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Checklist of Key Issues
Secretary's phone call with
Russian FM Ivanov

1. (Must Do) DPRK Trip
2. (Must Do) Middle East Peace Process
3. (Must Do) Balkans/Montenegro
4. (Must Do) Results of EU-Russia Summit
5. (Must Do) Edmund Pope case
6. (Must Do) Return of AG mission to Chechnya.
7. (If asked) Brunei Statement

DPRK TRIP

- My trip to Pyongyang was the next step in a process begun by the Perry mission nearly two years ago. I could visit North Korea because of the progress made in the Perry process and because of the efforts of President Kim Dae Jung, whose commitment to engagement was ultimately recognized in Pyongyang as sincere.
- My visit was fully supported by our trilateral partners.
- I raised all issues of concern to the U.S., including missiles, nuclear matters, terrorism, human rights and many others. I also urged the North to continue progress on North-South relations and to address Japanese concerns. I am satisfied we made a good beginning. Much work lies ahead.
- Met with Kim Jong Il over two sessions on the afternoons of October 23 and 24, totaling about six hours, and spilling over to social occasions the evenings of those days.
- Only Chairman Kim can make the decisions that could lead to fundamentally improved relations with the DPRK.
- We had useful and frank discussions, and Chairman Kim struck me as someone who is practical, decisive, and seemingly non-ideological.
- Mission in Pyongyang was to remove obstacles to a visit by President Clinton, and to clarify Kim's views on the range of

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issues so the President could determine whether a summit meeting could be used to resolve those issues.

- Have made full report of my meetings to President Clinton, and await his decision on whether to proceed with a trip to Pyongyang.

DPRK Missiles

- The U.S. is grateful to President Putin for relaying Kim Jong Il's proposal for exchanging satellite launches for long-range-missile restraint. Kim outlined some of his ideas about such an arrangement, and it remains under discussion.
- The U.S. and the DPRK also made important progress on other long-range missile issues, including installation and exports, but agreed the issues are so technical they require further discussions by experts; accordingly A/S Einhorn will meet his DPRK counterparts November 1-3 in Kuala Lumpur.

Ongoing Consultations

- We will, of course, continue to keep you informed and consult step-by-step as we move forward in this process.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS

- Update Ivanov on prospects for meetings with Barak and Arafat.
- Priority remains to get parties to reengage, take effective steps to restore calm, end cycle of violence.
- Working with both sides to carry out agreements made at Sharm.
- Note concern about risk of escalation of violence to wider conflict in region. Hizballah playing with fire; Sheb'a farms is potential flashpoint.
- Need to pass message to Beirut, Damascus and Tehran -- all who have influence over Hizballah -- to urge restraint. No one wins if conflict widens; even Iran would have consequences.
- On Iraq, concerned about Iraqi military preparations; potential for miscalculation high; would be serious setback for our common objectives.
- Iraq should cease further deployments immediately.

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