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INFO ROUTINE BONN, PARIS, ROME, UKDEL NATO, UKDEL STOCKHOLM  
INFO ROUTINE UKDEL MBFR, VIENNA, MODUK

SECRETARY OF STATE'S DISCUSSION WITH SHULTZ: EAST/WEST AND ARMS  
CONTROL  
SUMMARY

1. SECRETARY OF STATE GIVES ACCOUNT OF SHEVARDNADZE VISIT  
TO LONDON AND REAFFIRMS OUR VIEWS ON NUCLEAR TESTING AND INTERIM  
RESTRAINT. SHULTZ CONFIRMS NO DATE YET FIXED FOR HIS MEETING  
WITH SHEVARDNADZE.

DETAIL

2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD AN HOUR WITH SHULTZ ON 18  
JULY, DEVOTED MAINLY TO EAST/WEST. HE FIRST GAVE SHULTZ AN  
ACCOUNT OF THE SHEVARDNADZE VISIT. THE LATTER HAD SET OUT TO  
IMPRESS ON US THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOVIET INTEREST IN REACHING  
ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND IN A FURTHER SUMMIT. BUT THEY NEEDED  
TO KNOW THAT A SUMMIT WOULD REACH SUBSTANTIVE AGREEMENTS.  
SHEVARDNADZE'S APPROACH HAD BEEN PROFESSIONAL AND SELECTIVE. BUT  
ALTHOUGH THE STYLE WAS IMPROVED THE SUBSTANCE WAS UNCHANGED. FOR  
EXAMPLE DISCUSSIONS ON REGIONAL ISSUES HAD PRODUCED NO SIGN OF  
MOVEMENT IN SOVIET POSITIONS. AND ON TERRORISM, ALTHOUGH  
SHEVARDNADZE HAD ACCEPTED THIS AS A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION, HE  
WAS NOT PREPARED TO LISTEN SERIOUSLY TO OUR POINTS ON ENDING  
SUPPORT FOR LIBYA.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT ON THE MAIN GENEVA ARMS  
CONTROL ISSUES SHEVARDNADZE HAD NOT GONE INTO MUCH DETAIL. THE  
RUSSIANS CLEARLY WANTED TO LEAVE THESE FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE US  
AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE US RESPONSE TO THE  
GENEVA PROPOSALS.

4. SHULTZ DESCRIBED SOVIET INDECISIVENESS OVER FIXING A DATE  
FOR HIS NEXT MEETING WITH SHEVARDNADZE. DUBININ HAD RECENTLY  
SUGGESTED A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER BEFORE THE UNGA. WHEN THE  
AMERICANS ACCEPTED THAT, THE RUSSIANS BACKED OFF AND HAVE NOT YET  
CONFIRMED IT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE OBSERVED THAT WE HAD HAD A  
SIMILAR EXPERIENCE OVER THE LONDON VISIT.

5. ON CDE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT THE RUSSIANS  
NOW SEEMED TO WANT POSITIVE RESULTS. SHEVARDNADZE HAD RUN BRISKLY  
THROUGH A CHECK-LIST OF DETAILED POINTS, SIGNALLING FLEXIBILITY  
IN PARTICULAR ON THE THRESHOLD FOR NOTIFICATION AND ON THE  
INCLUSION OF AIR ACTIVITIES. ON MBFR, SHEVARDNADZE HAD SPOKEN  
OF WINDING UP THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SYMBOLIC AGREEMENT,  
TRANSFERRING THE DISCUSSION TO A WIDER FORUM. SHULTZ COMMENTED  
THAT THE CSCE GROUP WAS NOT AN ATTRACTIVE ONE FOR REACHING ARMS  
CONTROL AGREEMENTS: THE US DID NOT RELISH GIVING MALTA A VETO.

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6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE CONTINUED THAT WE HAD PRESSED SHEVARDNADZE ON COMPLIANCE ISSUES AND HAD INDICATED OUR HOPE THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE ABM TREATY COULD OFFER A WAY FORWARD. SHEVARDNADZE HAD IN A RETURN PRESSED US HARD ON NUCLEAR TESTING. ON THAT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE COMMENTED THAT THE US NEW OUR VIEWS. IF THE US COULD MOVE ON THE TTBT AND THE PNE TREATY THAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. SHULTZ COMMENTED THAT THE US HAD AGREED TO LISTEN TO WHAT THE RUSSIANS HAD TO SAY ON TESTING WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS. HE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT CAME OUT OF THE TALKS NEXT WEEK. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED THAT WE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DEVELOPMENTS. SHULTZ AGREED.

7. ON CW, THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT WE HAD FORSHADOWED OUR GENEVA PROPOSALS. SHEVARDNADZE HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE AND SEEMED TO SHARE THE VIEW THAT AN AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE. SHULTZ ADDED THAT AT THE US/SOVIETS EXPERTS DISCUSSION ON THE MIDDLE EAST LAST MONTH THE AMERICANS HAD DETECTED SOME INTEREST ON THE SOVIET SIDE IN DISCUSSING THE IMPLICATIONS OF CW USE IN THE GULF. BUT THE RUSSIANS HAD NOT FOLLOWED UP YET ON THIS POINT.

8. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO UNDERLINED THAT WE HOPED THE US WOULD STAY WITHIN THE SALT FRAMEWORK AND BUILD FORWARD FROM THAT.

9. SHULTZ AGREED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT SHEVARDNADZE APPEARED TO BE GROWING IN SELF-CONFIDENCE AND IN MASTERY OF HIS MATERIAL. HE ADDED THAT RYZKHOV (WHOM HE HAD MET AT THE PALME FUNERAL) HAD ALSO COME THROUGH AS A CAPABLE AND CONFIDENT OPERATOR.

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