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INVITATION TO SOVIET DEFENCE MINISTER TO VISIT THE US.

1. THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED ON 29 MAY THAT WEINBERGER HAD INVITED SOVIET DEFENCE MINISTER SOKOLOV TO VISIT THE US THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS QUOTE THE WIDE GULF ON ISSUES RELATED TO EACH OTHER'S MILITARY FORCES, DOCTRINE AND INTENTIONS UNQUOTE. THE PENTAGON ALSO SAID THAT, IF SOKOLOV ACCEPTED THE INVITATION AND THE VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL, IT COULD BE FOLLOWED BY MEETINGS BETWEEN SENIOR US AND SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL. THE PENTAGON ADDED THAT ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR ANY WEINBERGER/SOKOLOV MEETING TO TAKE PLACE DURING A FUTURE US/SOVIET SUMMIT.

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