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OUR TELNO 2405: US/SOVIET RELATIONS.

1. SHEVARDNADZE HAD TWO AND A HALF HOURS OF TALKS WITH SHULTZ ON THE MORNING OF 19 SEPTEMBER, WITH ONLY INTERPRETERS PRESENT. SHULTZ THEN TELEPHONED THE PRESIDENT, WHO AGREED TO MEET SHEVARDNADZE IN ORDER (AS THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN PUT IT) TO CONVEY THE STRENGTH OF HIS FEELINGS ABOUT DANILOFF. THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT LASTED ABOUT 45 MINUTES: SHEVARDNADZE DELIVERED A LETTER FROM GORBACHEV. SHULTZ AND SHEVARDNADZE MET AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON, WITH DELEGATIONS. TWO FURTHER SESSIONS ARE PLANNED FOR 20 SEPTEMBER.

2. NOTHING HAS YET EMERGED ABOUT THE SUBSTANCE OF THE EXCHANGES BEYOND THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SHULTZ BOTH LED OFF WITH DANILOFF. BUT WE KNOW THAT SHULTZ WAS INTENDING TO HAND SHEVARDNADZE A LIST OF POTENTIAL SOVIET EMIGRES IN RETURN FOR WHOSE RELEASE THE US MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RELEASE ZACHAROV (THE RELEASE OF DANILOFF WOULD BE PART OF THE ARRANGEMENT, PRESENTED AS ENTIRELY SEPERATE).

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