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OUR TELNO 2328 : US/SOVIET RELATIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING JOINT STATEMENT WAS RELEASED FOLLOWING SHEVARDNADZE'S TALKS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON 30 OCTOBER:

BEGINS: BUILDING ON PROGRESS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS, INCLUDING HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES AND THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE AND SECRETARY OF STATE SHULTZ IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 30, AS WELL AS THEIR TALKS IN MOSCOW, PRESIDENT REAGAN AND GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN THE UNITED STATES BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 7, 1987.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY ATTACH THE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE TO HOLDING A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WHICH COVERS THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES - ARMS REDUCTIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, SETTLEMENT OF REGIONAL CONFLICTS, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS - AND WHICH MAKES SIGNIFICANT HEADWAY OVER THE FULL RANGE OF THESE ISSUES.

THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED ON A PLAN OF ACTION FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE US-SOVIET DIALOGUE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING. THEY HAVE AGREED TO COMPLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TREATY ON THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF US AND SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE AND SHORTER-RANGE MISSILES.

AT THEIR MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES, THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY WILL, IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING THE FULL RANGE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS, SIGN THE TREATY ON THE TOTAL ELIMINATION OF US AND SOVIET INTERMEDIATE-RANGE AND SHORTER-RANGE MISSILES: SET THE AGENDA FOR FUTURE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES: AND CONSIDER THOROUGHLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DELEGATIONS ON A FUTURE TREATY ON 50 PERCENT REDUCTIONS IN US AND SOVIET STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AND NON-WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ABM TREATY FOR AN AGREED PERIOD.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY ENVISION A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN THEM IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1988, WHERE THEY WOULD ALSO SEEK PROGRESS ACROSS THE ENTIRE

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RANGE OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. TOWARD THIS END, BOTH SIDES WILL WORK TOWARDS EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF A TREATY IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT TO REDUCE STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS BY 50 PERCENT, WHICH COULD BE SIGNED DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. FOREIGN MINISTER SHEVARDNADZE AND SECRETARY SHULTZ WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THOROUGH AND EXPEDITIOUS PREPARATIONS OF THE FORTHCOMING SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON. ENDS.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS PRESIDENT REAGAN ADDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

I) GORBACHEV'S LETTER APPEARED FORTHCOMING AND STATESMAN-LIKE QUOTE I WELCOME IT UNQUOTE.

II) INF HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE MEETING WITH SHEVARDNADZE: QUOTE THE REMAINING DETAILS, WHILE TECHNICAL, ARE IMPORTANT IN ENSURING EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION OF ANY AGREEMENT. VERIFICATION REMAINS A MAJOR CONCERN OF THE US. OUR PROPOSALS WILL RESULT IN THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE VERIFICATION REGIME IN HISTORY UNQUOTE.

III) ON SDI QUOTE I'VE MADE CLEAR - AND THEY HAVE NOT REJECTED THIS - THAT THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN GIVE UP SDI, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE FOR THE WORLD UNQUOTE. ON WHETHER THERE COULD BE START REDUCTIONS WITHOUT PROGRESS ON SDI QUOTE WE THINK WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN STRATEGIC DEFENCE IN THAT IT IS NO LONGER PUT DOWN AS A FLAT DEMAND UNQUOTE. ON WHETHER THE DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE FOR SDI COULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE SUMMIT QUOTE THIS WOULD BE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNQUOTE. ASKED WHETHER SUCH A DISCUSSION COULD HELP ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT ON START REDUCTIONS THE PRESIDENT ANSWERED QUOTE YES UNQUOTE.

(IV) ON START QUOTE I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE I PLACE ON REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON REDUCING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS BY 50 PERCENT. IN PARTICULAR, I EMPHASISED THAT WE SEEK A FORMAL VERIFIABLE TREATY AND DO NOT RELIEVE EITHER NATION SHOULD SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS. WE AGREED TO WORK TOWARD SUCH AN AGREEMENT, WHICH I HOPE TO SIGN DURING A VISIT TO MOSCOW NEXT YEAR UNQUOTE.

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