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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF SOVIET DELEGATION

DURING LUNCH ATTENDED BY DEPALMA AND NEIDLE AND ANTYASOV AND SHUSTOV (USSR) FOLLOWING POINTS WERE DISCUSSED:

1. NPT ARTICLE OF DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS. SOV DELOFFS WERE GIVEN FOLLOWING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FOR OPERATIVE

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ARTICLE ON DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS AS PER STATE 52434: BEGIN QTE EACH OF THE PARTIES TO THIS TREATY UNDERTAKES TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH ON EFFECTIVE MEASURES REGARDING CESSATION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT, AND ON AN AGREEMENT ON GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT UNDER STRICT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. GND QTE BOTH SOV DELOFFS ON FIRST READING THOUGHT THIS

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LANGUAGE SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. AND THEY WOULD STUDY IT.

2. OPERATIVE ARTICLE ON PROVIDING BENEFITS OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. US DELOFFS EXPLAINED THAT US OFFICIALS CONTINUED BELIEVE IT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT A GOOD IDEA TO ATTEMPT SPECIFY NOW IN OPERATIVE ARTICLE THAT POTENTIAL BENEFITS WOULD BE PROVIDED THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL BODY OR PURSUANT TO AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT. SHUSTOV SAID THAT US PROPOSED LANGUAGE WAS PARTICULARLY WEAK IN THAT IT MERELY REFERRED TO " APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES." HE WONDERED WHETHER BETTER FORMULATION MIGHT NOT BE " APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS" SINCE THIS

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COULD SOUND MORE SUBSTANTIAL TO NON-ALIGNED THAN MERE "INTERNATIONAL PROCEDURES". US DELOFFS SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER.

3. TACTICS AT ENDC. US DELOFF URGED THAT SOVS RECOGNIZE NEED FOR GREATEST POSSIBLE SPEED IN RESPONDING TO MEXICAN AMENDMENTS AS GROUP OR SEPARATELY. SOV DELOFFS SAID THEY WOULD PREFER SEEK MOSCOW'S APPROVAL FOR COMPLETE RESPONSE ON ALL MEXICAN AMENDMENTS BUT THAT THEY WOULD ALSO KEEP IN MIND POSSIBILITY, IF IT PROVED NECESSARY, OF MOVING AHEAD WITH PERHAPS THREE AMENDMENTS (ALL EXCEPT AMENDMENT ON PLOWSHARE SERVICES). SOVS STRONGLY DOUBTED THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TABLE AMENDMENTS AT OCT 17. MEETING. US DELOFF URGED THAT SOME POSITIVE RESPONSE OF CO-CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE MADE NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, OCT 19.

4. SIGNING OF NPT. US DELOFF SAID IT MIGHT NOT BE REALISTIC TO ENVISION SIGNING OF NPT PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION BY UNGA; HOWEVER, A POSSIBILITY WORTH CONSIDERING, DEPENDING ON EXTENT OF SUPPORT AT ENDC, MIGHT BE INITIALING OF TEXT

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BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AS MANY COUNTRIES AS ARE PREPARED APPROVE DRAFT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT INDIA, UAR AND BRAZIL HAVE ALREADY WARNED US NOT TO EXPECT THAT NPT DRAFT CAN BE ENDORSED BY ENDC AS SUCH IN REPORT TO GA.

5. TACTICS AT UNGA. ANTYASOV ASKED WHETHER IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IDEA FOR CO-CHAIRMEN HOLD SOME NPT AMENDMENTS FOR SUBMISSION DURING UNGA DISCUSSION OF NPT. US DELOFFS, AS WELL AS SHUSTOV, THOUGHT THAT IN ANY EVENT CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD GIVE MAXIMUM POSITIVE RESPONSE TO MEXICAN AMENDMENTS DURING ENDC SESSION SINCE ENDC MEMBERS WOULD BE STRONGLY RESENTFUL AND MIGHT EVEN TURN INTO NPT OPPONENTS IF CO-CHAIRMEN DID NOT TAKE POSITIVE ACTION IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTIONS FROM CONSTRUCTIVE ENDC MEMBERS. US DELOFF POINTED OUT THAT BURMA HAD PROPOSED ADDITIONAL NPT REQUIREMENT OF PERIODIC REVIEW CONFERENCES. SINCE THERE WAS LITTLE ELSE IN BURMESE SPEECH TO WHICH CO-CHAIRMEN MIGHT BE ABLE RESPOND FAVORABLY, THEY MIGHT CONSIDER INTRODUCING AMENDMENT ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH WOULD ALSO

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BE OF SORT DESIRED BY JAPAN. US DELOFF THOUGHT THIS AMENDMENT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ONE FOR INCLUSION EITHER NOW OR PERHAPS DURING UHGA CONSIDERATION BECAUSE IT COULD SERVE TO SATISFY GREAT VARIETY OF CONCERNS ABOUT FUTURE OF TREATY.

6. ARTICLE III KND DURATION. US DELOFF POINTED OUT THAT ALMOST ANY CONCEIVABLE VERSION OF ARTICLE III WHICH COULD NOW BE ENVISIONED WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PLEASING TO SOME EURATOM COUNTRIES. THIS INCLUDED NOT ONLY FRG, BUT OTHERS WHO WISHED TO SUPPORT TREATY. DEFICIENCIES FROM THEIR STANDPOINT MIGHT BE MORE EASILY ACCEPTED IF TREATY WERE OF LIMITED DURATION. THIS IS A MATTER OF CONCERN ALSO TO SEVERAL OTHER KEY POTENTIAL SIGNATORIES, E.G., JAPAN US DEFINITELY PREFERRED UNLIMITED DURATION, BUT NEVERTHELESS IT SEEMED CLEAR TO US DELOFF THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE TREATY OF QUITE SUBSTANTIAL DURATION, E.G., 25 YEARS,

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THAN TO HAVE NO TREATY AT ALL OR TREATY LACKING KEY ADHERENTS. SOV DELOFFS SAID THEY HAD NOT GIVEN SERIOUS THOUGHT TO DURATION QUESTION; HOWEVER, DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, SHUSTOV REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY

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OF TREATY CONTINUING UNLESS MAJORITY WISHED DISCONTINUE IT. BOTH SOV DELOFFS SAID THAT, IF KEY ISSUES, SUCH AS SAFEGUARDS COULD BE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, ATMOSPHERE MIGHT BE SO IMPROVED AS TO MAKE POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION FOR LIMITED THOUGH SUBSTANTIAL DURATION. SOV DELOFFS SAID THEY WOULD BEGIN TO GIVE SERIOUS THOUGHT TO THIS QUESTION AND WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL EXCHANGES WITH US DEL.

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