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SOVIET COMMENTS ON A SUMMIT

SUMMARY

1. SOVIET MFA SPOKESMAN SAYS THAT A SUMMIT IS POSSIBLE THIS YEAR AND THAT A MEETING BETWEEN SHULTZ AND SHEVARDNADZE MIGHT BE NEEDED 'IN THE NEAR FUTURE' TO DISCUSS THE GENEVA TALKS.

2. MY U S COLLEAGUE (PLEASE PROTECT) SAYS THAT A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON IN MID-JULY, IF THE REYKJAVIK MEETING ON 11 JUNE IS POSITIVE ON 'DOUBLE ZERO'.

DETAIL

3. AT A ROUTINE PRESS CONFERENCE ON 9 JUNE MFA DEPUTY SPOKESMAN PYADISHEV SAID, IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS: 'IN THE OPINION OF THE SOVIET SIDE A MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF THE 2 POWERS IS POSSIBLE STILL THIS YEAR. WE ARE IN FAVOUR OF SUCH MEETINGS BUT ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY RESULT IN PRACTICAL AGREEMENTS ON CURRENT KEY PROBLEMS'. PYADISHEV REFERRED TO THE PROPOSAL MADE AT GORBACHEV'S MEETING WITH SHULTZ ON 14 APRIL THAT 'KEY PROVISIONS' SHOULD BE WORKED OUT WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE SIGNING OF AN INF TREATY, COULD BECOME THE SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT AT SUMMIT LEVEL.

4. REFERRING TO SPECULATION IN THE FOREIGN PRESS ABOUT A NEW MEETING BETWEEN SHULTZ AND SHEVARDNADZE, PYADISHEV SAID THAT A MEETING MIGHT INDEED BE NEEDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA TALKS, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE 'CURRENT PRIORITY TASK' OF THE ELIMINATION OF INF AND OPERATIONAL-TACTICAL MISSILES IN EUROPE. A POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THIS MEETING WOULD ALLOW CONCRETE DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF A SUMMIT MEETING.

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5. THIS REPRESENTS THE CLEAREST EXPRESSION RECENTLY OF SOVIET VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUMMIT THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH IT SUGGESTS THAT A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING WOULD ONLY PREPARE THE GROUND FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF A SUMMIT THIS NONETHELESS ADDS CREDIBILITY OF PYADISHEV'S COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THE SUMMIT TIMETABLE.

6. IN DISCUSSION WITH MY FRENCH AND GERMAN COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF OUR US COLLEAGUE HAS CITED A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ARE MAKING A PARTICULAR EFFORT OVER US/SOVIET RELATIONS, PRESUMABLY TO IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE PRIOR TO A SUMMIT LATER THIS YEAR (DETAILS BY BAG). RECENT EXCHANGES BETWEEN BESSMERTNYKH AND SHULTZ IN WASHINGTON HAVE INDICATED THAT A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON IN MID-JULY, DEPENDING ON A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET 'DOUBLE ZERO' OFFER FROM THE REYKJAVIK MEETING ON 11 JUNE. THIS WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR A SUMMIT BEFORE THE END OF 1987.

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