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DELIVER TO BREMER/RODMAN FOR THE SECRETARY.

TO THE SECRETARY THROUGH GENERAL SCOWCROFT FROM WINSTON LORD

1. PER YOUR MAY 7 CABLE I HAVE PASSED YOUR ORAL MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN. I CALLED THE CHINESE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT YOUR TELEGRAM AND THE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO SEE ME THIS MORNING MAY 8 AT THE LIAISON OFFICE.

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2. AFTER OPENING PLEASANTRIES I TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT YOU HAD ASKED ME TO PASS HIM A PERSONAL REPORT ON YOUR TRIP AND THEN READ HIM YOUR DRAL MESSAGE. HE LISTENED WITH INTEREST AND WAS AMUSED AT THE SOVIET ANGLE. HE ASKED HE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SENDING ME TO HIM WITH THIS REPORT AND SAID THAT HE WOULD CONVEY IT TO HIS GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY.

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3. THE ATMOSPHERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE CORDIAL. POLITICAL COUNSELOR ISIEN TA-YUNG AND INTERPRETER CHI CHAO CHU WERE ALSO PRESENT. THEY PLIED HE WITH SUMPTUDUS HORS DIDEURVES REMINISCENT OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY IN PARIS. THE AMBASSADDR COMMENTED THAT AS HE HAD TOLD YOU BEFORE THEY WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR EFFORTS. I THANKED HIM AND SAID YOU WERE DOING EVERY-THING POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER. HE NOTED THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE ACTING LIKE THEY DID ON YOUR PREVIOUS TRIP BY SENDING GROMYKO TO THE AREA. HE ASKED WHEN YOU WOULD RETURN AND I SAID THAT YOU HAD NO DEFINITE TIME-TABLE YET. I SAID I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT GET BACK WITHIN ABOUT

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A WEEK BUT IT DEPENDED UPON THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS AND AS YOU HAD INDICATED YOU MIGHT BE VISITING A COUPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. DUR SMALL TALK INCLUDED DISCUSSION ABOUT HIS RESIDENCE WHICH IS STILL BEING RENOVATED, AND HE SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO INVITING YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER, AS WELL AS BETTE AND ME, TO HIS RESIDENCE.

4. LET ME ADD MY DWN PERSONAL WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN WHAT HAS TO RANK AS ONE OF YOUR MOST DELICATE BALANCING ACTS TO DATE. PLEASE ALSO GIVE MY WARM REGARDS TO NANCY. I HOPE SHE IS ENJOYING HER INITIATION.
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