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MIPT: SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE: GENERAL PROSPECTS

1. NITZE SAID THAT HE WISHED TO DISPEL ANY IMPRESSION THAT THE TALKS WOULD BE ONLY ABOUT ARMS CONTROL OR EVEN THAT ARMS CONTROL WOULD BE THE DOMINANT THEME. SHULTZ WOULD WANT TO ADDRESS THE WHOLE AGENDA. THE OTHER 3 AREAS VIZ. HUMAN RIGHTS, REGIONAL ISSUES AND BILATERAL ISSUES, WOULD RECEIVE AT LEAST AS MUCH ATTENTION AS ARMS CONTROL.

2. SIMONS SAID THAT HUMAN RIGHTS COULD BE DIVIDED INTO HIGH INTEREST PERSONAL CASES SMICLN ISSUES SUCH AS POLITICAL PRISONERS, FREEDOM OF RELIGION (WHICH WOULD BE GETTING MORE EMPHASIS) AND JEWISH EMIGRATION SMICLN AND THE QUESTION OF MAKING THE SOVIET APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS MORE ROUTINE. THUS, PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE SHOULD BE GIVEN ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS, INSTEAD OF BY THE ARBITRARY EXERCISE OF POWER. THE PROVISIONS IN THE CRIMINAL CODE RESTRICTING POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY SHOULD BE ABOLISHED DURING THE FORTHCOMING REVISION OF THE CODE. FOR THEIR PART, THE RUSSIANS WOULD NO DOUBT DWELL ON THE PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, THE HOMELESS, WOMEN AND AMERICAN QUOTE POLITICAL PRISONERS UNQUOTE. IN ADDITION, THEY WOULD FOCUS ON THE BERNE DOCUMENT, AMERICAN RHETORIC AT HUMAN RIGHTS FORA AND THEIR CASE FOR A HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW.

3. THE CHIEF REGIONAL ISSUES WOULD BE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN/IRAQ (THE LATTER TO RECEIVE QUOTE EXTENSIVE UNQUOTE TREATMENT).

4. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF MAKING PROGRESS ON SOME CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENTS ON THE BASIC SCIENCES AND TRANSPORT. SOVIET COOPERATION WOULD ALSO BE NEEDED TO GET THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW INTO FULL AND SECURE WORKING ORDER.

5. SIMONS COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST VISIT BY A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES FOR SOME YEARS WHICH WOULD NOT

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BE TAKING PLACE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OR A CRISIS ATMOSPHERE.  
THE 4 PART ARRANGEMENT OF THE AGENDA (ARMS CONTROL AS WELL AS THE  
THREE LISTED ABOVE) WAS WELL UNDERSTOOD AND ACCEPTED BY ALL  
CONCERNED IN THE STATES, INCLUDING THE INFORMED PUBLIC, AS WELL AS  
BY THE SOVIET SIDE. THIS OFFERED THE PROSPECT OF BUSINESS LIKE AND  
SERIOUS DISCUSSION: THE FACT THAT THE PATTERN HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED  
AND WAS LIKELY TO CONTINUE WAS REGARDED BY THE PRESENT US  
ADMINISTRATION AS A SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENT.

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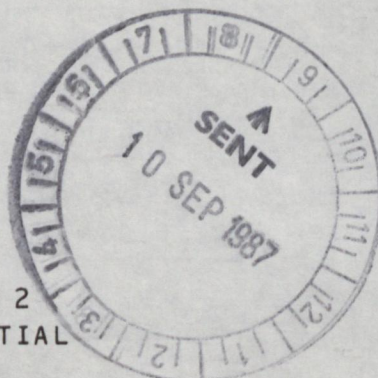
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