BUT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY SAY THAT THE TWO HEADS OF STATE AGREED TO GIVE THE TALKS A PUSH, ALTHOUGH THIS IS IMPLIED IN THE GENERAL UNDERTAKING TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO NEGOTIATIONS QUOTE ON A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS UNQUOTE IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD.

(V) ASAT: CAT: CHEMICAL WEAPONS.

THERE ARE COMMITMENTS ACTIVELY TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS.

(VI) RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

BILATERAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A TREATY, AND AN AGREED JOINT PROPOSAL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT THIS YEAR.

(VII) INDIAN OCEAN.

THERE WILL BE EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS ON ARMS LIMITATION MEASURES.

(VIII) OTHER QUESTIONS.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE U N G A SPECIAL SESSION AND FOR A SECOND SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT TO BE FOLLOWED BY A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONGRESS QUOTE WITH UNIVERSAL PARTICIPATION ADEQUATELY PREPARED AND AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME UNQUOTE.

5. INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

IN BOTH SPEECHES AND BRIEFINGS IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT BREZHNEV HAD REMAINED UNYIELDING ON REGIONAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND ON THE MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND ASIA THE COMMUNIQUE RECORDS IN EFFECT NO MORE THAN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THE SOVIET SPOKESMAN REPORTED BREZHNEV AS MAINTAINING THE DEMAND FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND AS DISOWNING RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN WEST AFRICA AND CENTRAL ASIA: THE QUOTE VERY /STRANGE

STRANGE THEORY OF THE SO-CALLED ARCH OF CRISIS..... IS A SHEER INVENTION UNQUOTE THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM IS NOT AN ISSUE OF SOVIET/AMERICAN RELATIONS. PRESIDENT CARTER EVIDENTLY GOT NOWHERE ON THIS. THERE HAS BEEN NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISCUSSION BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON CHINA. ON THE UNITED NATIONS, C S C E AND OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS THE COMMUNIQUE IS LIMITED TO EMOLLIENT PLATITUDES.

6. BILATERAL COOPERATION.

THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE AND DEVELOP CULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND OTHER PROGRAMMES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADE IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IS RECOGNIZED AS WELL AS THE NECESSITY OF WORKING TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS, I E THERE WAS AGREEMENT TO DIFFER HERE ALSO.

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