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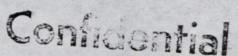
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MOSCOW TELNO 989: US/SOVHET ARMS CONTROL DHSCUSSION SUMMARY

1. NHTZE CONFIRMS MEETING NECESSARY AND WORTHWHILE. SOME FURTHER DETAIL ON THE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH APPARENTLY BROKE NO NEW GROUND. RUSSIANS KEEN TO HOLD SECOND ROUND SOON: NOW FIXED FOR 5-6 SEPTEMBER.

DETAIL

- 2. NAMEZE GAVE ME A BRANEF ACCOUNT OF THE DASCUSSMONS BEFORE RESUMANG HAS HOLADAY. WE HAVE ALSO FOLLOWED UP WHITH OTHER STATE DEPT MEMBERS OF THE US TEAM.
- BUT HE FELT THAT THEY HAD NONETHELESS BEEN NECESSARY AND WORTHWHILE. HE ADDED THAT HAN HAS EXPERIMENCED THE RUSSMANS WERE CONSTANTLY TRYING NEW NEGOTIMATION GAMBRITS, AND THAT HAT WAS ESSENTIMAL TO KEEP BRINGING THEM BACK TO THE CENTRAL POWNTS AT MISSUE. A GOOD DEAL OF SUCH FENCING HAD GONE ON HIM THESE TALKS. BUT THE RUSSMANS HAD BEEN UNWHILLIAMS TO TAKE THE DRISCUSSMON OF SUBSTANTIMVE HISSUES BEYOND THE POWNT REACHED AND THE GENEVA TALKS. EACH THE THE DRISCUSSMON REACHED THAT POWNT, THE RUSSMANS SAMPLY RESPONDED THAT THE QUESTMON NEEDED FURTHER REFLECTION.
- 4. ASKED NATZE WHETHER HE HAD THE AMPRESSMON THAT THE RUSSMANS WERE TAKKING THE PRESIDENT'S LATEST PROPOSALS SERMOUSLY. HE SAND THAT HE HAD SO FAR FOUND IN AMPOSSMBLE TO FORM A JUDGEMENT ON THIS. OTHER STATE CONTACTS HAVE TOLD US THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION APPEARED TO HAVE NO NEW MINSTRUCTIONS ON ANY MISSUE. THE MAIN POINTS OF SUBSTANCE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS.
- SPACE. KARPOV SUGGESTED THAT SOME COMMON GROUND EXHISTED IN THAT NEWTHER SINDE HINTENDED TO WINTHDRAW FROM THE ABM TREATY FOR SOME YEARS. THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF WHAT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WERE PERMITTED UNDER THE TREATY. KARPOV ALSO PROBED ON THE OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE RELATIONSHIP AND WAS GRIVEN A STANDARD EXPOSITION OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF SDAY BY PERLE. CHERVOV CHOKED OFF THE DISCUSSION BEFORE INT COULD DEVELOP.
- 6. START. THE US TEAM TRIED TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSION ON THE NEED FOR REDUCTIONS IN THE MORE DESTABLISHING TYPES OF WEAPONS, AND HOW THAT COULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SMALLER PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS NOW ENVISAGED. KARPOV WAS UNWILLIAMS TO DISCUSS THIS.
- 7. INF. AN EXCHANGE OF FAMILIHAR POSHTHONS, FROM WHICH NOTHING NEW EMERGED.



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- IN AN EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE ATTENTION ON THE MAIN POINTS 8. OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO GORBACHEVA: THE US TEAM HAD LEFT THE RUSSIANS ON THE SECOND DAY WHITH A SERNES OF QUESTIONS. ONE SOUGHT A SOVIET REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS ON EXTENDING THE ABM TREATY. A SECOND ASKED FOR SOVINET VINEWS ON HOW TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DIFFERENCES IN COMPOSITION OF STRATEGIC FORCES IN THE CONTEXT OF SUGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS. A THIRD ASKED WHETHER THE RUSSMANS WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN MATERIAM MAY AGREEMENT ON THE BASHS OF EQUAL CENLINGS IN EUROPE AND PROPORTIONAL SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN ASIA.
- APART FROM GENEVA ASSUES, THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF MBFR. MITZE TOLD ME THAT THERE HAD BEEN A HARD-HATTING EX-CHANGE AFTER THE RUSSMANS HAD ACCUSED THE WEST OF STONE-WALLING. NETZE HAD PUT THEM RIGHT ON THIS.
- NITTE CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE HAD BEEN KEEN TO HOLD A RETURN MATCH: EMNDEED THEY WANTED ONE RATHER SOONER THAN WAS CONVENIENT FOR THE AMERICANS. STATE HAVE SINCE TOLD US THAT A FURTHER MEETING HAS BEEN FIXED FOR 5-6 SEPTEMBER IN WASHINGTON. THEY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN QUESTIONS WILL FORM THE POINT OF DEPARTURE AT THAT SESSION.
- THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY LOW-KEY IN THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED ON 13 AUGUST AS FOLLOWS: THE TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS WERE SERNOUS, SUBSTANTINE AND BUSHNESSLINKE. EACH SHIDE WAS ABLE TO HEAR THE OTHER OUT HAN DETAIL AND TO EXPRESS HATS OWN VINEWS. HDEAS WERE EXPLORED. AND THERE WAS A GOOD EXCHANGE.

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