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*I think the  
Americans risk being  
diddled by the Russians  
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MIPT: IRAQ/KUWAIT: NEXT STEPS

1. AFTER THE MEETING OF THE FIVE THIS MORNING, MY U S COLLEAGUE (PLEASE PROTECT) DESCRIBED A PRIVATE DISCUSSION HE HAD JUST HAD WITH OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUE.

2. LOZINSKIY SAID HE WAS STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH THE ENFORCEMENT RESOLUTION. BUT READING BETWEEN THE LINES, HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SHEVARDNADZE WANTED STILL MORE TIME. INSTEAD THEREFORE OF PROCEEDING TO A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TODAY, THE RUSSIANS COULD WELL PREFER TO POSTPONE THE PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION TO SATURDAY 25 AUGUST.

3. I SAID TO PICKERING THAT THIS SEEMED TO MAKE NONSENSE OF SHEVARDNADZE'S EARLIER REQUEST TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TODAY, BUT POSTPONE ITS IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL 2200Z ON 24 AUGUST. PICKERING SAID THAT BAKER WOULD SHORTLY BE TAKING UP THIS POINT WITH SHEVARDNADZE. THE AMERICANS WERE NOT SURE OF SOVIET MOTIVES. WERE THEY TRYING TO GET ALL THEIR NATIONALS OUT? DID THEY WANT THE TANKERS NOW ON THEIR WAY TO ADEN TO GET THERE? WERE THEY GIVING THE IRAQIS SOME KIND OF BILATERAL ULTIMATUM WHICH NEEDED MORE TIME?

4. PICKERING PROMISED TO LET ME KNOW WHAT CAME OUT OF THE IMPENDING BAKER/SHEVARDNADZE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. PRESIDENT BUSH WOULD, HE SAID, BE MOST RELUCTANT TO POSTPONE THE DEADLINE BEYOND 2200Z ON 24 AUGUST. BUT THE TRAFFIC WAS NOW ALL TAKING PLACE AT THE TOP, AND HE COULD NOT FORESEE THE RESULT.

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