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MY TELNO 858: US-SOVIET RELATIONS SUMMARY

- 1. UP-BEAT US BRIEFING ON CONTACTS WITH DOBRYNIN. SHULTZSHEVARDNADZE DATES: 14-16 MAY. NO DATE YET FOR SUMMIT, BUT
 SUMMER NOT YET RULED OUT. US OFFERS DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR
 TESTING. ON REGIONAL ISSUES, US PROPOSE
 MAY TALKS SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON AFGHANISTAN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.
 DETAIL
- 2. AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY (ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AND CANADIAN AFFAIRS) BRIEFED NATO AMBASSADORS ON 9 APRIL ON THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING YESTERDAY WITH DOBRYNIN. SHE SAID THAT DOBRYNIN HAD SPENT ANOTHER TWO HOURS ON 9 APRIL WITH SHULTZ, AND THAT THE TWO MIGHT MEET AGAIN ON 11 APRIL. US-SOVIET POLITICAL DIALOGUE
- RESTORED TO THE US—SOVIET DIALOGUE FOLLOWING THE DOBRYNIN
 MEETINGS. THE RUSSIANS HAD NOT RESPONDED TO THE US INVITATION
 TO GORBACHEV TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES IN THE SUMMER, BUT THERE
 WAS AGREEMENT THAT SHULTZ AND SHEVARDNADZE SHOULD MEET ON 14-16
 MAY (NOT NECESSARILY FOR THE FULL THREE DAYS),
 TO PREPARE FOR THE SUMMIT, INCLUDING AGENDA. BOTH SIDES AGREED
 THAT THE SUMMIT HAD TO BE SUBSTANTIVE AND CAREFULLY PREPARED.
 SHE IMPLIED THAT A QUOTE INDICATION UNQUOTE OF WHAT MIGHT EMERGE
 WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE FINAL AGREEMENT ON DATES.
 BUT JUNE/JULY WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY, THOUGH
 ON PRACTICAL GROUNDS A DATE BEFORE LATE JULY NOW LOOKED UNLIKELY.
 4. THE DOBRYNIN TALKS HAD COVERED ARMS CONTROL, REGIONAL ISSUES,
 BILATERAL RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.
- RESPONSES TO THE US NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY PROPOSALS. BOTH SIDES
 AGREED THAT THE LAST ROUND IN GENEVA HAD MADE NO HEADWAY. THE
 US SIDE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT AN INF AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE.
 SHULTZ HAD SAID THAT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD NOW GET DOWN TO NARROWING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO PROPOSALS.
 THE US SIDE HAD OFFERED A DIALOGUE ON NUCLEAR
 TESTING WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. RIDGWAY SAID THAT THE US SIDE
 WOULD AWAIT A RESPONSE IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE GETTING DOWN TO THE
 SPECIFICS. IF THE RESPONSE WAS FAVOURABLE, THE NEW DISCUSSION WOULD
 PUBLICLY BE A SEPARATE ONE, TO BE REVIEWED AT THE SUMMIT.

 REGIONAL ISSUES

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GOING AHEAD. SHULTZ WANTED TO CONCENTRATE WITH SHEVARDNADZE ON ONE OR TWO REGIONAL ISSUES, AND HAD SUGGESTED TO DOBRYNIN THAT AFGHANISTAN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE PRIME CANDIDATES. THE US HAD COMPLAINED ABOUT SOVIET SUPPORT FOR LIBYA, EG SUPPLY OF SA5S, AND HAD CALLED ON THE SOVIET UNION TO GET THE LIBYAN PEOPLES BUREAU OUT OF THE SOVIET SECTOR OF BERLIN. DOBRYNIN HAD DECLINED TO GIVE A DIRECT ANSWER. HUMAN RIGHTS AND BILATERAL ISSUES

7. THE AMERICANS HAD ACKNOWLEDGED SOME POSITIVE HUMAN RIGHTS
DEVELOPMENTS (EG THE RELEASE OF SHCHARANSKY), BUT WERE GENERALLY
DISAPPOINTED BY THE RECENT SOVIET PERFORMANCE, EG OVER JEWISH
EMIGRATION. SOME PROGRESS ON BILATERAL ISSUES (CONSULATES,
AVIATION, EXCHANGES) WAS NOTED.

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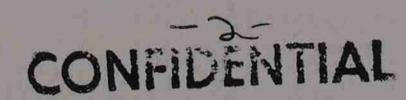
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