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MY TEL NO 1052: SDI: SHULTZ SPEECH

1. SHULTZ'S SPEECH ON QUOTE ARMS CONTROL: OBJECTIVES AND PROSPECTS UNQUOTE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, TONIGHT (FULL TEXT BY FAX TO ACDD) IS A MEASURED AND CAREFULLY DRAFTED EXPLANATION OF THE US APPROACH AT GENEVA, REAFFIRMING THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL: EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAINTAINING ALLIANCE STRENGTH WHILE SEEKING BALANCED REDUCTIONS: WARNING THAT THE GENEVA ROAD IS LIKELY TO BE LONG: AND CALLING FOR ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY, AND DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT, DURING THE PROCESS. FOUR US AIMS AT GENEVA ARE OUTLINED: THE ENHANCEMENT OF STRATEGIC STABILITY: REDUCTIONS TO A MORE STABLE BALANCE AT LOWER LEVELS OF FORCES ON BOTH SIDES: EQUALITY, IE AN OUTCOME LEAVING BOTH SIDES WITH QUOTE EQUAL OR EQUIVALENT LEVELS UNQUOTE OF FORCES: AND ADEQUATE VERIFIABILITY.

2. THE CORE OF THE SPEECH IS HOWEVER A DEFENCE/EXPLANATION OF SDI. IT CONTAINS NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE RUSI SPEECH, BUT EVIDENCE THAT SOME OF THE RUSI POINTS HAVE BEEN HOISTED IN. MIFT CONTAINS KEY EXTRACTS.

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