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OTTAWA TELNO 602 TO FCO: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR TRUDEAU.

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE TOLD US THAT TRUDEAU'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN CLOSELY FOLLOWS HIS SPEECH AT GUELPH (OTTAWA TELNO 578). ITS ONLY SPECIFIC ELEMENTS ARE A DESIRE FOR PROGRESS IN MBFR, FOR GREATER EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NUCLEAR NON PROLIFERATION TREATY AND FOR A FIVE-POWER NEGOTIATION ON NUCLEAR ARSENALS. THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO THIRD PARTY SYSTEMS IN THE INF TALKS. THE AMERICANS PROFESS TO ACCEPT THAT THE CAUSES OF TRUDEAU'S CONCERN - THE STATE OF NERVOUSNESS IN THE SOVIET UNION, THE QUOTE RYTHM OF CRISES UNQUOTE AND ABSENCE OF HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS - HAVE SOME JUSTIFICATION, BUT THEY SEE DIFFICULTIES WITH HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION. FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH TRUDEAU'S LETTER DISCLAIMS ANY INTENTION TO UPSET THE INF TALKS OR INTERFERE IN SOVIET/US RELATIONS, STATE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE HIS PROPOSALS WOULD INEVITABLY CREATE SOME BACKWASH IN THESE AREAS. THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY (WHICH WAS NOT SIGNED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE FAR EAST AND HAS THEREFORE BEEN DELAYED) IS LIKELY THEREFORE TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING BUT TO BE NON-COMMITTAL ON SUBSTANCE. THE AMERICANS HOWEVER, WILL WISH TO AVOID GIVING TRUDEAU A PUBLIC REBUFF.

WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF A BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN REAGAN AND TRUDEAU IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, BUT THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ABOUT THIS.

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