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TELECON GREENSTOCK/MEYER OF 3 AUGUST: YUGOSLAVIA

SUMMARY

1. THE NSC ARE THINKING HARD ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT LAND CORRIDORS FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND WILL START THINKING ABOUT SAFE HAVENS. IDEAS STILL FLUID ON THE FORMER, THOUGH A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IS CONSIDERED THE ESSENTIAL BACKDROP.
2. ACUTE U.S. SENSITIVITY ABOUT THE HANDLING OF MACEDONIAN RECOGNITION.

DETAIL

3. GOMPERT (NSC) TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MR HOGG'S VISIT WITH KANTER AND ROSS IN STATE DEPARTMENT. THEIR VIEW WAS THAT THE LONDON CONFERENCE WOULD FIND IT HARD NOT/NOT TO FOCUS ON BOSNIA AND HUMANITARIAN RELIEF. ANY FURTHER THINKING THEREFORE IN LONDON ON HOW TO ENSURE RELIEF SUPPLIES WOULD HAVE WASHINGTON'S FULL ENCOURAGEMENT. GOMPERT WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO GET RAPID ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS WHICH GREENSTOCK HAD PUT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON 3 AUGUST (OF WHICH NEITHER HE NOR STATE WAS AWARE AT CLOSE OF PLAY TONIGHT).
4. GOMPERT WENT ON TO SAY THAT WASHINGTON WAS ITSELF THINKING HARD ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR BOSNIA. SO FAR THE AMERICANS HAD DISCOVERED NO QUOTE SILVER BULLET UNQUOTE. ON LAND CORRIDORS THE DILEMMA LAY IN GETTING SUPPLIES THROUGH WITHOUT A LARGE MILITARY PRESENCE ON THE GROUND WHICH WAS NOT ON. GOMPERT SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INTER-AGENCY VIEW ON HOW TO CRACK THE DILEMMA. ONE VIEW (WHICH GOMPERT ASKED ME NOT TO REPORT: PLEASE PROTECT) WAS THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ONE CORRIDOR TO SARAJEVO EG ONE FROM THE COAST AND ONE FROM BELGRADE. THE THINKING BEHIND THE LATTER WAS TO EXPLOIT MILOSEVIC'S WISH TO APPEAR INTERNATIONALLY RESPECTABLE AND TO GET HIM TO PROVIDE A JNA ESCORT.

5. ON A U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO ANY U.N.-SANCTIONED RELIEF OPERATION, GOMPERT SAID THAT, WHILE THE U.S. POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED (IE NO GROUND TROOPS), THAT DID NOT MEAN THAT THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE TAKEN OR SYMBOLIC.
6. GOMPERT SAID THAT THE CREATION OF SAFE HAVENS WAS AN ATTRACTIVE IDEA. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE BETTER THAN CREATING A MOSLEM DIASPORA. IT WOULD BE HARD TO DO, BUT WAS NONETHELESS AN IDEA WORTH PURSUING. GOMPERT'S PRELIMINARY THINKING WAS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GO FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF HAVENS OR EVEN JUST ONE LARGE HAVEN. (COMMENT: WE HAVE HAD A COOLER REACTION FROM STATE, WHO ASKED HOW WE COULD AVOID THE OBJECTION THAT SAFE HAVENS IN OR NEAR BOSNIA SIMPLY PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF THE SERBS, WHO WOULD PUSH MOSLEMS INTO THE HAVENS IN FURTHER ETHNIC CLEANSING.)
7. I ASKED GOMPERT WHETHER HE HAD THOUGHT FURTHER ABOUT MR HOGG'S IDEA OF ASKING THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE PROPOSALS ON SECURING HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, RATHER THAN GOING FOR AN ALL NECESSARY MEASURES RESOLUTION. GOMPERT SAID THAT THE BEST THING WOULD BE TO DISCUSS WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HIMSELF WHICH TYPE OF RESOLUTION WOULD BE BETTER.
8. GOMPERT EMPHASISED THE GREAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF MACEDONIAN RECOGNITION. AS HE HAD TOLD MR HOGG, ENCOURAGING THE MACEDONIANS TO APPLY FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP WOULD NOT HELP THE AMERICANS. THE GREEK AMERICAN COMMUNITY WOULD NEVER FORGIVE THE ADMINISTRATION IF RECOGNITION OF QUOTE MACEDONIA UNQUOTE WAS ACHIEVED THIS WAY. GOMPERT ASKED US TO DISCUSS THIS AGAIN WITH THE AMERICANS BEFORE WE PURSUED IT FURTHER.
9. GOMPERT ADDED THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN LONDON WOULD BE SPEAKING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT MACEDONIA. ONE OF THE POINTS THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING WOULD BE THAT THE MACEDONIANS MIGHT BE TOLD THAT IF THEY WENT FOR A DUAL NAME SOLUTION THEY WOULD STILL HAVE THE OPTION OF GOING TO ARBITRATION. GOMPERT EMPHASISED THAT THIS IDEA, WHETHER OR NOT WE LIKED IT, SHOULD NOT/NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICANS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES.

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