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SUBJECT: U.S. EARLY WARNING INITIATIVE -- RESPONSE ON
REQUEST FOR INFO RE MEETING WITH SOVIETS

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2. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REF A REQUEST.
3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- DEPUTY SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER OBUKHOV AND US UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE REGINALD BARTHOLOMEW ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S NUCLEAR INITIATIVE AND PRESIDENT GORBACHEV'S RESPONSE TO THIS INITIATIVE ON NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH 27 IN WASHINGTON.

-- YOU'LL RECALL THAT PRESIDENT BUSH IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS HIS NUCLEAR INITIATIVE. THE UPCOMING WASHINGTON MEETING

IS INTENDED TO BUILD UPON THE DIALOGUE THAT BEGAN IN EARLY OCTOBER IN MOSCOW. AS SUCH, THE DISCUSSIONS WILL COVER A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF ISSUES. THE PRESIDENT'S EARLY WARNING INITIATIVE IS ONLY ONE OF THESE ISSUES.

-- THE U.S. WILL NOT BE PRESENTING CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON EARLY WARNING AT THESE MEETINGS.

-- SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ARE STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE USG.

-- IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.S.-SOVIET EARLY WARNING WORKING GROUP COULD BE DISCUSSED.

-- PRIOR TO PROPOSING ANY EARLY WARNING MEASURES TO THE SOVIETS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE JOINT DEFENSE FACILITIES IN AUSTRALIA WE WOULD, OF COURSE, UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA. BAKER BT

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