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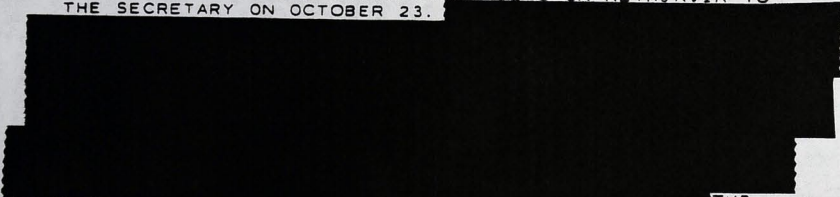
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SUBJECT: UK AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY:
- BRITISH THOUGHTS ON REYKJAVIK

1 - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR CONVEYED PRIME
MINISTER THATCHER'S CONSIDERED VIEWS ON REYKJAVIK TO
THE SECRETARY ON OCTOBER 23.



THE
SECRETARY REVIEWED FOR ACLAND THE BACKGROUND OF THE
PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS AT REYKJAVIK AND THE HISTORY OF
THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITIONS ON ARMS CONTROL. HE
SAID HE ALSO BELIEVED IT NECESSARY FOR ALL CONCERNED TO
THINK ABOUT THE MATTERS RAISED AT REYKJAVIK CAREFULLY
AND THAT HE THOUGHT DISCUSSIONS IN A RESTRICTED
FRAMEWORK WOULD BE DESIRABLE. END SUMMARY.

3. AMBASSADOR ACLAND CALLED ON THE SECRETARY OCTOBER
23 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON TO PRESENT PRIME
MINISTER THATCHER'S CONSIDERED THOUGHTS ON THE ISSUES
AND PROPOSALS DISCUSSED AT REYKJAVIK. HE BEGAN BY
SAYING THAT MRS. THATCHER HAD STUDIED THE SECRETARY'S
BRIEFING AT NATO AND THE DELIBERATIONS AT GLENEAGLES
AND HAD SPOKEN WITH LORD CARRINGTON AND PRESIDENT
MITTERRAND ON THE SUBJECT. SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO
SEEING THE PRESIDENT ON NOVEMBER 15 AND THE OPPORTUNITY
TO EXPLORE THE ISSUE FURTHER.



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9. THE SECRETARY TOLD ACLAND THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MRS. THATCHER'S VIEWS, REFLECTING PERSONALLY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN ARMS CONTROL, HE SAID THAT MANY OF THE PRESIDENT'S POSITIONS IN THIS AREA HAD BEEN CRITICIZED INITIALLY AS UNREALISTIC OR NOT SERIOUS ONLY LATER TO BE ACCEPTED AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING REYKJAVIK THE U.S. POSITIONS ON INF AND BALLISTIC MISSILE REDUCTIONS HAVE TAKEN ON MORE REALITY AND PEOPLE ARE SEEING THAT THEY MAY REALLY

TAKE PLACE. HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL AT REYKJAVIK ON SDI WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THAT DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY. THE U.S. HAD REARRANGED ITS PROPOSAL INTO THE 10-YEAR PACKAGE PRESENTED TO GORBACHEV, AND THE RUSSIANS HAD MOVED DOWN FROM 15-20 YEARS TO 15 YEARS IN THEIR PROPOSAL.

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10. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION OF ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS HAD BOTHERED SOME PEOPLE AND THE ARMS CONTROL EXPERTS DID NOT ACCEPT THE IDEA. THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, SENSED THE GROWING UNEASE ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, AND LOOKED FOR A STABLE PATTERN WITHIN WHICH TO REDUCE THEM. SINCE UNILATERAL DISARMAMENT WAS NOT TO BE ABLE, THERE WAS A NEED TO CONVINCE THE SOVIETS THAT THE ONLY WAY TO APPROACH THE QUESTION WAS TO NEGOTIATE. FOR THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT UNLESS THERE WAS A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT, THEY WOULD BE CONFRONTED WITH DEPLOYMENTS.

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11. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT REYKJAVIK MAY REPRESENT THE PEAK OF THE BUILD-UP OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AFTER THE MEETING, PEOPLE HAD BEGUN TALKING ABOUT REDUCTIONS WITH MORE CARE BECAUSE THEY REALIZED THAT SOMETHING JUST MIGHT HAPPEN. THERE WAS NOW A NEED TO TALK ABOUT ALL OF THE ISSUES WITH GREAT CARE INCLUDING CHEMICAL WEAPONS. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO THE GERMANS DURING CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A FEW PEOPLE FROM A FEW GOVERNMENTS DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES IN DETAIL AND AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC EYE. HE SAID HE HAD IN MIND THE "USUAL SUSPECTS," THE U.S., UK, FRANCE, AND THE FRG.

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12. ON THE QUESTION OF AN ALLIED POSITION ON CONVENTIONAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, THE SECRETARY SAID HE HAD ALSO TALKED WITH THE GERMANS ON THE SUBJECT. HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE AN ALLIED POSITION BY VIENNA AND THAT BY DECEMBER WE SHOULD HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND BE ABLE TO LOOK AT PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE POINTS AT THE NAC.

13. RESPONDING TO MRS. THATCHER'S QUESTION ABOUT THIRD COUNTRY SYSTEMS, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT FROM THE DISCUSSIONS AT REYKJAVIK THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS TO THE US AND THE SOVIETS THAT NEITHER WOULD REDUCE THEIR MISSILE FORCES TO ZERO UNLESS THE FRENCH, CHINESE, AND BRITISH DID LIKEWISE. THE FIRST FIVE-YEAR PHASE OF AN AGREEMENT WOULD BRING ABOUT A 50 PERCENT REDUCTION. IF THAT TOOK PLACE, IT WOULD PRESENT THE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH THE QUESTION OF WHAT TO DO WITH THEIR FORCES. THE CHINESE HAVE SO FAR BEEN IMPRECISE IN THEIR REACTION,

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HE SAID. THEY SAY THAT IF THE U. S. AND THE USSR GO TO
ZERO THEN THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO DO SO.

14. OTHER TOPICS COVERED BY THE SECRETARY AND
AMBASSADOR ACLAND DURING MEETING ARE REPORTED IN
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