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PARIS TELNO 140: FRANCE/US:DUMAS/BAKER MEETING

1. THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE US SECRETARY OF STATE HAD BREAKFAST TOGETHER AT DAWN AT SHANNON AIRPORT ON 6 FEBRUARY. I UNDERSTAND FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY THAT THE FOLLOWING WERE THE MAIN POINTS TO EMERGE.

A. MR BAKER AGREED TO THE HOLDING OF A CSCE SUMMIT THIS YEAR, PROVIDED ONLY THAT A CONVENTIONAL DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED AT IT. M DUMAS PUBLICLY WELCOMED AMERICAN AGREEMENT AND ENVISAGED A SUMMIT IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. THE DCM COMPLAINED TO ME IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS SOVIET COLLEAGUE THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAD GIVEN THE AMERICANS NO OPTION.

B. GERMAN REUNIFICATION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH BUT THE FRENCH WERE RETICENT ABOUT IT. THE TWO MINISTERS SEEM TO HAVE ACCEPTED THAT REUNIFICATION WAS INEVITABLE BUT AGREED ON THE NECESSITY FOR FINDING 'NEW ELEMENTS OF STABILITY IN EUROPE', AN ORDERLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND PROPER CONSULTATION OVER THE RIGHTS OF THE FOUR ALLIED POWERS:

C. OPEN SKIES. BAKER ACCEPTED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT THE 12 EUROPEAN NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SHOULD ATTEND THE OTTAWA CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS:

D. EBRD. MR BAKER MAINTAINED HIS OPPOSITION TO SOVIET ACCESS TO EBRD LOANS-APPARENTLY NOT ON THE GROUND THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS A BOTTOMLESS PIT, BUT BECAUSE IT HAD NOT YET TAKEN THE NECESSARY STEPS TOWARDS A MARKET ECONOMY:

E. EC/US. BAKER ASKED DUMAS TO THINK AGAIN ABOUT FRENCH RESISTANCE TO NEW STRUCTURES FOR EC/US RELATIONS. THESE WERE AN AMERICAN REQUIREMENT AND INDISPENSIBLE FOR THE HARMONIOUS MANAGEMENT OF HISTORIC CHANGE.

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