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SUBJECT: U.S. Policy on Russian Launch of an INMARSAT  
Satellite (c)

At the July 1992 INMARSAT Council meeting, the United States will support acceptance of a Russian bid to launch an INMARSAT 3 satellite. U.S. concerns regarding nonproliferation will be addressed at the Summit, and will remain a factor in our consideration of these matters. U.S. concerns regarding technology transfer must be satisfied, including completion of a bilateral agreement on technology safeguards, before an export license for the satellite is issued. (c)

U.S. support for acceptance of the Russian bid to launch an INMARSAT satellite is a onetime exception to our policy of prohibiting licenses for such launches. This exception is conditioned on, among other things, a Russian assurance that the terms and conditions of the Russian proposal, including pricing, are consistent with those that would normally be offered in the international market. (c)

To allow us to deal with any future proposals to launch U.S. satellites on Russian boosters, it is our intention to conclude a satisfactory agreement on competition in the launch of commercial satellites as soon as possible. The ultimate objective of the United States is a multilateral agreement among the world's launch providers. However, it may be necessary to begin with bilateral discussions with Russia. These discussions could lead either to a bilateral agreement or directly to multilateral negotiations. At the point of decision between these two paths, USTR should seek guidance from the Deputies Committee. (c)

This policy will be recorded in U.S.-Russian joint statement at the Summit and in a public affairs package explaining the decision. (c)

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