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REYKJAVIK SUMMIT: KOHL'S MESSAGES

SUMMARY

1. KOHL HAS NOW WRITTEN TO REAGAN AND SENT A MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV.

DETAIL

2. RUTH (AUSWAERTIGES AMT) GAVE TODAY THE OUTLINE OF KOHL'S LETTER TO REAGAN AND MESSAGE TO GORBACHEV, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE JUST ISSUED.

3. TO REAGAN, KOHL SUPPORTED THE US POSITION ON LRINF, AND INCLUDED A PITCH ON SRINF (SEE ARTHUR'S TELELETTER OF 7 OCTOBER TO ACDD). THE LETTER TOUCHED ON TEST BAN (WELCOMING THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH) AND CW (URGING PROGRESS ON THE BASIS OF THE BRITISH PROPOSAL ON CHALLENGE INSPECTION). HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AS WELL, AND ASKED REAGAN TO PRESS GORBACHEV FOR A SOVIET RESPONSE TO THE WESTERN PROPOSALS IN MBFR.

4. TO GORBACHEV, KOHL MADE THE SAME POINT ABOUT CW. HE ALSO URGED THE SOVIET UNION TO MOVE FORWARD ON OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINKAGE ON THE BASIS OF THE MOST RECENT US PROPOSALS.

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