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FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

MPT: BILATERAL WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER: NON-ARMS CONTROL MATTERS

HUMAN RIGHTS

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT OF THE LIST OF BILATERAL PERSONAL CASES WHICH HE HAD GIVEN TO SHEVARDNADZE IN NEW YORK, THE CASE OF LAPTEV HAD BEEN SETTLED. WE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THERE COULD BE SIMILAR PROGRESS ON THE OTHERS. APART FROM THOSE THERE WAS ALSO THE WIDER LIST OF HUMAN RIGHTS CASES: WE WERE PLEASED TO SEE THE RESOLUTION OF THE SHCHARANSKY AND ORLOV CASES. HE DID NOT PROPOSE TO GO THROUGH THE LIST WHICH WAS WELL KNOWN, RANGING FROM PEOPLE LIKE SAKHAROV TO RATUSHINSKAYA. ON THE LATTER, WE WERE GLAD TO SEE THAT SHE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON, BUT WERE CONCERNED THAT SHE WAS UNABLE TO GET AN EXIT VISA TO COME TO ENGLAND FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS BETTER INFORMED THAN HE: HE WAS UNAWARE THAT SHE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH HER: WE HOPED SHE COULD COME TO THE UK FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

3. SHEVARDNADZE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. THERE WAS NO TIME TO GO THROUGH THE FULL LIST OF CASES. BUT HE WANTED TO MAKE THE POINT THAT ALL COUNTRIES SHOULD BRING THEIR LAWS, INSTITUTIONS, AND RULES ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND RIGHTS IN LINE WITH THE RELEVANT CSCE AND UN DOCUMENTS. HE RECOGNISED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD MUCH TO DO, AND IT WAS

HE RECOGNISED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD MUCH TO DO, AND IT WAS ALREADY DOING A LOT. THEY WERE ALSO PREPARED TO BRING THEIR LAWS INTO LINE WITH THE BERNE AGREEMENTS, WHICH HAD BEEN REACHED BUT NOT ADOPTED. THEY WOULD LOOK AT OUR SPECIFIC REQUESTS, TAKING CONSIDERATIONS OF HUMANITY INTO ACCOUNT.

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6. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT HE WOULD FOLLOW THIS UP AND SEE WHAT HE COULD DO ABOUT THE PROVISION OF FURTHER INFORMATION. WE RECOGNISED THAT SYRIA COULD AND SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE HAD ONLY CONCLUDED THAT SYRIA HAD BEEN INVOLVED AFTER VERY CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE EVIDENCE. AS FOR LIBYA, THE FACT WAS THAT GADHAFI ENTHUSIASTICALLY PROCLAIMED HIS GUILT. HE MADE NO SECRET OF HIS DEALINGS WITH EG THE IRA. HE WAS AN UNUSUAL MAN. SHEVARDNADZE AGREED. BUT SAID THAT IT WAS NOT FOR THE SOVIET UNION OR PRESIDENT REAGAN TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD LEAD THE LIBYANS, BUT FOR THE LIBYANS THEMSELVES.

#### FALKLANDS FISH

7. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT THE SOVIET RESPONSE TO OUR MESSAGE SUGGESTED SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. WE WERE NOT SEEKING TO PREVENT FISHING ROUND THE FALKLANDS NOR TO ESTABLISH A PROTECTION ZONE. WE WERE CONCERNED WITH CONSERVATION AND OVER-FISHING. WE WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE A MULTILATERAL SYSTEM, AND WE HAD TRIED HARD TO ESTABLISH ONE. BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT, WE HAD HAD TO DEVISE A SYSTEM TO PRESERVE FISHING IN FALKLAND ISLAND WATERS. WE HOPED FOR THE PRACTICAL COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT WE HAD TAKEN A UNILATERAL MOVE. THERE WERE INTERNATIONAL RULES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REPEATED THAT WE HAD TRIED TO FIND A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION WITHOUT PREJUDICING ANYBODY'S POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY, BUT THAT WHEN IT HAD PROVED IMPOSSIBLE WE HAD HAD NO OPTION BUT TO TAKE THE ACTION WE DID.

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MULTILATERAL SOLUTION.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

B. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS LOOKING  
FORWARD TO HER VISIT NEXT YEAR. SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT THE SOVIET  
DIARY WAS NOW BEGINNING TO FILL UP, AND IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO  
HAVE AT LEAST A TENTATIVE PROPOSAL ON DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WAS  
THE LATE SPRING STILL THE GENERAL IDEA? THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID  
THAT WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH ABOUT THIS. SHEVARDNADZE RECALLED WITH  
PLEASURE HIS OWN MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN LONDON. HER  
VISIT TO MOSCOW WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT EVENT.

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