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SUBJECT: ENDC LIAISON REPORT NO. 429

1. AT LUNCH OCT 23 FISHER INFORMED CASTANEDA AND AGUIRRE

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(MEXICO) OF STATUS CO-CHAIRMEN DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS AMENDMENTS
TO NPT. FISHER GAVE CASTANEDA COPY OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO
DEAL WITH FOUR MEXICAN AMENDMENTS, STRESSING THEY WERE STILL
UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN CO-CHAIRMEN AND THEREFORE MUST BE

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HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. FISHER ALSO GAVE CASTANEDA COPY OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO DEAL WITH PERIODIC REVIEW CONFERENCES AND PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR SUCH CONFERENCES. CASTANEDA EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION AT THIS EVIDENCE OF WILLINGNESS TO MOVE TOWARD MEXICAN POSITION AND URGED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN SOONEST TO TABLE SUCH RESPONSES IN HE ENDC IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF WHAT HE FEARED WOULD BE A TENDENCY FOR OTHERS TO PUT IN AMENDMENTS PRIMARILY TO DELAY THINGS.

2. CASTANEDA SAID THAT HE IS OPPOSING A SUGGESTION BY THE INDIANS IN MEETINGS OF NON-ALIGNED TO COMPILE A NON-ALIGNED DOCUMENT LISTING ALL THE VARIOUS AMENDMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE FOR IMPROVING THE TREATY. CASTANEDA FELT THIS WAS AN OBVIOUS DEVICE TO TRY AND PERSUADE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT WE ARE FAR FROM AGREEMENT ON A TREATY AND THAT THE DRAFT PRESENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION DOES NOT CONFORM WITH

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THE VIEWS OF MANY GOVERNMENTS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE STRESSED NEED COMPLETE ART III IN ORDER HEAD OFF UNGA ATTEMPTS REWRITE DRAFT TREATY.

3. CASTANEDA'S SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON OUR PROPOSED ARTICLES DEALING WITH MEXICAN SUGGESTIONS WERE LIMITED ESSENTIALLY TO FOLLOWING:

A. HE WONDERED WHETHER IN ARTICLE ON PEACEFUL USES IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO APPROXIMATE MEXICAN LANGUAGE RE "THE DUTY TO" BY HAVING OUR LANGUAGE STATE THAT "PARTIES TO THE TREATY IN A POSITION TO DO SO SHALL CONTRIBUTE ALONE OR TOGETHER, ETC." FISHER EMPHASIZED NOTION OF "COOPERATION" WAS IMPORTANT TO US.

B. RE ARTICLE ON PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES, HE NOTED OPTION FOR PROVIDING SERVICES ON BILATERAL BASIS BUT DID NOT PRESS POINT WHEN FISHER EXPLAINED NEED TO KEEP SUCH OPTION OPEN. HE DID QUESTION THE PHRASE "IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT" AS INAPPROPRIATE TREATY LANGUAGE.

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C. AS REGARDS ARTICLE ON DISARMAMENT, HE WONDERED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF MAKING REFERENCE TO NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, BUT APPEARED TO AGREE THAT OUR LANGUAGE SUBSTANTIALLY MET MEXICAN WISHES PROVIDED PREAMBULAR PARAS ON DISARMAMENT WOULD REMAIN.

D. HE FELT NEW LANGUAGE ON PERIODIC REVIEW CONFERENCES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.

4. CASTANEDA ALSO ASKED ABOUT STATUS FORMULATION US POSITION ON PROTOCOLS TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO AND IMPLIED MEXICO MIGHT WELCOME US STATEMENT OF INTENTION TO SIGN PROTOCOL WHEN NFZ TREATY IN FORCE FOR CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF STATES.

5. SENGOKU (JAPAN) INFORMED US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ITS LETTER TO THE CO-CHAIRMEN MADE PUBLIC BY CIRCULATION AS A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT. IT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE US PRESENT THIS WISH TO SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN RATHER THAN HAVING JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE HERE MAKE

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DIRECT APPROACH TO ROSHCHIN. GOJ REQUESTS THAT IT BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE WHEN DOCUMENT IS TO BE MADE PUBLIC HERE SO THAT SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE CAN BE MADE BY GOJ TO PRESS IN JAPAN. ON OCT. 24, DELOFF INFORMED ANTYASOV (USSR) OF JAPANESE DECISION. ANTYASOV ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM PROVIDED TIMING COULD BE ARRANGED SO AS NOT TO INSPIRE OTHER GOVTS MAKE SIMILAR REQUESTS.

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