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IRAQ/KUWAIT: DISCUSSION AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' DINNER

SUMMARY

1. DUMAS AND SHEVARDNADZE THINK SANCTIONS WILL HAVE THEIR EFFECT ON IRAQ IN TWO MONTHS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BAKER AND GENSCHER LESS SANGUINE.

DETAIL

2. AT A DINNER GIVEN BY SHEVARDNADZE FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS THIS EVENING, BAKER ASKED HIS COLLEAGUES HOW LONG THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE FOR SANCTIONS TO DEAL WITH IRAQ.. DUMAS, BACKED BY SHEVARDNADZE, SAID TWO MONTHS. THE IRAQIS WERE PRETTY VULNERABLE. IF THE SANCTIONS WERE PROPERLY APPLIED, TWO MONTHS SHOULD DO IT.

3. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, GENSCHER AND BAKER WERE A GOOD DEAL LESS SANGUINE. BAKER DID, HOWEVER, THINK THAT THE SANCTIONS WERE FAIRLY TIGHT. OIL WAS NOT GETTING OUT AND IRAQ WOULD RUN OUT OF MONEY FAIRLY SOON,. THERE MUST BE NO COMPROMISE WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN.

4. GENSCHER MADE A ROBUST INTERVENTION SAYING THAT SANCTIONS MUST BE TIGHTENED AND WE SHOULD NOT SHRINK FROM FURTHER MEASURES. HE THOUGHT THAT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF SUPPLIES BEING AIR-LIFTED AND WITH FOOD. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT CUBA AND YEMEN WERE DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON THE SANCTIONS COMMITTEE. IT MUST BE FOR THE COMMITTEE OR THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO DECIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH FOOD SHOULD BE SUPPLIED TO IRAQ. DELIVERIES SHOULD THEN BE BY AN IMPARTIAL AGENCY TO THOSE IN NEED. THIS SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY AGREED BY THE OTHERS. CERTAINLY, SHEVARDNADZE DID NOT DISSENT.

5. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED SHEVARDNADZE ABOUT CHINA'S ATTITUDE. SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT THE CHINESE WERE CLEARLY OPPOSED TO FORCE. THEY WERE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY THE ATTITUDE OF THE NON-ALLIGNED.

DUMAS SAID THAT THE NON-ALIGNED WERE BEING ROBUST AND DRAGGING CHINA ALONG BEHIND. BAKER COMMENTED THAT SMALL, NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAD MOST TO LOSE FROM AN IRAQI VICTORY.

6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REFERRED TO THE STATEMENT FROM AYATOLLAH KHAMENEI WHICH BAKER HAD NOT SEEN. SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE IRANIANS WOULD REMAIN PRETTY STALWART AGAINST THE IRAQI AGGRESSION. DUMAS SAID THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD RELAX ITS POLICY BECAUSE THE IRANIANS WERE SO IMPORTANT.

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