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US/SOVIET RELATIONS

SUMMARY

1. STATE CONFIRM THAT DESPITE RECENT COMMENTS BY PETROVSKY IN MOSCOW, THERE IS NO PROGRESS ON FIXING A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING.

DETAILS

2. THERE HAS BEEN A FLURRY OF PRESS INTEREST. HERE IN COMMENTS APPARENTLY MADE BY DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PETROVSKY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN MOSCOW ON 1 JULY. PETROVSKY IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID QUOTE WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE US TO SET IN MOTION THE PREPARATORY MECHANISMS UNQUOTE FOR A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING.

3. THE ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN PLAYING DOWN SPECULATION THAT SOMETHING IS AFOOT WITH THE RUSSIANS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON 2 JULY SAID QUOTE NO FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED, NOR HAVE THE SOVIETS PROPOSED DATES FOR ONE UNQUOTE. STATE HAVE CONFIRMED TO US THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO PROPOSAL FROM THE RUSSIANS ON A SHULTZ/SHEVARDNADZE MEETING. THEY ASSUME PETROVSKY'S REFERENCE TO SETTING IN MOTION PREPARATORY MECHANISMS REFERRED TO GORBACHEV'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN DELIVERED LAST WEEK, WHICH INCLUDED A PASSAGE ABOUT FOCUSING EFFORTS ON EXPERT LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, AND MAINTAINING CONTACT THROUGH EMBASSIES (UKDEL NATO TELNO 217). STATE ADD THAT DUBININ SAW SHULTZ THIS MORNING, BUT HAD NOTHING TO OFFER ON DATES FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING.

4. ON GORBACHEV'S SPEECH IN WARSAW, A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN COMMENTED ON 2 JULY AS FOLLOWS : QUOTE WE SEE NOTHING IN THIS SPEECH WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. GORBACHEV'S ATTEMPTS TO PRESSURE THE ADMINISTRATION THROUGH APPEALS TO CONGRESS, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND THE ALLIES, UNFORTUNATELY SOUNDS LIKE PAST SOVIET EFFORTS TO GAIN CONCESSIONS THROUGH PROPAGANDA TACTICS RATHER THAN THROUGH SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE OBSTACLES TO AGREEMENT UNQUOTE. THE PRESS HERE ARE SPECULATING THAT THE RECENT COMMENTS BY GORBACHEV AND PETROVSKY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE HOLDING OF A

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SUMMIT DEPENDS ON MORE RESPONSIBLE US ATTITUDES ARE AN ATTEMPT
TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE AMERICANS TO COME UP WITH AN EARLY
POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET GENEVA PROPOSALS. STATE
ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH THIS.

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