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FOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S PARTY
POST-REYKJAVIK PROPOSALS ON ARMS CONTROL: MESSAGE FROM SHULTZ
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BEGINS

DEAR GEOFFREY

AS WE COMPLETE THE PREPARATIONS FOR MY NOVEMBER 5-6 MEETINGS IN VIENNA WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE STRONG SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE REYKJAVIK MEETING. I KNOW YOU SHARE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S HOPE THAT THE VIENNA MEETING WILL CONSOLIDATE THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN REYKJAVIK AND TAKE US FURTHER TOWARD AGREEMENT ON THE MOST FAR-REACHING ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS IN HISTORY.

THE REYKJAVIK MEETING DRAMATIZED TO THE WORLD THE COMPLEXITY AND URGENCY OF THE SECURITY ISSUES WHICH CONFRONT THE AMERICAN AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS. IT CREATED A NEW AWARENESS OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S REVOLUTIONARY APPROACH TO REDUCING THE RISK OF CONFLICT -- HIS DETERMINATION TO REVERSE THE BUILD-UP OF STRATEGIC ARMS AND TO MOVE COOPERATIVELY FROM AN OFFENSE-DOMINANT WORLD TO ONE IN WHICH DEFENSES BASED ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY MAKE POSSIBLE THE ELIMINATION OF THE MOST THREATENING

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SORT OF WEAPONS.

OUR REYKJAVIK PROPOSALS ARE NOW ON THE TABLE IN GENEVA. AS THE PRESIDENT STATED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN HIS ADDRESS UPON RETURN FROM REYKJAVIK, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IF WE PURSUE A PRUDENT, DELIBERATE, AND REALISTIC APPROACH. OUR GENEVA NEGOTIATORS HAVE TAKEN JUST THAT KIND OF APPROACH DURING THE CURRENT ROUND OF TALKS, AND I INTEND TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE IN THE SAME VEIN. IN VIENNA, THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE PRESIDENT'S LONG-TERM GOALS THROUGH THE PROPOSALS NOW ON THE TABLE:

--A START AGREEMENT ON A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION IN OFFENSIVE WARHEADS, TO BE IMPLEMENTED, USING APPROPRIATE COUNTING RULES, BY REDUCTIONS TO 1600 STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY VEHICLES AND 6000 WARHEADS, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN HEAVY MISSILES (SEMI-COLON)

--AN INF AGREEMENT LIMITING EACH SIDE TO 100 WARHEADS ON LONGER-RANGE INF MISSILES TO BE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL USSR AND IN THE US (SEMI-COLON) A CEILING ON SRINF MISSILES AT THE CURRENT SOVIET LEVELS (SEMI-COLON) AND PROMPT FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTIONS IN MISSILES OF A RANGE LESS THAN 1000 KILOMETRES (SEMI-COLON)

--A DEFENSE AND SPACE AGREEMENT IN WHICH BOTH SIDES PLEDGE NOT TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ABM TREATY FOR TEN YEARS, COUPLED WITH A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION IN STRATEGIC FORCES IN THE FIRST FIVE YEARS, AND ELIMINATION OF ALL OFFENSIVE BALLISTIC MISSILES IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS (SEMI-COLON) AND

--A PLAN FOR ACHIEVING IMPROVED VERIFICATION OF THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY AND THE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TREATY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY NEGOTIATIONS ON FURTHER TESTING LIMITATIONS IN PHASE WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTIONS.

THESE US POSITIONS DO NOT DEAL WITH CONVENTIONAL FORCES OR WITH BIOLOGICAL OR CHEMICAL WEAPONS. THE BILATERAL US-SOVIET NEGOTIATION IN GENEVA IS NOT THE PROPER FORUM FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS IN THESE AREAS, FOR THE FORCES OF MANY OTHER NATIONS ARE ALSO INVOLVED. NEVERTHELESS, WE RECOGNISE THAT

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STEPS SUCH AS REDUCING CONVENTIONAL FORCE IMBALANCES IN EUROPE, AN EFFECTIVE WORLDWIDE BAN ON CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, AND A STRENGTHENED NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME, WHILE NOT A PRECONDITION TO THE ABOVE PROPOSALS, WILL BECOME EVER MORE IMPORTANT AS REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROCEED.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT EFFORTS ON THE PROBLEMS OF CONVENTIONAL, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS MUST CONTINUE IN ASSOCIATION WITH OUR ALLIES. I INTEND TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER THAT WE MUST ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

OF COURSE, ENSURING THE PEACE REQUIRES MORE THAN ELIMINATING WEAPONS. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THE CONDITIONS THAT HAVE MADE THE WEAPONS NECESSARY. WE MUST, FOR EXAMPLE, INSIST ON PROGRESS ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA, ENSURE FULL COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING AND FUTURE TREATY OBLIGATIONS, SEEK PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS IN WAYS THAT ALLOW FREE CHOICE WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, AND OBTAIN A DEMONSTRATED COMMITMENT BY THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO PEACEFUL COMPETITION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THESE TASKS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN VIENNA AFTER MY TALKS WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER AND TO RECEIVING YOUR CONTINUED COUNSEL ON THESE ISSUES.

SINCERELY

GEORGE P SHULTZ

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