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RE: DISARMAMENT (IRISH PROPOSAL)

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1. BARCO SAW AIKEN (IRELAND) TODAY AND URGED HE NOT SUBMIT HIS PROPOSALS ON TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. BARCO DREW ON ARGUMENT CONTAINED GADEL 35. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH PROHIBITION WOULD BE OBEYED BY US AND COULD BE IGNORED AT WILL BY USSR. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT PROPOSAL WOULD INTRODUCE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATING ELEMENT AT TIME WHEN WE HAD PROSPECT OF REAL PROGRESS AT GENEVA.

2. AIKEN SAID HE HAD DECIDED TO SUBMIT BOTH AMENDMENTS (DELGA 182) AND RES (DELGA 168). HE WOULD SAY IN SPEECH HE WOULD PRESS WHICHEVER APPROACH HAD MOST SUPPORT.

3. BARCO REPLIED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED MOST "SOLEMNLY" TO INFORM AIKEN THAT HIS PROPOSAL CREATED SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES FOR US. IT TOUCHED UPON CRUCIAL PROBLEMS OF SECURITY. WE DID NOT WANT NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO SPREAD ANY MORE THAN HE DID BUT IN ABSENCE OF CONTROLS AND OTHER TYPES OF DISARMAMENT, A PROHIBITION WHICH WE OBSERVED AND THEY COULD EVADE WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE.

4. AIKEN SAID HE HAD THOUGHT QUESTION OUT AND WAS CONVINCED IT WOULD NOT HARM US. WE WOULD NOT GIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO OTHERS ANYWAY. USSR WOULD NOT GIVE THEM TO EASTERN EUROPEANS. WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THEY HAD GIVEN THEM TO HUNGARIANS? USSR UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD NOT WANT TO GIVE WEAPONS TO CHINA EITHER. SUCH GA RES AS HIS WOULD GIVE THEM EXCUSE TO USE IN RESISTING CHINESE DEMANDS.

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5. HE THEN REPEATED HE HAD TO INTRODUCE TEXTS TONIGHT BECAUSE HE INTENDED TO SPEAK ON THEM TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

6. BARCO MADE REQUEST FOR DELAY AT SEVERAL POINTS AND AIKEN FINALLY AGREED TO WITHHOLD SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS UNTIL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MOVING AT 10 A.M. SO THAT WE WOULD CONSULT DEPARTMENT AGAIN. HE HAD APPARENTLY ALREADY SUBMITTED RES.

7. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE LANGUAGE CONTAINED GADEL 39. IN CONTEXT HIS TWO PROPOSALS WE DOUBT WHETHER THIS IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG TO MERIT PUTTING TO HIM, ESPECIALLY AS RES WILL HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED BY THEN.

8. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IRISH PROPOSALS SUFFICIENTLY DANGEROUS FOR US TO MAKE ANOTHER STRONG EFFORT TO AVOID INTRODUCTION AMENDMENTS AND SEEK SUBSTITUTE FOR HIS RES WE SUGGEST WE BE INSTRUCTED SHOW HIM SOMETHING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TOMORROW MORNING AT 10. WE DOUBTFUL WHETHER THIS WOULD HAVE MUCH EFFECT EITHER BUT WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY.

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"EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF A BALANCED DISARMAMENT AGREEMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A PROHIBITION ON THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ASSURE THE FUTURE USE OF FISSIONABLE MATERIALS SOLELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND THE BEGINNING OF TRANSFER TO PEACEFUL USES OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL IN EXISTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILES." POINT HAS CLEARLY BEEN REACHED WHERE UNLESS WE CAN GIVE AIKEN SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL ALONG HIS LINES, THERE IS NO FURTHER CHANCE OF DISSUADING HIM FROM PROCEEDING WITH HIS PRESENT PLANS.

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