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SUBJE BIG FOUR NED MEETING IN WASHINGTON 1. AT SECDEF'S MEETING WITH FRENCH MOD BOURGES AND HIS COLCERGUES ON AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER, DECPECH AND BOURGRES HINSELF STRONGLY EXPRESSED THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE'S CONCLUSION (A) TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND IMMEDIATELY IN THE NEWLY ENERGING NATO STANDARDIZATION INITIATIVE, AND (B) TO PROPOSE AT THE NEXT MEETING OF BIG FOUR NAD GROUP THAT THAT GROUP CONSTITUE ITSECF AS THE VEHICLE FOR CONSIDERING QUESTIONS RECATED TO THE NEW INITIATIVE. DELPECH AND BOURGRES STATED THE CATER CONCLUSION FOUR TIMES DURING THE COURSE OF THE SESSION, OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO ELICIT I CONCURRENCE FROM SECDEF.

2. SECREF RESISTED CONCURRING, ALTHOUGH & DID NOT EXPLICITLY ATTACK THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. HE STATED, AMONG OTHER THINGST LAS THAT IN GENERAL THE "DESIGN COMMUNITY" TENDED TO HAVE TOO MUCH INFLUENCE ON THE SELECTION OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS: AND THAT IT WAS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE DESIGNERS SO AS TO AVOID PHOBBY SHOPPINGM FRANCE SITE) HAS ALREADY LAUNCHED INTO THE STANDARDIZATION ARENA (C) THAT WE MUST AVOID OFFENDING SENSIBILITIES OF THE OTHER ELEVEN NATO MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE SUCH AS ITALY WHO COULD PLAY A ROLE IN ALL THIS.

EVENTS ON SECRETIS TRIP AND HERE IN BRUSSELS BURING RECENT WEEKS HAVE UNCOVERED SOME ALCIED OPINION, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE BRITISH. AND TO A LESSER EXTENT THE GERMANS, IN FAVOR OF SIMPLY USING THE CNAD AS THE VEHICLE FOR THE EMERGING STANDARDIZATION INITIATIVE U.S. POSITION CONVEYED IN INSTRUCTIONS TO US HERE FAVORS A SPECIAL (AND PERHAPS AD HOC AND TEMPORARY) STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NAC TO START HOVEMENT TOWARD THE HIGH-CEMEL POLITICAL AGREEMENTS ON PRINCIPPLES THAT WILL PROBABLY CONSTITUTE THE FIRST STAGE OF PROT GRESS. THERE IS SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THAT POSITION, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PLEXIBILITY TO ACCEPT ONAD AS THE PRIME INITIAL VEHICLE, AND ALMOST CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH TO ACCEPT THE BIG FOUR NADS AS SUCH A VEHICLE!

IF I MAY, LET ME ADVANCE A FEW SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY DANT

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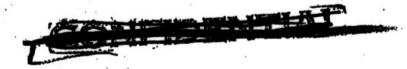
CONSIDER BACK THERE. FIRST, ASK GENERAL DICK BOWNAN TO GIVE YOU A MORE DETAILED READOUT ON SECDEP'S TRIP THAN I HAVE HERE. SECOND, GET ON SECDEG'S CALENDAR AND TALK OVER WITH HIM THIS NAD BIG POUR BUSINESS, THIRL, SEE IF SECDEF WILL AGREE TO SEE THE WAD BIG FOUR AS A GROUP DURING THEIR WASHINGTON MEETING MEXT WEEK. FOURTH, SOME TIME LATER THIS WEEK GIVE GARDINER TUCKER A CALL AND ASK HIM WHERE HE STANDS ON HOW AND HOW NOT TO PROCEED DURING THE WEEKS AMEAD.

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