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U.N. Bids U.S. Consult Soviet on Mission Size

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 12
— Secretary General Javier Pérez de
Cuéllar has advised the United States
to negotiate with the Soviet Union before enforcing cuts in the size of the
Soviet missions to the United Nations.

François Giuliani, a spokesman, said that Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar, after studying an opinion of his legal counsel, Carl-August Fleischhauer of West Germany, gave the United States and the Soviet Union a paper on Tuesday recommending consultations.

The Secretary General will give the two sides time to resolve the matter before deciding whether to convene a three-member tribunal, in accordance with the 1947 Headquarters Agreement, which determines the conditions under which the United Nations has its headquarters in New York.

The accord provides for disputes to be taken first to the General Assembly's Host Country Committee. In reply to a Soviet request, the committee is scheduled to convene on Thursday.

The United States has ordered cuts in the Soviet missions on the ground that staff members are potential spies and represent a burden on the resources of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which monitors their movements.

Under the arrangements that gave rise to the United Nations at the end of World War II, the Soviet Union was allocated three seats. In addition to a delegation from the central Government in Moscow, they are filled by delegations from two of the 15 republics, the Ukraine and Byelorussia.