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MY TELNOS 672 AND 678: US/SOVIET RELATIONS AND ARMS CONTROL

1. THE FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED FROM A MEETING BETWEEN DOBRYNIN AND FORMER US AMBASSADOR STOESSEL IN MOSCOW ON 30 MAY, AS REPORTED TO ME BY US CHARGE (STOESSEL IS IN MOSCOW TOGETHER WITH EX-GENERAL GOODPASTER, WITH A NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DELEGATION).

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2. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT AGREE TO INF REDUCTIONS UNLESS AND UNTIL BRITISH AND FRENCH SYSTEMS WERE CONSTRAINED.

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3. IN ANSWER TO DOBRYNIN'S SUGGESTION THAT THE TRIPARTITE TALKS SHOULD BE REVIVED, STOESSEL SAID THAT THE US AND SOVIET UNION SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS RETIFICATION OF THE TTBT AND PNET. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT THE TREATIES WERE 'FINE': THEY, AFTER A YEAR, THE SIDES SHOULD SEE WHETHER EXISTING VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS WERE ADEQUATE.

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4. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ENVISAGE GORBACHEV GOING TO THE US AT THE VERY TIME WHEN SALT II WAS BEING, OR ABOUT TO BE, VIOLATED (THE SAME POINT WAS MADE BY ARBATOV TO GARRISON (BROWN UNIVERSITY) ALSO ON 30 MAY). DOBRYNINR 'COULD NOT BE ENCOURAGING ABOUT SUMMIT PROSPECTS' BUT SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANYTHING AT A SUMMIT, WHENEVER IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE. DOBRYNIN DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS BEING NOT ONE OF THOSE WHO THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH REAGAN (COMMENT: THE IMPLICATION THAT OTHERS HERE THINK SO MIGHT INCLUDE YAKOVLEV). NEITHER SDI NOR LIBYA WERE MENTIONED DURING THIS CONVERSATION.

5. DENIS HEALEY, WHO ALSO CALLED ON DOBRYNIN (ON 2 JULY) TOLD ME THAT HE HAD FOUND HIM 'VERY PESSIMISTIC' ABOUT SUMMIT PROSPECTS.

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