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BAKER/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING: 4-6 APRIL
SUMMARY

1. US PLANNING FOR TALKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES, IN ORDER TO FOLLOW UP ON MALTA, AND PREPARE FOR THE JUNE SUMMIT. BUT LITHUANIA AND GERMANY CERTAIN TO FEATURE PROMINENTLY.

DETAIL

2. SHEVARDNADZE WILL VISIT WASHINGTON ON 4-6 APRIL FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH BAKER DESIGNED TO FOLLOW UP ON MALTA, AND PREPARE FOR THE JUNE SUMMIT. SHEVARDNADZE WILL ALSO HOLD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT BUSH.

3. THREE SEPARATE ONE ON ONE SESSIONS WITH BAKER HAVE BEEN PLANNED (EACH LASTING TWO TO THREE HOURS). OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THESE WILL FOCUS ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, GERMANY, ARMS CONTROL, AND, POSSIBLY, AFGHANISTAN. ALTHOUGH LITHUANIA AND GERMANY ARE CERTAIN TO FEATURE PROMINENTLY THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH THE US WISH TO MAKE PROGRESS IF THE MALTA UNDERTAKINGS ARE TO BE FULFILLED IN TIME FOR THE JUNE SUMMIT. PARTICULARLY ARMS CONTROL (SEE MIFT). OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

(I) REGIONAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO AFGHANISTAN THE US ARE PLANNING TO RAISE ANGOLA, CENTRAL AMERICA (SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE FMLN AND CUBA), CAMBODIA, AND, IF TIME PERMITS, KASHMIR AND ETHIOPIA.

(II) BILATERAL ISSUES. THE US WISH TO GIVE A HIGH LEVEL PUSH TO THE US/SOVIET TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. US OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO BE CONCERNED AT SOVIET FOOT-DRAGGING OVER CERTAIN ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THE PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, AND THE NEED TO PASS THE NEW SOVIET EMIGRATION LAW IF JACKSON-VANIK IS WAIVED. OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES WILL INCLUDE STUDENT EXCHANGES, HUMAN RIGHTS (WHERE THE US WILL PRESS SHEVARDNADZE ON OUTSTANDING REFUSENIK CASES), THE PROGRESS OF SOVIET ECONOMIC REFORM AND ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE US CAN OFFER.

(III) TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES. THESE INCLUDE COUNTER TERRORISM, NARCOTICS, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN SPACE.

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