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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN

1. I MET WITH DOBRYNIN AUGUST 29. FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF CONVERSATION IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION, EXCEPT THE DISCUSSION OF MY CHINA TRIP WHICH YOU CAN USE WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ILICHEV AS YOU REQUESTED.

2. MIDDLE EAST. DOBRYNIN CONVEYED GROMYKO'S THANKS FOR THE BRIEFING ON THE SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AUGUST 18. AT THE VIENNA MEETING, GROMYKO WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF PREPARING, PERHAPS BY THE TIME OF THE WASHINGTON MEETING A JOINT US-SOVIET CO-CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES OF A SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION AND STATEHOOD, AS WELL AS

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THE ORDER AND TIME FOR THE RESUMPTION OF A MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE. THE SECRETARY GAVE HIS REPLY LATER IN THE CONVERSATION, SAYING THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE GROMYKO BRING WITH HIM OR TO SEND AHEAD HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES. THE SECRETARY FELT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE, BEFORE GROMYKO LEFT WASHINGTON, TO SETTLE ON A DATE OR AT LEAST A MONTH FOR THE GENEVA MEETING, AND SAID HE THOUGHT DECEMBER WOULD BE A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY.

3. LEBANON. DOBRYNIN ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN LEST THE ISRAELIS TAKE MILITARY ACTION. THE SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE HAD GONE OVER THIS ISSUE WITH THE ISRAELIS, AND HAD RECEIVED COMMITMENTS THAT THEY WOULD NOT TAKE MILITARY ACTION. THE SECRETARY THEN REVIEWED THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE MOST RECENT PLAN PROPOSED BY BOUTROS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LEBANON.

4. ARAFAT. DOBRYNIN SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CURRENT ARAFAT VISIT TO MOSCOW.

5. CHINA TRIP. IN REPORTING ON HIS TRIP TO CHINA, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO ARRIVE FOLLOWING THE PARTY CONGRESS. HE OBSERVED THAT A NEW SENSE OF SELF-CONFIDENCE COULD BE FELT, FOLLOWING THE SEVERAL TRYING YEARS THAT HAD PRECEDED IT. THIS WAS NOW BEHIND THEM, AND THE LEADERS APPEARED TO BE OF ONE MIND ON HOW TO ATTACK THE PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE, TO WHICH THEY LOOKED FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM, IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR SUPPORT FROM THE COUNTRY. ONE COULD FEEL EVEN IN THE STREET IMPRESSIONS A SENSE OF A MORE OPEN SITUATION. IN A PRAGMATIC AND LESS IDEOLOGICAL SPIRIT, THE LEADERS WILL CONCENTRATE ON INTERNAL GOALS IN THE NEXT DECADE OR SO.

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