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DEATH OF CHERNENKO: ATTENDANCE

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS INTERIM LIST OF THOSE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL:

UNITED STATES VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ

FRANCE: PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND FOREIGN MINISTER DUMAS

FRG: PRIME MINISTER KOHL AND MINISTER OC CHANCELLERY SHAUDLE

ITALY: PRESIDENT PERTINI AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREOTTI

SPAIN: PRIME MINISTER FELIPE GONZALEZ (AND POSSIBLY FOREIGN MINISTER MORAN)

TURKEY: PRIME MINISTER OZAL AND FOREIGN MINISTER

JAPAN: PRIME MINISTER NAKASONE AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABE

INDIA : PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI

PAKISTAN: PRESIDENT ZIA UL HAQ AND FOREIGN MINISTER KHAN

JORDAN: PRIME MINISTER AHMED OBAIDAT AND FOREIGN MINISTER AL MASRI

CANADA: PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY

FINLAND: PRESIDENT KOIVISTO AND PRIME MINISTER SORSA

IRELAND: PRESIDENT HILLERY AND MINISTER OF FISHERIES O'TOOLE

SWEDEN: PRIME MINISTER AND CROWN PRINCE BERTHOLD

AUSTRALIA: MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, SENATOR BUTTON

NEW ZEALAND: HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON

PORTUGAL: ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT AMARAL

NETHERLANDS: FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DEN BORK

AUSTRIA: PRESIDENT KIRSCHLAGER

BELGIUM: FOREIGN MINISTER TINDEMANS AND POSSIBLY PRIME MINISTER MARTENS

GREECE: FOREIGN MINISTER HARALAMBOPOULOS

CHINA: VICE PREMIER LI PENG AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER QIAN QICHEN

EGYPT: PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT MENDOSSA (TO BE CONFIRMED)

UN SECRETARY GENERAL PEREZ DE CUELLAR

WE HAVE TWO REQUESTS FOR BILATERALS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ZIA AND SPANISH PRIME MINISTER GONZALEZ.

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M MOSCOW 121025Z MARCH  
TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
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INFO PRIORITY PARIS, BONN AND UKDEL NATO

POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS.  
FOLLOWING FROM DEREK THOMAS.

1. I SPENT SEVERAL HOURS YESTERDAY TALKING TO RYZHOV ( ONE OF THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS). UNFORTUNATELY, OTHER CALLS WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE USEFUL EG ON KORNIENKO HAD TO BE CANCELLED.
2. AT LEAST HALF THE TIME WAS SPENT REPEATING ESTABLISHED POSITIONS ON BOTH SIDES, PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE GENEVA TALKS. IN RESPONSE TO RYZHOV'S PREPARED STATEMENTS, I USED WHAT I HOPED WERE THOUGHT-PROVOKING ARGUMENTS. BUT THEY FAILED SIGNALLY TO PROVOKE MUCH THOUGHT BY RYZHOV.
3. IT EMERGED CLEARLY THAT THE OVERWHELMING CONCERN THAT THEY ARE STILL EMPHASISING IS SPACE. FOR THE MOMENT IT HAS ENTIRELY TAKEN OVER FROM OTHER CONCERNS, THOUGH MODERNISATION OF STRATEGIC SYSTEMS AND CONTINUED DEPLOYMENT OF INF WEAPONS GET A PERIODIC MENTION.
4. ON OUR OWN APPROACH ON SDI, THEY ARE TAKING THE VIEW ( AS REPORTED IN MOSCOW TELNO 319) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS MOVED RIGHT AWAY FROM THE POSITION SHE EXPOUNDED TO GORBACHEV IN DECEMBER, AND HAS NOW GIVEN HER OUTRIGHT SUPPORT TO THE SDI PLAN. THEY RESOLUTELY IGNORE THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, SINCE THEY ASSUME THAT ONE WILL BE AN INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE OF THE OTHER. THEY ASSUME ALSO THAT THE REAL AMERICAN INTENTION IS TO DEPLOY IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE A SECURE FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY, AND THAT WE KNOW THIS.
5. IT FOLLOWS THAT AT PRESENT AND AT THIS LEVEL, THEY REJECT ABSOLUTELY ANY THOUGHT THAT, AS THE GENEVA TALKS PROCEED, THERE SHOULD BE DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS TO OVERALL DETERRENCE AS PART OF AN EVENTUAL AGREEMENT. THE LOGIC OF THEIR POSITION IS THAT SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD SIMPLY BE PLAYING FOR TIME ON THE PART OF THE AMERICANS WHILE THEIR PLANS FOR DEVELOPING NEW OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE SYSTEMS GO AHEAD, IN ORDER TO PUT THEM IN A POSITION OF ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY. RYZHOV SAID IN TERMS THAT ANY ATTEMPT BY THE AMERICANS TO LEAVE SPACE ON ONE SIDE, OR TO ENGAGE IN "FRUITLESS DISCUSSION" ABOUT IT WOULD HAVE THE MOST NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE GENEVA TALKS. ( AT ANOTHER POINT IN THIS CONTEXT, HE USED THE SAME WORD IN RUSSIAN (VZRYV) AS WAS USED OF THE SOVIET WALK-OUT FROM THE INF NEGOTIATIONS).

6. IF RYZHOV'S APPROACH REFLECTS THE KIND OF LINE BEING TAKEN IN BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, THE PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS WITH GORBACHEV TOMORROW WILL BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY GET THROUGH TO HIM DIRECT, BOTH ON THE REALITIES OF THE STRATEGIC DEBATE GOING ON IN WASHINGTON, AND ON THE DANGERS FOR ALL OF US IF THE RUSSIANS PAINT THEMSELVES INTO A CORNER AGAIN BY TAKING AN OGER-SIMPLISTIC LINE ON WHAT THEY REFER TO AS THE "ORGANIC INTER-RELATIONSHIP" BETWEEN THE THREE ELEMENTS.

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