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EXDIS, USOECD ALSO FOR STC - DAVID PABST, EXCON

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: FR, COCOM, KSTC
SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL STAFF DEL VISIT TO COCOM

REFS: (A) (85) 11121; (B) (85) 11581

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS STAFF CONSULTANTS SUE ECKERT (SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE) AND KENNETH MOSS (SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST) REQUEST MEETINGS AT COCOM ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11. STAFF DEL WISH TO ATTEND COCOM LIST REVIEW AND EXCEPTION REQUEST MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS ON US DELEGATION, AND AGREE TO HONOR CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS OBSERVED, SUBJECT TO 12(C) OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT OF 1979, AS AMENDED. IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING BY US DELEGATION ON COCOM OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES, STAFFDEL WISH TO MEET WITH OTHER COCOM DELEGATIONS, PREFERABLY REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNITED KINGDOM, GERMANY, ITALY, FRANCE AND JAPAN TO DISCUSS CURRENT COCOM POLICY ON EAST-WEST, AS WELL AS WEST-WEST TRADE. STAFFDEL AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS SUNDAY FEB. 9 IF FEASIBLE.

3. BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS OVER THE DENIAL OF CONGRESSMAN BONKER'S REQUEST TO VISIT COCOM IN MARCH 1985 (SEE REFS A AND B), THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO REVIEW CONGRESSIONAL AND STAFF DEL REQUESTS TO VISIT COCOM MEETINGS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, BASED UPON OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THIS STAFF DEL REQUEST TO ATTEND COCOM LIST REVIEW AND EXCEPTIONS REQUEST MEETINGS MEET THESE CRITERIA AND INSTRUCT THAT USDEL CONSULT WITH COCOM CHAIRMAN AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE ATTENDANCE AT THESE MEETINGS AS SCHEDULING PERMITS.

4. OTHER MEETINGS REQUESTED AT OECD THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 10 AND 11 ARE SUBJECT OF STATE 31323. SHULTZ
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