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OUR TEL NO 2904: CAMP DAVID: ARMS CONTROL

1. FOLLOWING ARE KEY ARMS CONTROL POINTS FROM WHITE HOUSE (OFF THE RECORD) PRESS BRIEFING (BY RIDGEWAY) AFTER THE CAMP DAVID MEETING ON 15 NOVEMBER (FULL TEXT ALREADY SENT BY FAX TO RESIDENT CLERK, FCO AND DUTY CLERK, NO 10.)

2. GENERAL.

QUOTE. THEY DISCUSSED ARMS CONTROL AFTER REYKJAVIK, AND WHAT SHOULD BE THE PRIORITIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ... THEY IDENTIFIED THE INF AGREEMENT, WITH RESTRAINTS ON SHORT RANGE SYSTEMS, THE START NEGOTIATIONS ON 50 PERCENT CUTS OVER 5 YEARS IN US AND SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE FORCES, AND ... THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS. ... AND THEY TALKED ABOUT SDI ... AND THE NATO STRATEGY OF FORWARD DEFENCE AND FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, AND THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. THEY TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WHEN YOU START REDUCING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, YOU INCREASE THE IMPORTANCE OF DEALING WITH CONVENTIONAL DISPARITIES, GIVEN THE NEED FOR ALWAYS HAVING A STABLE BALANCE. THEIR MEETING UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. THEY TALKED TOO ABOUT THE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH STRATEGIC MODERNISATION PROGRAMMES, ... AND THE PRESIDENT CONFIRMED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO MODERNISE BRITAIN'S INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR DETERRENT WITH TRIDENT. UNQUOTE.

3. STATUS OF STATEMENT.

QUOTE I AM CRIBBING SOMEWHAT FROM MRS THATCHER'S WORDS ITS NOT A JOINT STATEMENT IT IS HER STATEMENT BUT WE KNEW WHAT SHE WAS PLANNING TO SAY, AND WE AGREED TO HER SAYING IT. UNQUOTE.

QUESTION : BUT DO YOU AGREE TO WHAT IT SAID? ANSWER QUOTE YES UNQUOTE.

4. INF

QUOTE. ... THERE HAD TO BE AGREEMENT ON DEALING WITH SHORT RANGE SYSTEMS, AND THAT NEGOTIATION ON THAT HAD TO BE GOTTEN ON WITH IMMEDIATELY, AND, WHILE THAT NEGOTIATION WAS TALKING PLACE, THERE HAD TO BE RESTRAINTS/CEILINGS ON THE SHORT RANGE SYSTEMS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST, WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE US TO BUILD UP TO THAT LEVEL. (IT WAS NOT THAT THERE COULD NOT BE AN INF AGREEMENT UNTIL THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT ON SHORT RANGE SYSTEMS, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT, WHILE YOU'RE NEGOTIATING, YOU HAVE RESTRAINTS ON THESE SYSTEMS.) UNQUOTE.

/S. US/UK

5. US/UK AGREEMENT TO DROP ABOLITION OF BALLISTIC MISSILES?
QUOTE. THERE WAS A SENSE THAT WHAT ONE OUGHT TO DO IS CONCENTRATE ON
PRIORITIES. AND THE PRIORITIES THEY DISCUSSED WERE THE ONES I GAVE
YOU UNQUOTE. QUESTION: NO DISCUSSION OF WHAT HAPPENS, ON STRATEGIC
FORCES, AFTER 10 YEARS?

ANSWER: QUOTE NO, IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO SAY THAT. BUT LOOKING AT
THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE REYKJAVIK OUTCOME ONE ASKS WHAT THE
PRIORITIES ARE, WHAT SHOULD WE BE GETTING ON WITH? AND THATS 50
PERCENT START CUTS UNQUOTE.

6. UK DOUBTS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS LONG-STATED DESIRE FOR A
NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD? (THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD US)
QUOTE WHAT THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT, INCLUDING THE FULL SCOPE OF THE
REYKJAVIK AGREEMENTS, AND THAT FAR, FAR STEP WAS NOT MENTIONED
UNQUOTE.7. SDI.

QUOTE. WE AGREE ON GETTING ON WITH THE SDI RESEARCH PROGRAMME WHICH
IS PERMITTED BY THE ABM TREATY.

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