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SUMMARY

1. PROGRESS IN GENEVA AFTER FIVE DAY HIATUS. OUTSTANDING SOVIET DATA HANDED OVER. ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED DRAFT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES. MINOR ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE OUTSTANDING, INCLUDING TIMING OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

2. REVISED BCA BEING TRANSMITTED ON 2 DECEMBER. PROTOCOL UNLIKELY TO BE READY BEFORE WASHINGTON SCG MEETING ON 4 DECEMBER. DETAIL

3. THE INF TALKS IN GENEVA FINALLY GOT GOING AGAIN ON 2 DECEMBER FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS OF INACTIVITY CAUSED BY THE SOVIET DELEGATION BEING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. THE OUTSTANDING SOVIET DATA (ON NON-DEPLOYED MISSILES) WAS HANDED OVER, WITH INITIAL US REACTIONS BEING THAT IT CONFORMS SATISFACTORILY WITH US INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES. TWO OR THREE OTHER SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WERE SOLVED, INCLUDING THE NEW DRAFT OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES INCORPORATING THE AMENDED SENTENCE IN PARA 1 OF TUR. THE TWO SIDES CONTINUE TO DISPUTE THE DURATION OF THE US/SOVIET PORTAL MONITORING REGIME OUTSIDE SS25/MX FINAL ASSEMBLY FACILITIES, AND THE RUSSIANS ARE CONSIDERING THE US AMENDMENTS TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONTAINED IN PARA FOUR OF TUR. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE RUSSIANS WILL ACCEPT SUCH A FORMULATION, WHICH WOULD ALLOW BASING COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE NOTES AT THEIR CONVENIENCE PRIOR TO RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY PROPER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

4. WE HAVE STRESSED TO BURNS (PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, POL/MIL BUREAU, STATE DEPARTMENT) THE NEED FOR US TO SEE THE INSPECTION PROTOCOL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. BUT GIVEN THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, AND THE UNFINISHED STATE OF THAT DOCUMENT, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THE PROTOCOL TO US IN ADVANCE OF THE WASHINGTON SCG MEETING ON 4 DECEMBER. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, UNDERTAKEN TO TRANSMIT A FULLY UPDATED BCA TO BASING COUNTRIES CAPITALS FOR DELIVERY FIRST THING ON 3 DECEMBER. ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT THIS

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DOCUMENT WILL REFLECT FULLY THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY ON THE PROTOCOL (AND IS OF COURSE MORE UP TO DATE THAN THE VERSION CIRCULATED EARLIER IN THE WEEK). IT WILL ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND, TAKE ACCOUNT OF OUR CONCERNS IN PARA 5 OF TUR.

5. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION WITH OTHER BASING COUNTRIES, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE BCA WILL ONLY BE SIGNED IN ENGLISH. THE ADMINISTRATION ARE MAKING THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING TEXTS FOR SIGNATURE AT THE NAC.

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