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WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT: START

1. AT A MEETING OF THE SEVEN FOREIGN MINISTERS THIS MORNING, SCHULTZ DREW ATTENTION TO THE RECENT REPORT OF THE SCOWCROFT COMMISSION. THIS HAD IN A SENSE QUERIED SOME OF THE THEORETICAL PROMISES ON WHICH THE US APPROACH TO START HAD BEEN BASED, ESPECIALLY BY ITS PROPOSAL FOR A "MIDGETMAN" MISSILE (SMALLER, MOBILE AND CARRYING ONLY ONE WARHEAD). PARITY OF SUCH MISSILES WOULD CLEARLY BE MORE STABLE THAN PARITY OF LARGER MIRVED MISSILES. BUT HITHERTO THE US HAD BEEN TRYING IN START TO GET AGREEMENT BASED ON VERY LOW LAUNCHER LIMITS. THERE WAS AN IMPORTANT DOCTRINAL EVOLUTION HERE, AND IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN HOW FAR IT COULD BE REFLECTED IN START. THE US WAS REVIEWING THE QUESTION AND WOULD KEEP THE ALLIES INFORMED.

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[THIS TELEGRAM WAS NOT ADVANCED]

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