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TO LARRY EAGLEBURGER FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. VORONTSOV CALLED WITH AN ORAL NOTE FROM BREZHNEV TO THE PRESIDENT CONCERNING SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS TO DEAL WITH THE ENERGY PROBLEM. THE NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:
"LEONID BREZHNEV ASKS TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS GRATITUDE FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE AND QUICK REPLY OF THE AMERICAN SIDE TO HIS (BREZHNEV'S) CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING THE INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT IN CALLING CERTAIN MEETINGS ON THE OIL PROBLEM. WE TAKE NOTE OF WHAT THE SECRETARY SAID CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET UNION PARTICIPATION AS -- IN OBSERVER STATUS IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE, THAT IS, THE CONFERENCE JOINTLY OF CONSUMERS AND PRODUCING COUNTRIES OF OIL. SO FAR AS THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS OR EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE OIL PROBLEM, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH DR. KISSINGER'S SUGGESTIONS TO HAVE TO THAT EFFECT AN EXCHANGE OF OPINION IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD PROPOSE TO START IT ON FEBRUARY 28TH. THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT THOSE NEGOTIATIONS OR EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS WILL BE MR. OSIPOV, THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE OPINION OF THE WHITE HOUSE WHETHER THIS DATE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR THE BEGINNING OF THIS EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS."

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State Dept. review completed

OSIPOV IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON AS A PART OF THE PATOLICHEV VISIT.

ON-FILE NSC
RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

2. STATE HAS REQUESTED SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION FOR THE ISRAELI FINANCE MINISTER WHO IS HERE BASICALLY FOR A SERIES OF FUND-RAISING SPEECHES. FRED BUZHARDT DOES NOT WANT TO PROVIDE

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THE PROTECTION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE IS FEARFUL THAT WE WILL COME UNDER SEVERE CRITICISM FOR PROVIDING PROTECTION FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES (HE SAYS HE IS UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE AS IT IS ON THE HILL OVER THE ENORMOUS COSTS OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES PROTECTION). FRED SAYS HE WILL DO IT IF YOU BELIEVE IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL BUT, IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING THE PROGRAM AND FUNDING AS A WHOLE, HE WOULD STRONGLY PREFER NOT TO.

3. A REUTERS DISPATCH FROM MOSCOW STATES THAT GROMYKO LEFT MOSCOW TODAY ON AN UNANNOUNCED VISIT TO DAMASCUS.
WARM REGARDS.

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