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MOSCOW TELEGRAM NO 529: GORBACHEV/HAUGHEY MEETING

SUMMARY

1. MR GORBACHEV IS TO HAVE BRIEF TALKS WITH THE TAOISEACH ON 2 APRIL.

DETAIL

2. MR GORBACHEV WILL BREAK HIS JOURNEY TO CUBA FOR A REFUELLING STOP IN SHANNON ON 2 APRIL. DURING WHICH HE WILL HAVE AN HOUR OR SO OF TALKS WITH THE TAOISEACH. IT IS CLAIMED IN DUBLIN THAT THIS IS AT SOVIET REQUEST.

3. ACCORDING TO THE "IRISH TIMES". GERASIMOV HAS SAID THAT THE AGENDA WILL BE WIDE-RANGING, AND INCLUDE DISARMAMENT, EUROPEAN SECURITY, UN ACTIVITY, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. IRISH GOVERNMENT SOURCES HAVE SUGGESTED A SIMILAR MENU WITH (ODDLY) THE EUROPEAN SINGLE MARKET CENTRE-STAGE. AN AGENDA ON THESE LINES WOULD ENABLE MR HAUGHEY TO PLAY THE ROLE OF WORLD STATESMAN BEFORE THE IRISH PUBLIC.

4. SOME REPORTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT NORTHERN IRELAND AND ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS WILL FIGURE IN THE TALKS BUT GERASIMOV'S REMARKS TO THE IRISH TIMES DO NOT CONFIRM THIS: HE STRESSED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD NOT AND DID NOT INTERVENE IN NORTHERN IRELAND. REITERATED SOVIET OPPOSITION TO TERRORISM. AND STATED THAT A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM MUST BE SOUGHT.

5. I SHALL SEEK A COMMUNITY BRIEFING FROM THE DFA BEFORE MR GORBACHEV'S VISIT TO LONDON ON 5-7 APRIL.

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