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OUR TEL NO 2415 AND UKMIS TELNO 390: SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE TALKS SUMMARY

1. SOME ADDITIONAL DETAIL FROM FURTHER ADMINISTRATION DEBRIEFING. DETAIL

2. STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING ON 23 SEPTEMBER ADDED THE FOLLOWING GLOSSES:

- (A) INF. SHEVARDNADZE'S FORMULA ON SOVIET ASIAN DEPLOYMENTS WAS THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IF THE SOVIET UNION WAS CONVINCED THAT THE US WERE PREPARED TO DEAL SERIOUSLY WITH MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE. ON BRITISH AND FRENCH SYSTEMS, SHEVARDNADZE TOOK THE LINE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NO LONGER RAISE THIS ISSUE IN THE CONTEXT OF AN INF AGREEMENT OF SHORT DURATION. (BUT SOVIET NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA HAD NOT YET CONFIRMED THE POINT THERE. AND TASS HAD EDITED OUT OF THEIR ACCOUNT OF SHEVARDNADZE'S PRESS CONFERENCE HERE ON 20 SEPTEMBER. (OUR TELNO 2415) HIS REFERENCE TO MODERNISATION OF BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES. THE POSITION WAS THEREFORE STILL NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR.)
- (B) START. THE RUSSIANS LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THE US ACCOUNT OF THEIR LATEST GENEVA PROPOSALS. BUT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF NUMBERS.
- (C) TESTING. IT WAS AGREED THAT FURTHER BILATERAL TALKS WOULD BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.
- (D) CW BAN. SHEVARDNADZE'S FORMULA ON THE UK PROPOSALS FOR CHALLENGE INSPECTION OF A CW BAN WAS THAT THESE CORRESPONDED IN SOME WAYS TO SOVIET VIEWS, BUT THAT FURTHER CLARIFICATION WAS NEEDED.
- (E) ON CW NON-PROLIFERATION, SHEVARDNADZE SUGGESTED FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL TO CONSIDER PRACTICAL COOPERATION, AND WORK OUT JOINT LANGUAGE FOR A SUMMIT DOCUMENT.
- (F) REGIONAL ISSUES. DISCUSSION CONCENTRATED ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. NOTHING NEW ON THE FORMER. ON ARAB/ISRAEL, SHEVARDNADZE ENCOURAGED THE US TO LOOK AGAIN AT THE IDEA OF A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE INVOLVING PERMANENT MEMBERS. ON IRAN/IRAQ SHEVARDNADZE'S REFERENCE TO HIS SPEECH TODAY WAS MADE IN BRUSHING ASIDE SHULTZ'S REPETITION OF THE US SUGGESTION (MADE DURING THE EXPERTS TALKS IN JUNE) FOR A JOINT US/SOVIET STATEMENT.

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- (G) BILATERAL ISSUES. THE US SUGGESTED DISCUSSIONS IN OCTOBER ON CIVIL USE OF SPACE. THE RUSSIANS PRESSED FOR COOPERATION ON NUCLEAR FUSION; THE US REPLY WAS THAT AN INTER-AGENCY STUDY WAS AS YET INCOMPLETE.
- (H) HUMAN RIGHTS. THE US SUGGESTED THE CREATION OF A US/SOVIET WORKING GROUP ON HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON RESOLVING INDIVIDUAL CASES RAISED AT MINISTERIAL MEETINGS. SHEVARDNADZE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE IDEA.
3. STATE AS YET HAVE NO DETAILS OF SHULTZ'S FURTHER MEETING WITH SHEVARDNADZE IN NEW YORK TODAY. BUT THEY CONFIRM THAT THE MAIN ISSUE WAS DANILOFF.

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