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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY STOESEL/TODEP 2008

A. ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT

1. FALKLAND DISPUTE - DIPLOMATICALLY, THE DAY BEGAN WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WAR WAS RECEDING. TONIGHT, AFTER ELEVEN HOURS OF TALKS IN LONDON SECRETARY HAIG SAID HE WASN'T MORE HOPEFUL AT ALL. (PETER JENNINGS)

SECRETARY HAIG ARRIVED IN LONDON EARLY THIS MORNING AMID SIGNS THAT A SOLUTION TO THE FALKLAND CRISIS WAS IN REACH. THE BRITISH BLOCKADE HAD GONE INTO EFFECT BUT THE ARGENTINE NAVY HAD CONVENIENTLY PUT INTO PORT. AND AS HE BEGAN HIS MEETINGS WITH PM THATCHER, IT WAS BEING WIDELY REPORTED

THAT THERE WAS A FORMULA WHICH WOULD OBSCURE THE ISSUE OF WHO OWNED THE ISLANDS, WOULD GET THE ARGENTINE FORCES TO WITHDRAW, AND TURN THE BRITISH NAVY AROUND. HOWEVER, AFTER ELEVEN HOURS OF INTENSIVE SESSIONS, IT WAS CLEAR

THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS. THE

MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH WAS THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICAL SUICIDE FOR MRS. THATCHER TO CONCEDE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE ISLANDS AT THIS POINT. HAIG: "WE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, BUT A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES REMAIN." HAIG ALSO ADDED OMINOUSLY: "THERE IS NO TRUCE OR NO HESITATION OR PAUSE IN ANY OF THE MILITARY PREPARATIONS AS I UNDERSTAND THEM THAT ARE UNDERWAY." AND SO SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES REMAIN AND THE BRITISH FLEET SAILS SOUTH. STILL IT IS POSSIBLE TO HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE NOW ACTUALLY DECIDED THEY DO NOT WANT WAR AND THEY ARE NOW HAGGLING OVER THE PRICE OF PEACE. (BARRIE DUNSMORE)

2. FROM ARGENTINA - EVEN THOUGH THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS SOMEWHAT LESS TENSE TODAY THAN IT WAS BEFORE HAIG'S FIRST VISIT, THE ARGENTINIAN LEADERS ARE CONTINUING TO FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED CONFLICT WITH BRITAIN. THAT POINT WAS EMPHASIZED TODAY FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING BY FOREIGN MINISTER COSTA MENDEZ: "WE ARE NEGOTIATING BUT

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WE ARE PREPARING TO REPEL ANY ATTACK." A POSSIBLE DIPLO-
MATIC SOLUTION STILL HELD DOMINANCE TODAY OVER MILITARY
PREPARATIONS--THE RESULT OF PRESIDENT GALTIERI BEING
CONVINCED BY HAIG DURING THEIR SATURDAY MEETINGS THAT IF
HE DID NOT GIVE HAIG SOME OFFER TO TAKE TO LONDON IT MIGHT
LEAD TO WAR OR THE DOWNFALL OF THE THATCHER GOVERNMENT
AND THE POSSIBLE ELECTION OF A LABOUR GOVT WHICH WOULD NOT
BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. OR ARGENTINA. ABC NEWS
HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE PRINCIPAL INFLUENCE ON GALTIERI'S
DECISION TO OFFER TO WITHDRAW HIS TROOPS IN THE FALKLANDS
WAS A PRIVATE MEETING HE HAD SATURDAY WITH HAIG'S ADVISOR
GENERAL VERNON WALTERS, A FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
CIA AND A LATIN AMERICAN EXPERT, WHO CONVINCED GALTIERI AND
OTHER ARGENTINIAN MILITARY LEADERS THAT AS ONE GENERAL TO
ANOTHER, HAIG WAS MAN WHOSE WORD COULD BE TRUSTED. EVEN
THOUGH AS ONE GENERAL TO ANOTHER GALTIERI DOES TRUST HAIG,
HE WOULD STILL WANT TO KNOW FROM HAIG WHEN HE RETURNS HERE
TOMORROW IF THE BRITISH HAVE AGREED TO STOP THEIR FLEET
AND IF THE BRITISH HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT ARGENTINIAN
SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. IF THE ANSWER ON
BOTH COUNTS IS "NO" OR EVEN IF IT IS VAGUE, THEN THE
SITUATION BY TOMORROW NIGHT COULD BE AS TENSE AS IT WAS
LAST WEEK. (SANDER VANOCUR)

3. BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION - THERE HAS BEEN SOMETHING OF
A REVERSAL IN PUBLIC OPINION SINCE LAST WEEK. AN OPINION
POLL CONDUCTED LAST MONDAY FOUND THAT 69 OF THOSE POLLED

BELIEVED IT WAS RIGHT TO PUT THE LIVES OF TROOPS AT STAKE
TO GET THE ISLANDS BACK. YESTERDAY, THE SAME POLL FOUND
THAT ONLY 36 OF THOSE ASKED WERE NOW IN FAVOR. (PETER
JENNINGS)

4. FALKLAND SURVEILLANCE - LAST WEEK ABC NEWS REPORTED
THAT AMERICAN SR-71 RECONNAISSANCE PLANES HAD PHOTOGRAPHED
ARGENTINIAN INVASION FORCES BEFORE ARGENTINA SEIZED THE
ISLANDS AND HAD GIVEN THAT INFORMATION TO THE BRITISH AT
THEIR REQUEST. PENTAGON OFFICIALS DENY THE STORY AND SAY
NO SUCH HELP WAS ASKED FOR OR OFFERED. HOWEVER, ABC NEWS
STANDS BY ITS REPORT. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

5. STOESSEL MISSION - PRESIDENT REAGAN TODAY ORDERED
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WALTER STOESSEL TO GO TO THE
MIDDLE EAST. STOESSEL WILL HAVE TWO ASSIGNMENTS: TO
TRY TO PREVENT A NEW CLASH BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PLO IN
LEBANON; AND TO HELP WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAEL'S
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI. A CLEAR SIGN THE ADMINISTRA-
TION IS ALSO WORRIED ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND

EGYPT. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

6. EGYPT/ISRAEL - THERE ARE PROBLEMS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. A DEPUTY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER SAID TODAY THAT IF DIFFERENCES HOLDUP THE SCHEDULED ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI TWO WEEKS FROM NOW, "SO BE IT." THE ISRAELI COMPLAINTS ARE VERY GENERAL AT THIS POINT. THEY ARE THAT EGYPT HAS INCREASED ITS TIES WITH THE PLO, THAT EGYPT HAS MORE FORCES THAN IT SHOULD IN AREAS OF THE SINAI ALREADY BACK UNDER EGYPTIAN CONTROL, AND THAT AN EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL MADE A SPEECH IN WHICH HE STRESSED NEED FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE. (PETER JENNINGS)

7. ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS - ARAB DEMONSTRATIONS ERUPTED IN JERUSALEM'S OLD CITY AND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. AT LEAST A DOZEN ARABS WERE WOUNDED BY ISRAELI GUNFIRE TODAY, MANY OTHERS WERE INJURED BY ROCK THROWING. (BILL SEAMANS)

8. GAO REPORT ON LASER WEAPONS - A GAO REPORT TO CONGRESS URGED THAT THE PENTAGON SPEND MORE AND WORK HARDER ON DEVELOPING LASER BATTLE STATIONS IN OUTERSPACE. (FRANK REYNOLDS)

B. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

1. - FALKLAND DISPUTE - SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG AFTER A FULL DAY OF HEAVY TALKS WITH THE THATCHER GOVT IN BRITAIN MAY BE ON HIS WAY BACK TO ARGENTINA BY MORNING. AND IF HE GOES, HE GOES BACK NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC. (ROGER MUDD)

AFTER AN ALL NIGHT FLIGHT FROM BUENOS AIRES, SECRETARY HAIG PULLED UP AT 10 DOWNING STREET WITH AN AMERICAN PEACE PLAN APPROVED BY THE ARGENTINIANS. NOW HAIG HAD TO SELL IT TO THE IRON LADY, PM THATCHER. THE PLAN CALLS FOR THREE STEPS TO BE TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY: ARGENTINA WOULD REMOVE ITS TROOPS FROM THE FALKLANDS; BRITAIN WOULD HALT ITS NAVAL TASK FORCE; THE ARGENTINE FLAG WOULD FLY IN THE ISLANDS DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS. WHILE HAIG AND THATCHER TALKED A CROWD KEPT VIGIL WAITING TO LEARN WHETHER IT WOULD BE PEACE OR WAR. AFTER ELEVEN HOURS, SECRETARY HAIG EMERGED TO SAY THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROGRESS: "BUT A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES REMAIN. THERE IS NO TRUCE, OR NO HESITATION OR PAUSE IN ANY OF THE MILITARY PREPARATIONS, AS I UNDERSTAND, ARE UNDERWAY." OTHER BRITISH OFFICIALS WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO MAKE SURE NO ONE THINKS THE BRITISH GOVT IS READY TO CAVE IN. THE STICKING POINT IS THIS: THE BRITISH SAY NO DEAL AND NO PROMISE OF A DEAL UNTIL THE ARGENTINIANS WITHDRAW. THAT IS THE WAY PRIME MINISTER THATCHER OPERATES--HANG TOUGH UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND EXTRACT EVERY POSSIBLE CONCESSION. THAT DOES NOT MAKE SECRETARY HAIG'S JOB ANY EASIER. (JOHN COCHRAN)

2. FROM ARGENTINA - THE ARGENTINES HAVE NOT YET CHALLENGED THE BRITISH BLOCKADE OF THE ISLANDS, BUT THEY MAY BE STEPPING UP THEIR MILITARY PREPARATIONS NOW THAT SECRETARY HAIG IS HAVING TROUBLE WORKING OUT A DEAL. ROBYN

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LLOYD REPORTS THAT THE ARGENTINE FLEET IS HEADED FOR SEA. (TOM BRCKAW)

THESE ARGENTINE WARSHIPS WERE BEING LOADED UP THIS MORNING WITH ENOUGH FUEL AND SUPPLIES FOR 20 DAYS AT SEA. TODAY THE ORDER WAS GIVEN FOR THE ENTIRE ARGENTINE NAVY, INCLUDING THE AIR FORCE CARRIER "THE 25TH OF MAY" TO SET SAIL BY THIS EVENING. NAVAL COMMANDER, ADMIRAL JUAN JOSE LOMBARCOS SAID ARGENTINA WILL FIGHT THE BRITISH FLEET WITH ITS COMBAT PLANES AND ITS SUBMARINES NOT JUST WITH ITS WARSHIPS. ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICIALS SAY PLANS

ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO MOVE SOLDIERS ON TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AS WELL AS TO FLY IN TANKS. MILITARY OFFICIALS SAY THESE SMALL FRENCH-MADE TANKS COULD BE PLACED NEAR POTENTIAL LANDING AREAS ON THE COAST OF THE ISLANDS TO HELP FIGHT OFF A BRITISH INVASION. ARGENTINE MILITARY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE BRITISH HAVE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE OF RETAKING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND HOLDING THEM FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME, AND THEY SAY THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF PULLING THEIR TROOPS OFF THE ISLAND UNTIL THE BRITISH CONCEDES ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY. (ROBYN LLOYD)

3. ISRAEL/ARABS/EGYPT - CROWDS OF YOUNG ARABS STORMED THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM TODAY THROWING ROCKS AT ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES. MEANWHILE, A FEW MILES AWAY, AMERICAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE NICHOLAS VELICTES WAS DISCUSSING THE FORTHCOMING SINAI PULLOUT WITH ISRAELI LEADERS. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN, WHO ALSO MET WITH THE DELEGATION FROM THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, HAS SUDDENLY RAISED STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT EGYPTIAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CAMP DAVID ACCORDS. DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON AND OTHERS IN BEGIN'S GOVT HAVE PUBLICLY QUESTIONED WHETHER ISRAEL SHOULD COMPLETE ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI UNLESS THE DISPUTES WITH EGYPT ARE RESOLVED. VELIOTES IS TRYING TO KEEP THE WITHDRAWAL ON COURSE IN THE

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LESS THAN TWO WEEKS REMAINING AND WILL BE GETTING HELP FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WALTER STOESSEL WHO IS DUE IN ISRAEL THIS WEEK. SEVERAL THOUSAND ULTRA-NATIONALIST ISRAELIS WHO OPPOSE THE SINAI PULLOUT MARCHED THROUGH THE SINAI DESERT SAND TODAY AND THEY LISTENED TO SPEECHES URGING ISRAEL TO STOP THE WITHDRAWAL. SOME HERE BELIEVE THE LAST MINUTE OBSTACLES BEING RAISED BY THE BEGIN GOVT ARE A REFLECTION OF THESE SAME FEELINGS. (ART KENT, TEL AVIV)

4. STOESSEL MISSION - WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG STILL OUT OF THE COUNTRY, PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS SENT THE NUMBER TWO MAN AT THE DEPARTMENT, WALTER STOESSEL, OFF TO THE MIDDLE EAST. EXACTLY WHY HE IS GOING DEPENDS ON WHICH PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION YOU BELIEVE. (ROGER MUDD)

ACCORDING TO THE-WHITE HOUSE, STOESSEL IS GOING TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO KEEP THE LID ON THE CRISIS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, HOLDING OFF A POSSIBLE ISRAELI INVASION. BUT ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT, HE IS GOING TO ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO SOLVE SOME LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS THAT MAY AFFECT ISRAEL'S SCHEDULED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI LATER THIS MONTH. SPOKESMAN ALAN ROMBERG SAID WHAT WAS EXPECTED, THAT THE U.S. REMAINS CONFIDENT THE WITHDRAWAL

WILL TAKE PLACE. BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, THE U.S. SAID THE PALESTINIANS HAD VIOLATED THE CEASEFIRE LAST SATURDAY WHEN THEY SENT TWO ARMED COMMANDERS INTO ISRAEL BY WAY OF JORDAN: ROMBERG: "FROM THE INFORMATION WE HAVE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD APPEAR THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT REPRESENTS A VIOLATION OF THE CEASEFIRE." WITH THE ADDED NEW VIOLENCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THERE IS DEEPENING OFFICIAL CONCERN THAT THE MIDDLE EAST MAY BE ON THE EDGE OF AN EXPLOSION. AS DESCRIBED HERE, STOESSEL'S PRINCIPAL JOB WILL BE TO HOLD PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S HAND FOR AS LONG AS SEEMS NECESSARY. (MARVIN KALB)

C. CBS EVENING NEWS

1. FALKLAND ISLANDS - THERE ARE GROWING INDICATIONS TONIGHT THAT NEGOTIATIONS NOT WAR MAY SOLVE THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA. THIS MAY BE DUE TO THE SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY OF SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG. (DAN RATHER)

SECRETARY HAIG SPENT ELEVEN HOURS INSIDE NUMBER 10 DOWNING STREET DISCUSSING WITH PRIME MINISTER THATCHER THE DETAILS OF PROPOSALS HE HAD BROUGHT FROM ARGENTINA. THOSE PROPOSALS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW ARGENTINE TROOPS FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND REPLACE THEM WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE. THE MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF SOVEREIGNTY WOULD BE SETTLED AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON AVOIDING A WAR. "WE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS BUT A NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES REMAIN, SO WE WILL BE RETURNING THIS EVENING TO BUENOS AIRES AS TIME IS SLIPPING AWAY FROM US ON THIS SUBJECT." (SECRETARY HAIG) HAIG WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS BUT HE SAID THERE IS NO PAUSE IN BRITISH MILITARY

PREPARATIONS. BRITAIN'S FOREIGN SECRETARY FRANCIS PYM SOUNDED EQUALLY DISCOURAGING: "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT DIFFICULTIES DO STILL REMAIN. WE ARE BOTH VERY ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY PEACEFUL MEANS..." LATE TONIGHT, CBS NEWS LEARNED THAT THERE'S BEEN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN PLANS AND SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG WILL NOT BE LEAVING LONDON UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING. INSTEAD OF DRIVING DIRECTLY TO HEATHROW AIRPORT AND BOARDING HIS PLANE FOR ARGENTINA, AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED, THE SECRETARY DROVE TO HIS LONDON HOTEL WHERE HE'S BEEN CLOSETED WITH HIS AIDES FOR THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS. WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO EXPLANATION FOR THE DELAY IN TAKEOFF UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING, BUT IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT MR. HAIG, WHO'S FLOWN OVER 25,000 MILES ON THIS MISSION IN ONE WEEK SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS, HAS DECIDED TO GET A NIGHT'S REST BEFORE HEADING BACK TO BUENOS AIRES. (ROBERT PIERPOINT TRAVELLING WITH HAIG)

DESPITE THE ENCOURAGING SIGNS, ARGENTINA IS NOT LETTING DOWN ITS GUARD. IN PORT STANLEY, F.I., AN ARGENTINE MILITARY SPOKESMAN TOLD REUTERS NEWS AGENCY THAT DEFENSE POSITIONS ARE BEING SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE ARCHIPALAGO'S TWO MAIN ISLANDS. (DAN RATHER)

THE ARGENTINES HAVE 6-9,000 TROOPS AND A SQUADRON OF FRENCH-BUILT MIRAGE JETS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND UP TO NOW THEY'VE RESUPPLIED THEM BY AIR, SO THEY ARE NOT USING THEIR SHIPS. WITH THE BRITISH SURFACE SHIPS

STILL LAYS AWAY, THE THREAT OF ARMED CONFLICT IS THUS EASED A BIT, GIVING DIPLOMATS A LITTLE BREATHING SPACE. BUT MORE MILITARY EQUIPMENT IS BEING READIED ALONG THE ARGENTINE MAINLAND. THE BUILDUP IS COSTING A HALF MILLION DOLLARS A DAY AND THIS IS TOUGH ON ARGENTINA'S ALREADY TROUBLED ECONOMY. AS THE COST OF WAR BEGINS TO SINK IN, THE PEOPLE, WHO JUST A FEW DAYS AGO SEEMED EAGER FOR WAR, ARE NOW MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

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(BOB SCHIEFFER)

THE BRITISH PEOPLE DON'T SEEM TO BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS
THOUGH. THE LATEST POLL SHOWS THAT 78 OF THE BRITISH
ARE BACKING THE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. (TOM FENTON)

2. MIDDLE EAST VIOLENCE - THERE WERE RIOTS TODAY THROUGH-
OUT ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN EAST JERUSALEM, THE
WEST BANK, AND THE GAZA STRIP. THE PROTESTS BY PALESTIN-
IANS WERE SPARKED BY THE EASTER SUNDAY SHOOTING ATTACK BY
AN AMERICAN-BCRN ISRAELI IN JERUSALEM'S SACRED TEMPLE
MOUNT. (DAN RATHER)

THERE ARE CONTINUING PROBLEMS OVER ISRAEL'S CONTROVERSIAL
WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 25. IN ONE
AREA TO BE RETURNED, YAMIT. 2,000 PEOPLE MARCHED IN PRO-
TEST AGAINST THE MOVE. IN JERUSALEM, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
OF STATE NICHOLAS VELIOTES BEGAN MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS TO RESOLVE SNAGS OVER THE TRANSFER. THE BEGIN
GOVERNMENT SAID EGYPT HAS VIOLATED THE CAMP DAVID AGREE-
MENT BY MOVING TOO MANY OF ITS FORCES INTO THE SINAI AND
BY LETTING THE PLC SMUGGLE ARMS INTO GAZA. IN TODAY'S
DISCUSSIONS, THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT THREATEN TO DELAY THE
WITHDRAWL, BUT MR. BEGIN DID COMPLAIN, THIS TIME TO A
VISITING CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THAT EGYPT IS NOT COM-
PLYING WITH CAMP DAVID. AND ONE OF HIS CABINET MEMBERS
DAVID LEVY REPORTEDLY SAID TODAY THAT IF DIFFERENCES DO
HOLD UP THE WITHDRAWL, SO BE IT. THE FEELING HERE IS THAT
MR. LEVY WOULDN'T HAVE SAID SUCH A THING IF MR. BEGIN HAD
NOT FIRST APPROVED IT, THAT BEGIN IS GENUINELY WORRIED
ABOUT EGYPT'S INTENTIONS AND IS TRYING TO GET THE U.S.
MORE INVOLVED IN HOPES OF PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON CAIRO.
(BOB FALL)

THE SITUATION REMAINS TENSE ALONG ISRAEL'S BORDER WITH
LEBANON. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WALTER STOESSEL IS
SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TONIGHT TO TRY TO DEFUSE THE
BORDER TENSIONS. HE ALSO IS EXPECTED TO TRY TO PREVENT
ANY LAST MINUTE PROBLEMS WITH THE SINAI WITHDRAWL. IN

WASHINGTON, LESLIE STAHL REPORTS THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN
SENT A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN LAST WEEK URGING
THAT ISRAEL SHOW RESTRAINT AND NOT ATTACK PALESTINIAN
GUERRILLA POSITIONS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. (DAN RATHER)

3. RADIO SOLIDARITY - RADIO SOLIDARITY TODAY BEGAN CLAN-
DESTINE BROADCASTS IN WARSAW PRESENTING MUSIC, NEWS AND
A CALL FOR RESISTANCE TO POLAND'S MARTIAL LAW REGIME.
THE BROADCAST LASTED 8 MINUTES. (DAN RATHER)

4. NUCLEAR ARMS - THE DEATH OF THE LATEST PROPOSED STRAT-
EGIC ARMS TREATY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MORE POWERFUL MIS-
SILES SUCH AS THE MX AND THE SS-20, HAVE COMBINED TO PUSH
THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE TO THE TOP OF THE NATIONAL AGENDA.
A WEEK AGO WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT REAGAN SUMMED IT UP THIS

WAY: 'THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, THAT ON BALANCE THE SOVIET UNION DOES HAVE A DEFINITE MARGIN OF SUPERIORITY.' THIS STATEMENT SURPRISED AND TROUBLED ALMOST EVERYONE. NO PREVIOUS AMERICAN PRESIDENT AND NO SOVIET LEADER HAS SAID THAT ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER IS PLAINLY AHEAD. ONE REASON IS THAT COMPARING NUCLEAR ARSENALS IS DIFFICULT. THE U.S. TRIAD OF LAND, AIR AND SEA MISSILES GIVES THE U.S. A TOTAL NUMBER OF WARHEADS OF 9,480. THE SOVIET UNION HAS 75 OF ITS NUCLEAR DETERRENT ON LARGE, LAND-BASED MISSILES WITH 8,040 WARHEADS. WHILE WE HAVE MORE WARHEADS THE SOVIETS HAVE BIGGER ONES. THESE MISSILES CONTAIN AN EXPLOSIVE FORCE OF MORE THAN 7,500 MEGATONS. THE U.S. ARSENAL IS ABOUT HALF THAT EXPLOSIVE SIZE. PHYSICIST SIDNEY DRELL SAYS THE U.S. HAS BETTER TECHNOLOGY AND BETTER ACCURACY EVENTHOUGH THE SOVIETS HAVE MORE MEGATONNAGE. THE NUCLEAR CAPABILITY EQUATION IS COMPLICATED WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THE THOUSANDS OF SO-CALLED BATTLEFIELD NUCLEAR WEAPONS BOTH SIDES HAVE STORED IN EUROPE. MR. DRELL SAYS THERE IS PROBABLY A STAND-OFF AND THAT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERRENCE, THAT'S THE WAY IT PROBABLY SHOULD BE. THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO THINK ABOUT: ADVANCING WEAPON TECHNOLOGY SUGGESTS THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR ONE SIDE TO WIPE OUT THE OTHER'S LAND-BASED MISSILES IN A FIRST STRIKE, LEAVING A COUNTRY VIRTUALLY DEFENSELESS. THIS LEADS ONE TO BELIEVE THAT A NUCLEAR WAR IS ACTUALLY WINNABLE. THAT REALITY IS ONE OF THE DRIVING FORCES TO FREEZE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL. AND THAT LEVEL IS STAGGERING: THE COMBINED STRATEGIC ARSENAL OF BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION AMOUNTS TO 11,000 MEGATONS, 550,000 TIMES THE POWER OF THE HIROSHIMA BOMB. MR. DRELL SAYS THAT 3-400 MEGATONS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO WIPE OUT EITHER THE U.S. OR RUSSIA. (DAN RATHER)

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