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SUBJECT: REPORT OF FOUR POWER MEETING JULY 24, 12 NOON.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. FOUR POWER MEETING TODAY DEVOTED MAINLY TO DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF NAC MEETING JULY 23, SENT DEPT . POLTO 226, AND TO TACTICS IN CONNECTION WITH PRESENTATION REMAINING POSITIONS OF WESTERN FOUR.

2. WESTERN FOUR AGREED TO US-USSR BILATERAL ON NUCLEAR CUTOFF.

DETAILS

3. NOBLE REPORTED RECEIPT TWO TELEGRAMS FROM NATO. THE FIRST REPORTED NO OBJECTIONS TO WESTERN FOUR TABLING MISSILES PROPOSAL (US JUNE 11 PAPER) ON UNDERSTANDING THAT MISSILES INCLUDE BOTH INTERCONTINENTAL AND MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES. STASSEN STATED INTENTION TO BEGIN PRESENTATION IN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING JULY 25TH.

4. THE SECOND TELEGRAM DEALT WITH DISCUSSION OF INSPECTION ZONES AND COVERED GENERAL GROUND OF POLTO 226. NOBLE

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REPORTED THAT NAC MEETING REQUESTED SPAAK TO PREPARE AND CIRCULATE NAC REPLY FOR CONSIDERATION BY NAC MORNING JULY 24.

5. DISCUSSION OF CHIEF PROBLEMS RAISED IN NAC MEETING:

(A) NAC SUGGESTS THAT PROPOSAL FOR 10 TO 60 DEGREE ZONE TO BE TABLED PRIOR TO PROPOSAL FOR 5 TO 35 DEGREE ZONE. GENERAL AGREEMENT TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO TACTICS AT WESTERN FOUR CONSULTATION JULY 25TH. UK AND FRANCE STATED IT WAS TACTICALLY UNDESIRABLE TO SEPARATE COMPLETELY PRESENTATIONS. NOBLE SUGGESTED THAT IF INITIAL PRESENTATION CONFINED TO LARGE ZONES SOVIET UNION WOULD CLAIM THAT THIS POSITION CONFIRMS STATEMENT IN BULGANIN-MACMILLAN LETTER THAT WESTERN DELS RETREATING ON AERIAL INSPECTION. STASSEN SUGGESTED CONSIDERATION OF MATTER ON JULY 25TH, INCLUDING AN INTERMEDIATE TACTIC OF FIRST SUGGESTING LARGE ZONE WITH STATEMENT THAT IF NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET UNION WESTERN FOUR READY TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION, THEREBY AVOIDING THE CHARGE REFERRED TO BY NOBLE OF TAKING A POSITION DESIGNED TO BREAK NEGOTIATIONS.

(B) PROBLEM OF MOBILE INSPECTION: NOBLE STATED THAT NAC WAS CONSIDERING THIS PROBLEM EXCLUSIVELY FROM STANDPOINT OF DISADVANTAGES OF MOBILE INSPECTION TEAMS OPERATING IN WEST AND WAS DISREGARDING ADVANTAGES TO WEST OF MOBILE INSPECTION TEAMS OPERATING BEHIND IRON CURTAIN. STASSEN AND HOLMES POINTED OUT THAT REPORT RECEIVED BY USDEL ON MOBILITY OF MILITARY LIAISON TEAMS NOW OPERATING IN EAST GERMANY SHOWED A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF MOBILITY NOW, AND NO RECOGNITION OF EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT OR EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS.

(C) NATIONAL VERSUS INTERNATIONAL TEAMS: THERE WAS GENERAL COMMENT THAT NAC INSISTANCE ON NATIONAL TEAMS MIGHT RAISE DIFFICULTIES, MOCH POINTING OUT INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL CONTROL ORGANIZATION AND NATIONAL INSPECTION TEAMS.

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6. ON QUESTION OF TACTICS FOR FURTHER PRESENTATION OF WESTERN DEL POSITIONS, STASSEN SUGGESTED THAT MISSILES PRESENTATION COMMENCE ON THURSDAY, JULY 25, AND THAT ZONES PRESENTATION COMMENCE NEXT WEEK. STASSEN BELIEVED INFORMAL FIVE-POWER CONSULTATIONS SHOULD PRECEDE FORMAL PRESENTATION ZONES. THIS PROCEDURE AGREEABLE TO OTHER DELS.

7. STASSEN AND JOHNSON STATED AGAIN THAT US AND CANADA WILLING TO GO FORWARD PRESENTATION ARCTIC ZONE WITHOUT EUROPEAN ZONE. MOCH AND NOBLE PREFERRED JOINT AND SIMULTANEOUS PRESENTATION AND MOCH POINTED OUT THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO PRESENTING EITHER ZONE ALONE.

8. SHORT DISCUSSION OF AUGUST 1ST REPORT TO DISARMAMENT COMMISSION. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED REPORT SHOULD GO NO FURTHER THAN STATEMENT THAT SUBCOMMITTEE IN SESSION AND WOULD REPORT FURTHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH ZORIN AT INFORMAL FIVE POWER CONSULTATION.

9. JOHNSON RAISED QUESTION OF ANSWER TO SOVIET POSITIONS ON BASES. STASSEN POINTED OUT US POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO SOVIET PROPOSALS AND REFERRED TO PARAGRAPH 10 OF JUNE 15TH WORKING PAPER (PARAGRAPH 10 OF JUNE 11 US PASWP RHEWTLQ# PAPER).

10. WESTERN FOUR AGREED ON US-USSR BILATERAL. STASSEN STATED AS ONE SUBJECT FOR TODAY'S BILATERAL DISCUSSION SOVIET REASONS FOR OPPOSING LINKING OF TESTING TO PROVISIONS FOR CUTOFF, AND TO FOLLOW UP ON JULY 20TH BILATERAL.

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