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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

MIPT (NOT TO ALL): SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH MR HAIG: ARMS  
CONTROL

1. AFTER REFERRING TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS, THE SECRETARY OF STATE EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR THE EUROPEANS TO BE REASSURED THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE THE TWO-PRONG APPROACH TO TNF. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THEY COULD CONVENE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE SCG, EVEN IF ONLY FOR COSMETIC PURPOSES. HE SUGGESTED THAT HAIG MIGHT MENTION THIS TO GENSCHER DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. HAIG TOOK NOTE OF THE SCG PROPOSAL. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON ON THE NEED TO PURSUE TNF ARMS CONTROL AND THE ADMINISTRATION INTENDED TO MEET THIS OBLIGATION INCURRED BY THEIR PREDECESSORS. PERSONALLY HE WAS NOT ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH THE APPROACH, AND WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A SEQUENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVEVER HE ACCEPTED THAT THIS WAS A RESULT OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S FAILURE TO GIVE A PROPER LEAD TO THE ALLIES.

3. DISCUSSING ARMS CONTROL IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, HAIG SAID THAT HE WISHED THE ROLE WITHIN THE STATE DEPT OF FUNCTIONAL SPECIALISTS TO BE DIMINISHED AND THE GEOGRAPHICAL BUREAUX TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE PART. EAGLEBURGER AND THE EUROPEAN BUREAU WOULD BE THE FOCAL POINT FOR DISCUSSIONS OF ARMS CONTROL AFFECTING EUROPE. IN AREAS OF SUCH POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR QUOTE TRICKY DICKIES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OR THE PENTAGON UNQUOTE TO TAKE THE LEAD.

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