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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: ACDA/NP/INA - Susan Burk

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SUBJECT: US-Hosted Dinner for NPT Nuclear Weapon States

On Wednesday, September 23, 1992, the US (ACDA Principal Deputy Assistant Director Norman Wulf) hosted a dinner for the NPT Depositaries (US, UK and Russian Federation) plus France and China. A list of participants is attached. The Depositaries used this opportunity to brief China and France on preparations to date for the 1995 NPT Conference to extend the Treaty. The UK reviewed its efforts thus far to obtain support for a draft UNGA resolution setting up the conference Preparatory Committee (PrepCom). The RF reviewed a number of issues raised by the PrepCom including the timing and venue of prepcom meetings, and its program of work. The RF pointed out to the Chinese and French representatives the need to devise appropriate rules of procedure for the extension decision. The US reviewed the Depositaries' thinking on the nature of the extension decision and of the conference, itself. The US rep stated that the Depositaries were amenable to engaging in a review of the Treaty during the extension conference, but that the extension decision must not be held hostage to the outcome of that review. He stressed the importance of obtaining good leadership for the conference.

French views on these points were obtained in a previous meeting and are reported in USVienna 2017, 28 Sep 92).

The Chinese rep said he was grateful for the opportunity to have this meeting. As China has only recently acceded to the NPT, it will need to get educated on the various NPT issues. Chinese support for the NPT, however, is evident by its adherence. He declined to commit on the question of indefinite extension, saying that China will need to look at other international areas before it formulates a view. Subsequently, RF rep Mayorskiy pressed the GOC rep to join with the Depositaries in support of indefinite extension. In an obviously irritated response, the Chinese rep responded that indefinite extension would be tantamount to continued maintenance of discrimination between the nuclear weapon states and non-nuclear weapon states. Before that could be acceptable, some movement by the nuclear weapon states would be required. He also commented that an unamended NPT would not attract the threshold states. Wulf

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agreed, but responded that any effort to amend the NPT would seriously risk its unraveling.

The Chinese expressed appreciation for the meeting and requested to be kept informed. COMMENT: Chinese position is not yet set, but it will be difficult to persuade them to support indefinite extension if they fear they will be taking a position counter to that of most developing countries.

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US-Hosted NPT Dinner
September 23, 1992
Vienna, Austria

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