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PROPENSITY TO ADOPT A HARD-LINE AND WARLIKE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WEST, SOURCE DISMISSED CHINA'S BELLICOSITY AS SO MUCH NONSENSE. HE CHARACTERIZED THE CHINESE AS "BARKING DOGS WITHOUT TEETH", SINCE THEY SPOKE OF NUCLEAR WAR WITHOUT EVER HAVING POSSESSED NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS. SOURCE OPINED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD SPEAK DIFFERENTLY, THAT IS, IN A MORE RESPONSIBLE FASHION, ONCE THEY ACQUIRED THEIR OWN ATOMIC BOMB. SOURCE DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE WOULD SOON ACQUIRE AN ATOMIC BOMB. HE STATED THAT THOUGH THE SOVIETS "MIGHT HAVE MADE A MISTAKE" IN GIVING THE CHINESE AN ATOMIC REACTOR, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAD CORRECTLY CALCULATED WHAT THE CHINESE COULD ACHIEVE WITH THE REACTOR AND HE ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS NOT CONCERNED THAT THE CHINESE WOULD BECOME A THREAT TO WORLD PEACE THROUGH POSSESSION OF ATOMIC WEAPONRY. SOURCE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ONE THING THE WEST COULD BE SURE OF IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NEVER GIVE THE CHINESE AN ATOMIC BOMB AND THAT IS ONE REASON THE SOVIET UNION WISHED TO CONCLUDE A TREATY WITH THE WEST BARRING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO THIRD POWERS.

3. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND PEKING ARE SO SERIOUS THAT ANY SORT OF BREAK IS LIKELY. HE COMPARED THE DIFFERENCES TO THOSE BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE ADMISSION OF GREAT BRITAIN TO THE

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COMMON MARKET AND ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NEVER TURN AGAINST THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS NOR THE CHINESE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION JUST AS FRANCE WOULD NEVER TURN AGAINST THE WEST.

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