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SOVIET/AMERICAN RELATIONS: IRKUTSK AND THE FUTURE CALENDAR

1. THOUGH THE BAKER-SHEVARDNADZE BILATERAL IN IRKUTSK HAS BEEN OVER-SHADOWED BY THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, IT MAY BE WORTH SUMMARISING THE DEBRIEFING GIVEN PRIVATELY BY THE US AMBASSADOR ON 7 AUGUST.
2. MATLOCK SAID THAT BAKER AND SHEVARDNADZE HAD BROADLY AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE:
  - A) NEXT BILATERAL MEETING TO BRACKET THE MOSCOW 2 + 4 MINISTERIAL ON 12 SEPTEMBER. BAKER, MOSBACHER AND BUSINESS TEAM WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE ON 10 SEPTEMBER. BAKER HAS BEEN ASSURED OF A MEETING WITH GORBACHEV ON 11 SEPTEMBER. MOSBACHER WILL ATTEND A SESSION OF THE US/SOVIET TRADE COMMISSION THAT DAY. FURTHER MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER, FOCUSSED PARTICULARLY ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.
  - B) THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HOLD A BILATERAL IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON ON 24 SEPTEMBER.
  - C) SHEVARDNADZE WILL ALSO MEET PRESIDENT BUSH, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR WHEN THE LATTER ATTENDS THE CHILDRENS SUMMIT IN NEW YORK. (SHEVARDNADZE SAID THAT PRESIDENT GORBAHCEV WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT BE GOING TO NEW YORK.)
  - D) THE MINISTERS WILL BOTH ATTEND THE CSCE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON 1/2 OCTOBER.
  - E) IN THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER THEY WILL HOLD A FULL SCALE BILATERAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON.
  - F) THE FURTHER TIMETABLE WILL DEPEND ON PROGRESS TOWARDS A SUMMIT AND IN THE START TALKS. BUSH AND GORBACHEV WOULD OF COURSE MEET AT THE CSCE SUMMIT IN NOVEMBER. BUSH IS IN PRINCIPLE PREPARED TO COME TO MOSCOW FOR A BILATERAL SUMMIT FROM DECEMBER ONWARDS, BUT THE EXACT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON CONCLUSION OF THE START AGREEMENT. MATLOCK THOUGHT THAT EARLY 1991 MORE LIKELY THAN DECEMBER 1990.
2. ON OTHER SUBJECTS, MATLOCK SUMMARISED THE RESULTS OF IRKUTSK AS FOLLOWS:
  - CFE: BAKER HAD SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT THE ALLIES ON THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS, AND THAT THE REPLY WOULD BE GIVEN IN VIENNA.
  - GERMANY: BAKER HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE US HAD NO OBJECTION TO A CONCLUSION OF 2 + 4 QUESTIONS AT THE MOSCOW MINISTERIAL, DROPPING THE

2 + 4 MINISTERIAL IN THE UNITED STATES IF THAT WAS HOW THE BUSINESS PANNED OUT.

- ICBMS: THE UNILATERAL SOVIET DECISION TO HALT PRODUCTION OF RAIL-BASED ICBMS WAS ENCOURAGING, AND WOULD HELP THE ATMOSPHERE IN THE TRANSITION FROM START I TO START II.

- OTHER DISARMAMENT MATTERS: SOME DISCUSSION OF CW AND OF THE RATIFICATION OF NUCLEAR TESTING AGREEMENTS.

- CAMBODIA: THE RUSSIANS HAD AGREED TO TALK TO THE VIETNAMESE AND TO HUN SEN ABOUT ELECTORAL PROCESSES.

- NORTH KOREA: BAKER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR INTENTIONS AND PRESSED FOR THE APPLICATION OF IEAE SAFEGUARDS. SHEVARDNADZE WILL VISIT PYONGYANG EN ROUTE TO TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER.

- AFGHANISTAN: PRESS REPORTS OF A BREAKTHROUGH WERE EXAGGERATED. BUT THE TWO SIDES POSITIONS HAD CONVERGED, AND SHEVARDNADZE SHOWED INTEREST IN THE POWERS OF AN ELECTORAL COMMISSION, WITH THE IMPLICATION OF SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF CONSTRAINTS ON NAJIBULLAH. MATLOCK IMPLIED THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD NOW WORK ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CLIENTS, BUT THAT NEITHER POWER COULD BE SURE OF DELIVERING ITS CLIENTS.

- AFRICA: BAKER HAD PRESSED THE RUSSIANS TO GIVE ACTIVE SUPPORT TO DIALOGUE WITHIN ANGOLA, IN RESPONSE TO SAVIMBI'S RECENT MOVES. IN DISCUSSION OF THE HORN IT HAD BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE EPLF WERE NOW MORE OF A PROBLEM THAN MENGISTU.

- CENTRAL AMERICA: BAKER WANTED THE RUSSIANS TO PRESS CASTRO TO CUT ARMS SUPPLIES TO THE EL SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS.

3. MATLOCK SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE FIRST NEWS OF THE IRAQI INVASION INTO KUWAIT REACHED BAKER AND SHEVARDNADZE IN IRKUTSK, THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION THERE HAD NOT BECOME APPARENT UNTIL THE TWO MEN HAD GONE ON THEIR SEPARATE PATHS.

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