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MIPT:

BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO BONN

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TRANSLATION OF EXTRACTS FROM BREZHNEV'S
DINNER SPEECH.

DANGERS OF TNF MODERNISATION

2. QUOTE. WE REGARD THE SITUATION AS ALARMING. THE GREATEST POWER
IN THE WEST IS SEEKING TO ESCALATE THE ARMS RACE. LOOK AT THE
ADOPTION OF A POWERFUL NEW PROGRAMME TO DEPLOY STRATEGIC AND OTHER
ARMAMENTS: LOOK AT THE START OF PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON WEAPON....
THERE HAVE EVEN BEEN STATEMENTS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY AND, AS
IT WERE, THE LOGIC OF A QUOTE LIMITED NUCLEAR WAR UNQUOTE.....
WE ARE DEEPLY CONVINCED THAT THE PLANS TO STATION NEW US NUCLEAR
WEAPONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN WESTERN EUROPE, AND
ABOVE ALL ON FRG TERRITORY, CREATE A MORE PRESSING DANGER THAN
HAS EVER EXISTED BEFORE. PEOPLE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF THIS DANGER AND
MUST SURELY BE EXPECTING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE DONE TO REMOVE
IT.

THE ZERO SOLUTION

3. (THE USSR IS TAKING THE TNF NEGOTIATIONS SERIOUSLY, BUT THE US
APPARENTLY NOT.) THE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE US GOVERN-
MENT IN THE LAST FEW DAYS FOR A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF MEDIUM
RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE MERELY CONFIRMS THESE FEARS.....
NATURALLY WHAT WE SEE HERE IS NOT ANY KIND OF QUOTE ZERO SOLUTION
UNQUOTE. WE ARE BEING CALLED UPON TO DISARM OURSELVES UNILATERALLY,
WHILE HUNDREDS OF LAND AND SEA BASED MISSILES AND AIRCRAFT
CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS DIRECTED AT OUR COUNTRY AND AGAINST OUR
ALLIES - THIS WHOLE THREATENING ARSENAL BELONGING TO THE USA AND
OTHER NATO COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN AREA - IS TO REMAIN UNTOUCHED.

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THAT MEANS, IF THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF MEDIUM-RANGE NUCLEAR FORCES ON BOTH SIDES IN EUROPE CAN BE CHARACTERISED ROUGHLY AS ONE TO ONE, THAT THE USA IS TRYING NOW TO TURN INTO A RELATIONSHIP OF ABOUT TWO TO ONE IN FAVOUR OF NATO. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SOVIET UNION CAN NEVER GIVE ITS AGREEMENT TO SUCH AN OPTION.

MORATORIUM PROPOSAL

4. BOTH SIDES SHOULD REFRAIN, SO LONG AS THE TALKS LAST, FROM THE STATIONING OF NEW, AND THE MODERNISING OF EXISTING, MEDIUM RANGE SYSTEMS IN EUROPE. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS DOES NOT MEAN ANY KIND OF PERMANENT FREEZE OF THE PRESENT MEDIUM RANGE NUCLEAR BALANCE.... WE WOULD GO FURTHER AS A GESTURE OF GOODWILL WE COULD UNILATERALLY REDUCE A CERTAIN PART OF OUR MEDIUM RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE EUROPEAN SECTOR OF THE USSR. WE COULD MAKE, SO TO SPEAK, A PUMP-PRIMING REDUCTION IN THE SPIRIT OF MOVING TOWARDS A LOWER LEVEL SUCH AS MIGHT BE AGREED BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA AS THE OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS. THIS IS A NEW AND VITAL ELEMENT IN OUR POSITION.

POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF NEGOTIATIONS

5. IN THE COURSE OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USA WE WILL PRESS RESOLUTELY FOR RADICAL REDUCTIONS IN MEDIUM RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOTH SIDES IN EUROPE. NATURALLY, THE CONCRETE FIGURES MUST BE ESTABLISHED IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES. SO FAR AS OUR SIDE IS CONCERNED, WE WOULD BE READY TO COUNT THE REDUCTIONS NOT IN DOZENS, BUT IN HUNDREDS OF WEAPONS UNITS IN THIS CATEGORY..... AND IF OUR PARTNERS SHOWED THEMSELVES READY TO AGREE ON A COMPLETE RENUNCIATION OF ALL TYPES OF MEDIUM RANGE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON BOTH SIDES - WEST AND EAST - WHICH ARE AIMED AT TARGETS IN EUROPE, WE WOULD BE IN FAVOUR. WE GENERALLY SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT EUROPE SHOULD IN THE END RESULT BE FREE FROM NUCLEAR WEAPONS - MEDIUM RANGE WEAPONS AND ALSO TACTICAL WEAPONS. THAT WOULD BE A TRUE QUOTE ZERO SOLUTION UNQUOTE, A JUST SOLUTION FOR ALL PARTIES. UNQUOTE.

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