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FOR FRANK CARLUCCI

~~E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR~~

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SUBJECT: HANDLING SRINF

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. I AM SENDING FOR YOUR INFORMATION A MEMO RICHARD PERLE WROTE ME ON THE AIRCRAFT. IT HAS STIMULATED CONSIDERABLE DEBATE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AND I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD SEE IT.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THOUGHTFUL EUROPEANS LIKE MRS. THATCHER, MANFRED WOERNER AND HELMUT KOHL ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT THE U.S. MAY BE MOVING TOWARD THE DENUCLEARIZATION OF EUROPE. THEY WERE STUNNED BY ICELAND. A DECISION TO ZERO OUT SRINF, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOTHING TO DEPLOY THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO HAVE DEPLOYED ON THEIR SOIL, WILL DEEPEN THEIR CONCERN -- ESPECIALLY IF THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES, AS HE LIKELY WILL, TO TALK ABOUT A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD.

4. AT THE SAME TIME SUCH EUROPEANS AS GENSCHER, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION PARTIES AND OTHERS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOME GOING TO ZERO FOR WEAPONS WITH A RANGE BELOW 500 KMS. SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO MOUNT AS THE SOVIETS TURN ON THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY MACHINE AND ATTEMPT TO EXHAUST THE PEACE MOVEMENT BY RALLYING IT AROUND ZERO SRINF AS A STEP IN THE PROCESS OF DENUCLEARIZATION.

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5. THIS MOMENT, WHEN THE ALLIES HAVE TO FACE UP TO A DECISION, GIVES US A PROBABLY FLEETING OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO A COHERENT PACKAGE OF POSITIONS THAT GO AS FAR AS WE CAN HOPE TO GET IN RECONCILING THESE OPPOSING POSITIONS WITHOUT A BRUISING EUROPEAN (AND EVENTUALLY TRANS-ATLANTIC) DEBATE.

6. THE PACKAGE SHOULD CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING, IN MY VIEW:

A. ACCEPT ZERO SRINF AT THE 500KM RANGE LIMIT (WHATEVER THE ACTUAL RANGE OF THE SS-23: GORBACHEV SPEAKS IN TERMS OF 500KMS, SHEVARDHADZE IS SYSTEM SPECIFIC.)

B. LINK THIS TO ELIMINATION OF THE LAST 100 SS-20'S. THIS TOGETHER WITH SOME ACTIVE ASIAN DIPLOMACY AND THE VERIFICATION ISSUE SHOULD BE ENOUGH.

C. FOR REASONS OF NATO STRATEGY, VERIFICATION AND A DESIRE NOT TO APPEAR HEADED TOWARD DENUCLEARIZATION, DRAW THE LINE AND AGREE THAT WE WILL NOT NEGOTIATE FURTHER LIMITS ON OUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE.

7. THERE ARE COMPELLING REASONS FOR NOT ENTERING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON LESSER-RANGE SYSTEMS THEIR MOBILITY, THE EASE WITH WHICH THEY CAN BE HIDDEN, THE FACT THAT

MANY (MOST) ARE CAPABLE OF FIRING BOTH NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR CHARGES -- ALL OF THIS SUGGESTS THAT THERE CAN BE NO GOOD AGREEMENT AFFECTING THESE SYSTEMS. BUT THE TIME TO MAKE THESE POINTS IS WHEN THE EUROPEANS ARE THEMSELVES ANXIOUS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE EUROPEAN ARMS CONTROL ELEVATOR HAS REACHED THE BASEMENT: THERE IS NO SENSIBLE LOWER FLOOR.

B. THE GENSCHERS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH A PACKAGE BECAUSE IT GETS THEM ZERO SRINF. THE THATCHERS AND KOHLS MIGHT ACCEPT IT BECAUSE THERE IS A DEFINITIVE BOTTOM LINE -- AND BECAUSE THERE IS STILL SUFFICIENT PUBLIC CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE TALK LOOSELY ABOUT SHORTER RANGE SYSTEMS SO THAT THEY MIGHT ARGUE THAT THIS IS AN IDEAL WAY TO DRAW THE LINE APPROPRIATELY

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(AFTER A PROTRACTED ARGUMENT OVER SRINF THEY WILL HAVE LOST THAT POSSIBILITY.)

9. WITH A CLEAR LINE OF DEMARKATION WE COULD WORK SERIOUSLY ON A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS (A FOLLOW-ON TO LANCE, WHICH WE NEED ANYWAY: A 500KM AIR-TO-SURFACE CRUISE MISSILE THAT, TOGETHER WITH THE RANGE OF THE AIRCRAFT THAT CARRIES IT WOULD GET US BACK AT SOVIET TARGETS FROM EUROPEAN BASES, AND THE LIKE. THESE SYSTEMS COULD -- AND SHOULD -- BE DUAL-CAPABLE, WITH INSERTABLE NUCLEAR COMPONENTS. (THIS PERMITS THE INSTANT CONVERSION OF A WEAPON FROM A CONVENTIONAL TO A NUCLEAR ONE SO THAT THE SOVIETS CAN'T KNOW WHICH OF THE MANY CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS THEY FACE MIGHT BECOME NUCLEAR.) THERE IS NO WAY WE WILL BE ABLE TO DEPLOY THESE INSERTABLE NUCLEAR

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TAGS:

SUBJECT: HANDLING SRINF COMPONENTS IF THE DELIVERY SYSTEMS ARE SUBJECT TO ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS: THE ARGUMENT THAT WE WILL DESTROY ANY POTENTIAL VERIFICATION (EVEN THOUGH RELIABLE VERIFICATION IS IMPOSSIBLE ANYWAY FOR THESE VERY SHORT RANGE SYSTEMS) WILL PROVE FATAL TO THE CONCEPT OF INC'S.

10. I URGE THAT YOU BEGIN TO LEAD THE ALLIES IN THIS DIRECTION NOW AND THAT WE MOVE OUT IMMEDIATELY TO DEVELOP AND SELL THIS PACKAGE TO OUR ALLIES. END TEXT.

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