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- ELIMINATION OF ALL MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR SYSTEMS IN EUROPE;
- STATIONING OF 100 INF BARRACKS IN ASIA AND 100 IN THE U.S.;
- A "SETTING ASIDE" OF THE BRITISH/FRENCH NUCLEAR FORCES.

INSISTING THAT THERE MUST BE NO DEPARTURE FROM KEYKJAVIN, SHEVARDNAZIE SAID THAT ALL THE ABOVE ELEMENTS MUST BE TAKEN "AS A PACKAGE."

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- ROWE-SHEVARDNAZIE MEETING

5. SHEVARDNAZIE REMINDED HOWE THAT THE UK HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD THE SOVIETS THEY SHOULD NOT OBJECT TO SDI RESEARCH. THEREFORE, SHEVARDNAZIE CONTINUED, THE USSR HAD AGREED TO A SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROGRAM AND A BROAD INTERPRETATION OF "LABORATORY RESEARCH", WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN LABORATORIES USING THIS LATTER TERM IN ITS BROADEST SENSE. THIS WOULD INCLUDE, SHEVARDNAZIE SAID, THE PRODUCTION OF MODELS, MOCK-UPS, AND PROTOTYPES OF ASB SYSTEMS, INCLUDING SPACE SYSTEMS. ALL THE FOREGOING, SHEVARDNAZIE SAID, WAS A GESTURE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN IN VIEW OF HIS "PERSONAL COMMITMENT."

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6. HOWE THEN BROUGHT UP THE NEED TO ADDRESS TWO IMBALANCES IF STRATEGIC ARMS ARE TO BE CUT BY MORE THAN HALF: CONVENTIONAL/CHEMICAL AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR GRANGES LESS THAN 1000 KMI. AS THE BUDAPEST APPEAL IMPLIED, SHEVARDNAZIE RESPONDED, THE TWO SIDES ARE ROUGHLY IN BALANCE IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. REGARDING TACTICAL NUCLEAR ARMS, THERE WOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT SINCE THE ACTUAL REMOVAL OF INF WEAPONS WOULD "TAKE YEARS". HE REITERATED A GORBACHEV PROPOSAL FOR WORKING GROUPS TO DISCUSS FORCE SIZES AND WEAPONS BUT SAID THAT THESE WOULD NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. SUCH NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE THE NWA. HOWE RESPONDED THAT THE TALKS SHOULD BASICALLY BE BETWEEN THE TWO ALLIANCES.

2. SUMMARY: UK PERMREP (ALEXANDER) SAID THE MAJOR SHARE OF THE BILATERAL IN VIENNA WAS DEVOTED TO ARMS CONTROL, WITH THE REMAINDER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SYRIAN TERRORISM. SHEVARDNAZIE CITED SDI AS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS BUT ALSO WENT INTO SOME DETAIL TO SUGGEST A BROAD SOVIET DEFINITION OF PERMITTED LABORATORY RESEARCH. HOWE REGRETTED SOVIET LINKAGE OF SDI TO INF/START AND SAID THAT THE CONVENTIONAL FORCES IMBALANCE MUST BE ADDRESSED BEFORE INF IN EUROPE COULD BE ELIMINATED OR STRATEGIC ARSENALS REDUCED MORE THAN 50 PERCENT. SHEVARDNAZIE INSISTED THAT CONVENTIONAL FORCES WERE ESSENTIALLY IN BALANCE. END SUMMARY.

7. ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SHEVARDNAZIE SAID THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE THEIR LAWS COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLES CONCERNED WITH HUMAN CONTACTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THE CSCE PROCESS AND ADMITTED, SURPRISINGLY, THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD MUCH TO DO IN THIS REGARD. THE SOVIETS BT

3. HOWE, ALEXANDER SAID, LED OFF THE MEETING BY REGRETTING SOVIET LINKAGE OF SDI TO INF AND START. HE AGREED WITH THE ZERO-ZERO INF FORMULA FOR EUROPE, THE 50 PERCENT CUT IN STRATEGIC ARMS OVER 5 YEARS, AND THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO NUCLEAR TEST REDUCTION. THE KEY TO NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTIONS, HOWE ASSERTED, IS A CONCOMITANT BALANCE IN CONVENTIONAL AND CHEMICAL CAPABILITIES. HE WELCOMED THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE THAT FRENCH AND BRITISH NUCLEAR FORCES WERE "NOT RELEVANT" TO THE CURRENT U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS.

4. SHEVARDNAZIE NOTED THAT, IF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE TO BE ELIMINATED, FRANCE AND THE UK WOULD HAVE TO BECOME PART OF THE PROCESS AND REGRETTED THAT THE TWO WERE UNWILLING TO PARTICIPATE NOW. SHEVARDNAZIE SAID THAT REYKJAVIK HAD CHANGED THE SITUATION QUALITATIVELY AND THAT THE SOVIET POSITION HAD CHANGED AS A RESULT. HE DESCRIBED THE "NEW" SITUATION AS THE PROPOSAL FOR:

- ELIMINATION OF ALL NUCLEAR ARSENALS BY 1995;

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WERE STILL NOT CONVINCED OF SYRIAN GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP
OF TERRORISM BUT WOULD EXAMINE CAREFULLY ANY ADDITIONAL
EVIDENCE THE UK COULD PROVIDE. //

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