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SECRETARY OF STATE'S TALKS WITH GROMYKO 6 JULY:

POLAND.

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY.

1. LORD CARRINGTON DISCUSSED THIS WITH GROMYKO OVER LUNCH. HE DESCRIBED THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER AS HAVING BEEN CONCERNED CHIEFLY WITH THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. HE WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR THAT GROMYKO HAD CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE SITUATION COMING OUT RIGHT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.
2. GROMYKO SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN MISCALCULATIONS IN THE PAST, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS POLAND'S FOREIGN DEBTS. BUT THE POLES SEEMED SURE THAT THEY COULD OVERCOME THEIR DIFFUCULTIES, AND THERE WERE GROUNDS FOR SUCH A HOPE, ALTHOUGH IT WAS HARD TO SAY HOW LONG THIS MIGHT TAKE. AT LEAST THE HARVEST LOOKED VERY GOOD.
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4. BULLARD BRIEFED COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS HERE THIS EVENING ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FROM THE AMERICAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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