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FOR ACDA/DIRECTOR BOSTON; SECDEF FOR SECRETARY WEINBERGER;
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TAGS: PARM START
SUBJECT: (U) START AWARENESS

REF: START-061, GENEVA 07644

1. THIS IS START-070, ~~SECRET~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.
2. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERScore THE USEFULNESS OF LINKING SUCCESS IN STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATIONS TO SUSTAINED US MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS AS ATTRIBUTED TO SECRETARY WEINBERGER BY VOA ON JULY 28.
3. AS SEEN FROM MY VANTAGE POINT IN GENEVA, TWO COURSES OF ACTION ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE A SUCCESSFUL AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AT SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED EQUAL LEVELS. FIRST, WE MUST BE FIRM IN OUR RESOLVE TO ADHERE TO THE US POSITION AND ACCOMPANY IT WITH FORCEFUL AND PATIENT REITERATION OF WHY IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE US AND USSR TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS EFFORT HERE IN GENEVA AND BELIEVE THAT US OFFICIALS SHOULD KEEP BEFORE US AND EUROPEAN PUBLICS THE VIRTUES OF THE US POSITION ON START.
4. THE SECOND IS A SUSTAINED CAMPAIGN BY US OFFICIALS UNDERSCORING THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR STRATEGIC MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS IS ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT. JUST AS THE ABM TREATY BECAME A POSSIBILITY ONLY AFTER FUNDS WERE VOTED FOR AN ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM, THE MAJOR INDUCEMENT FOR THE SOVIETS TO ENTER INTO A START AGREEMENT WILL BE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE US INTENDS TO MAINTAIN ITS MODERNIZATION EFFORTS. CONSTANT REMINDERS OF FIRM US RESOLVE WILL HOPEFULLY CONVINCe THE SOVIETS SOONER, RATHER THAN LATER, THAT IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO ENTER INTO A START AGREEMENT.

5. THE LINKAGE REFERRED TO ABOVE IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE START AWARENESS EFFORTS TO WHICH I REFERRED IN THE REFERENCE CABLE. ROWNY

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FINAL DIST BY NAME PER MR GOOD CCJCS 2 AUG 82/PB
DIST ACTION: JS VADM BIGLEY INFO: DJS LTGEN DALTON
CSAF GEN GABRIEL CNO ADM WATKINS CSA GEN MEYER
CNC GEN BARRON

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