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USTINOV ON ARMS CONTROL.

SUMMARY.

1. IN A SPEECH GIVEN ON 20 JULY ON THE OCCASION OF THE AWARD OF AN ORDER OF LENIN TO THE TOWN OF SEVERODVINSK, THE SOVIET MINISTER OF DEFENCE PRESSED IN GENERAL TERMS FOR EARLY NEGOTIATED SOLUTIONS TO ARMS CONTROL PROBLEMS AND QUESTIONED WASHINGTON'S APPROACH TO TALKS ON PREVENING THE MILITARIZATION OF SPACE. USTINOV MADE A RENEWAL OF THE GENEVA TALKS CONDITIONAL ON THE REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES CREATED BY NATO INF DEPLOYMENT.

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2. THE FOLLOWING ARE USTINOV'S MAIN POINTS :

- (A) PRESERVING THE EXISTING PARITY IS NOT AN END IN ITSELF. THE SOVIET UNION STANDS FOR MAINTAINING STRATEGIC MILITARY BALANCE AT EVER LOWER LEVELS.
- (B) '' WE WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT THOSE WHO DEFINE THE POLICIES OF THE U S AND SOME OTHER WESTERN POWERS WILL BE ABLE CORRECTLY TO UNDERSTAND OUR INTENTIONS AND OUR CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH ..... AND THAT THEY WILL SHOW COMMON SENSE AND TAKE A SOBER APPROACH ..... ''
- (C) THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS , ESPECIALLY CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR AND OTHER WEAPONS, SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED . '' TIME IS RUNNING OUT ''. THE ONLY WAY THIS COULD BE DONE WAS THROUGH TALKS.
- (D) THE GENEVA TALKS COULD BE RESUMED AT ANY TIME IF THE U S REMOVED THE OBSTACLES CREATED BY THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILES IN EUROPE.
- (E) '' RECENTLY , THE U S ADMINISTRATION DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THAT IT IS NOT INTERESTED IN HALTING THE ARMS RACE. IN RESPONSE TO THE USSR'S EXPLICIT AND CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL FOR TALKS TO PREVENT THE MILITARIZATION OF OUTER SPACE IT HAS TAKEN A NEGATIVE POSITION, ADVANCING PRE-CONDITIONS. OUR ATTITUDE TO THIS POSITION HAS BEEN EXPRESSED CLEARLY AND UNAMBIGUOUSLY IN THE TASS STATEMENTS KNOWN TO YOU. BY LINKING QUESTIONS OF NUCLEAR ARMS WITH THE PROBLEM OF FORESTALLING THE MILITARIZATION OF SPACE, THE WHITE HOUSE LEADERSHIP CONSCIOUSLY WANTS TO EVADE SERIOUS TALKS ON SPACE , INTRODUCTION OF A RECIPROCAL MORATORIUM ON THE TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF SPACE WEAPONS. THIS IS BORNE OUT ALSO BY THE FACT THAT IT WOULD LIKE IN ADVANCE TO EMASCULATE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TALKS AND MAKE THEM IN EFFECT POINTLESS ''.

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