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TO IMMEDIATE STOCKHOLM  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 24 OF 19 JANUARY  
AND TO WASHINGTON

MESSAGE FROM SHULTZ

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE RELAYED BY US EMBASSY THIS EVENING  
QUOTE

DEAR GEOFFREY:

FOLLOWING UP ON OUR EARLIER EXCHANGES ON THE GENERAL QUESTION  
OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS, I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME INITIAL  
IMPRESSIONS FROM MY MEETING WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO  
IN STOCKHOLM ON JANUARY 18TH.

AS YOU KNOW, GROMYKO DELIVERED A HARDLINE SPEECH TO THE  
ASSEMBLED FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTENDING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE  
CDE THAT MORNING. HE BROKE NO NEW GROUND, BUT RATHER REITERATED  
FAMILIAR SOVIET ASSERTIONS THAT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEIGHTENED  
EAST-WEST TENSIONS RESTED ENTIRELY WITH THE WEST, AND WITH THE  
UNITED STATES IN PARTICULAR. AS SUCH, HIS PRESENTATION STOOD IN  
STARK AND DISAPPOINTING CONTRAST TO THE EMPHASIS THE PRESIDENT HAD  
PLACED IN HIS ADDRESS OF EARLIER IN THE WEEK ON THE NEED TO EXPLORE  
WAYS OF FURTHERING A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE EAST-WEST DIALOGUE -- A  
MESSAGE WHICH I UNDERLINED IN MY OWN SPEECH TO THE CDE ON JANUARY  
17TH.

DESPITE THIS PRELUDE, I FOUND MY SUBSEQUENT FIVE-HOUR SESSION  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TO HAVE BEEN USEFUL. WE COVERED AT  
SOME LENGTH AND DETAIL THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES NOW BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES -- INCLUDING VARIOUS ARMS CONTROL AND SECURITY  
QUESTIONS, REGIONAL PROBLEMS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND BILATERAL MATTERS.  
OUR VERY REAL DIFFERENCES CONTINUE, ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO THE  
BASIC QUESTION OF NEGOTIATING NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTIONS. NONETHELESS,  
IN CONTRAST WITH HIS PUBLIC PERFORMANCE, GROMYKO WAS CAUTIOUSLY  
UPBEAT IN DISCUSSING FUTURE POSSIBILITIES IN THE CW NEGOTIATIONS,

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A RESUMPTION OF THE MBFR TALKS, AND THE CDE ITSELF. I STRESSED THE NEED FOR US TO CONTINUE A HIGH-LEVEL EXPLORATORY DIALOGUE, TO WHICH GROMYKO ASSENTED.

I CAME AWAY FROM MY MEETING WITH A SENSE THAT THE SOVIETS - - FOR ALL OF THERE TOUGH TALK - - WERE SOMEWHAT ON THE DEFENSIVE. - THEY CLEARLY DO NOT WANT TO CLOSE OFF DIALOGUE AND INDEED, MAY BE READY TO MOVE CAUTIOUSLY FORWARD ON SOME ISSUES, BUT ARE NOT YET PREPARED IN THEIR OWN COUNCILS TO ADDRESS THE MORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHAT THE COMING MONTHS WILL BRING IN OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIETS. OUR DIFFERENCES WILL CONTINUE TO OUTNUMBER AREAS OF AGREEMENT. NONETHELESS, I WAS SOMEWHAT HEARTENED BY THE SERIOUSNESS AND COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF THIS EXCHANGE WITH GROMYKO.

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