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TELNO 2703 OF 21 SEPTEMBER 1983,  
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MIPT: INF

1. TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

ONE OF MY FIRST DECISIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE TRAGIC SHOOTING DOWN OF KOREAN AIR LINES FLIGHT 007 WAS THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE TO PURSUE EQUITABLE AND VERIFIABLE ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

ON SEPTEMBER 3, I MET WITH AMBASSADOR NITZE, TO DISCUSS THE INF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA AND TO REAFFIRM MY COMMITMENT TO SEEKING A SUCCESSFUL RESULT IN THOSE TALKS.

SINCE THEN, THE UNITED STATES HAS HELD EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR NATO ALLIES AND JAPAN REGARDING THE U.S. POSITION IN THE TALKS. THESE CONSULTATIONS HAVE INCLUDED BOTH DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MYSELF AND ALLIED LEADERS, MEETINGS OF THE NATO SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP, AND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE JAPANESE.

IN THOSE CONSULTATIONS, SUGGESTIONS FOR U.S. INITIATIVES TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD WERE OFFERED. THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE WELCOMED BY ALLIED LEADERS, WHO REAFFIRMED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE U.S. NEGOTIATING EFFORT. OUR NATO ALLIES ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE NATO DOUBLE-TRACK DECISION.

BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, AMBASSADOR NITZE HAS RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO PURSUE THESE U.S. INITIATIVES WITH THE SOVIET NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA.

THESE INITIATIVES REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WHICH THE U.S. PUT FORWARD LAST MARCH. THEY ADDRESS A NUMBER OF SOVIET CONCERNS.

THE U.S. ACTION IN TAKING THESE ADDITIONAL STEPS IS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF U.S. COMMITMENT, AND THAT OF OUR ALLIES, TO ACHIEVING A POSITIVE OUTCOME IN THE GENEVA TALKS.

WE CALL ON THE SOVIET UNION TO RESPOND IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER TO THESE PROPOSALS, SO THAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS CAN ARRIVE AT A POSITIVE RESULT.

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1. THE PRESIDENT TODAY ISSUED A STATEMENT (TEXT IN MIFT) IN VERY GENERAL TERMS ANNOUNCING THAT THE ALLIES HAVE AGREED TO US INITIATIVES TO MOVE FORWARD THE INF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE TOLD US THAT THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY INTENDED PARTLY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM THE GERMANS AND SOME OTHER ALLIES FOR AN EARLY STATEMENT AND PARTLY BECAUSE OF LEAKS IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS ABOUT SCG DISCUSSION IN BRUSSELS ON 19 SEPTEMBER (SEE MY SECOND IPT). THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE DECLINING AT THIS STAGE TO RELEASE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE NEGOTIATING MOVES THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED AND ARE STILL PLANNING THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD REVEAL THESE WHEN HE ADDRESSES THE UN ON 26 SEPTEMBER.

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MY TWO IPTS : INF

1. TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST CARRIES AN ARTICLE DATED BRUSSELS GIVING DETAILS OF REPORTED ALLIED AGREEMENT AT THE SCG MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON 19 SEPTEMBER ABOUT MODIFICATIONS TO THE US NEGOTIATING POSITION. THE REPORT SAYS THAT THE US IS READY TO ACCEPT EQUALITY OF MISSILE DEPLOYMENTS IN EUROPE IN EXCHANGE FOR A SOVIET GUARANTEE THAT SS20 DEPLOYMENTS IN ASIA SHOULD REMAIN AT THEIR CURRENT LEVEL.

2. THE NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON GIVING A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF DECISIONS SAID TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN BRUSSELS ON 19 SEPTEMBER. THE REPORT SAYS THAT THERE WAS ALLIED AGREEMENT ON THREE POINTS:

- A) THE US WOULD SEEK EQUALITY OF DEPLOYED MISSILES IN EUROPE ALONE IN RETURN FOR SOVIET AGREEMENT TO FREEZE THEIR INF DEPLOYMENTS IN ASIA. THE US WOULD ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MATCH SOVIET INF DEPLOYMENTS IN ASIA;
- B) THE US WOULD AGREE TO THE INCLUSION OF INF AIRCRAFT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS;
- C) IN ANY FUTURE REDUCTIONS, THE US WOULD REDUCE PERSHING IIS IN FIXED PROPORTION TO REDUCTIONS IN GLCMS.

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