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SUBJECT: BRIEFING FOR PRESIDENT ON MEETING WITH MRS.

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1. (S - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. FOLLOWING PER REQUEST REFTEL ARE MY SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR BRIEFING OF THE PRESIDENT ON YOUR DISCUSSION OF INTERIM RESTRAINT WITH MRS. THATCHER. CHARLIE PRICE MAY HAVE SOME ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO ADD. INCIDENTALLY, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INTERIM RESTRAINTS ISSUE.

3. BEGIN TALKING POINTS:

. -- IN MY LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH MRS. THATCHER, WE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ON THE QUESTION OF ADHERENCE TO SALT I AND SALT II. SHE INDICATED THAT SHE PLANNED TO SECRET

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COMMUNICATE WITH YOU DIRECTLY, SO YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW HER VIEWS.

. -- SHE STRESSED WITH ME THAT CEASING TO OBSERVE THE SALT I AND SALT II LIMITS WOULD BE A "MAJOR STEP," ADDING THAT "THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH DOESN'T BREAK TREATIES."

. -- I EXPLAINED OUR CONCERN OVER SOVIET VIOLATIONS AND

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OUR DESIRE TO SEND A CLEAR SIGNAL TO MOSCOW THAT AS LONG AS THEY WERE CHEATING THEY COULD NOT TAKE OUR COMPLIANCE FOR GRANTED.

- . -- SHE WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SOVIET VIOLATIONS AND I BRIEFED HER ON OUR CONCERNS OVER THE SECOND SOVIET MISSILE, SOVIET TELEMETRY ENCRIPTION, AND, OF COURSE, THE KRASNOYARSK RADAR.
- . -- WE CONCLUDED OUR DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT WITH MRS. THATCHER OBSERVING THAT THE "WHOLE OF EUROPE WAS WAITING FOR YOUR DECISION."
- . -- WE THEN TURNED TO A BROADER DISCUSSION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND GORBACHEV, AND THE PROBLEMS GORBACHEV FACES IN GETTING THE SOVIET SYSTEM TO RESPOND TO HIS POLICIES. SHE BELIEVES THAT GORBACHEV HASN'T TURNED HIS MIND TO ARMS CONTROL ISSUES YET. I SAID THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY THE CASE, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS FOR US TO WORK UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE SOVIETS WILL STAND PAT IN GENEVA AND NOT TRY TO SEIZE THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY INITIATIVE.

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