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EUR DAILY PRESS GUIDANCE 10/30/86

- 1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON OCTOBER 30, 1986. GUIDANCES IN SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 9 WERE USED IN TODAY'S BRIEFING.
- 2. UNITED STATES-SOVIET DIALOGUE
- Q: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF PRESENT U.S.-SOVIET CONTACTS?
- A: ONGOING ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE NUCLEAR AND SPACE TALKS HAS BEEN

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MEETING IN GENEVA SINCE MID-SEPTEMBER. NEGOTIATORS ARE SEEKING TO BUILD ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ICELAND MEETING. MBFR TALKS ARE CONTINUING IN VIENNA. THE THIRD REVIEW CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) WILL OPEN IN VIENNA ON NOVEMBER 4.

- -- IN ADDITION, THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY GORBACHEV AGREED IN REYKJAVIK TO A DETAILED WORK PROGRAM ENCOMPASSING A BROAD RANGE OF NON-ARMS CONTROL ISSUES. SPECIFIC ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA INCLUDED CONTACTS ADDRESSED DURING THE GENEVA SUMMIT, E.G. EXPLORING PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR FUSION AND CONTINUED CONSULTATIONS ON NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION.
- IT ALSO COVERED ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE AGENDA BY ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER SINCE GENEVA, SUCH AS SPACE COOPERATION, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY AND BASIC SCIENCES.
- -- THESE DISCUSSIONS SUPPLEMENT EXCHANGES UNDERWAY FOR SOMETIME IN SUCH MULTILATERAL AREAS AS THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT, AS WELL AS ON-GOING U.S.SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE MARITIME BOUNDARY.
- "- THE MODALITIES OF THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE DETERMINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND ARE NOT GENERALLY ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE.
- -- RATHER, BOTH SIDES HAVE TRADITIONALLY MADE A BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OR CONCLUSION OF SUCH CONTACTS.
- 3. DEPARTURE OF SOVIETS
- Q: DO WE EXPECT THE EXPELLED SOVIETS TO DEPART BY NOVEMBER 1?
- A: YES. OUR NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE IS FIRM. WE EXPECT THAT THE FIVE SOVIETS WE DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA AND THE ADDITIONAL FIFTY SOVIETS WILL DEPART AS SCHEDULED.
- THESE REDUCTIONS WILL MAKE THE NUMBER OF SOVIETS ASSIGNED TO THEIR EMBASSY AND CONSULATE IN THE U.S. EQUIVALENT TO THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO THE USSR.
- Q: HOW WILL THEY DEPART?
- A: THE SOVIETS WILL BE DEPARTING BY AIR.
- 4. SOVIET RECIPROCAL VISAS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
- Q: DO WE HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF TDY TRAVELLERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION? IS THE NOOSE SO TIGHT THAT CONSTRUCTION WORKERS CANNOT GO BACK

AND FORTH? CAN YOU PROVIDE US MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE

SOVIET RESTRICTIONS?

- A: -- A NUMBER OF UNCERTAINTIES REMAIN ABOUT SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON OUR TDY TRAVELLERS. WE ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH THE SOVIETS.
- I CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH NO SPECIFIC DETAILS.
- 5. WALDHEIM ISSUE
- Q: WILL THE SECRETARY SEE KURT WALDHEIM IN VIENNA?
- A: NO. THE SECRETARY WILL BE IN VIENNA NOVEMBER 5-6 TO ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING. WHILE THERE HE PLANS TO MEET WITH HIS AUSTRIAN COUNTERPART, FOREIGN MINISTER PETER JANKOWITSCH.
- O: IS THE SECRETARY AVOIDING WALDHEIM?
- A: -" I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THAT.
- O: WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION?
- A: THE INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND JUSTICE ARE NOT YET COMPLETE.
- Q: WILL WALDHEIM'S ADMISSIONS HAVE ANY IMPACT ON THE INVESTIGATION (I.E., WILL IT BE FACTORED INTO THE INVESTIGATION)?
- A: -- ALL INFORMATION RELATING TO WALDHEIM'S WARTIME ACTIVITIES WILL BE FACTORED INTO THE INVESTIGATION.
- Q: WHAT ABOUT THE CHARGE THAT HE WAS RECRUITED AS A SOVIET AGENT WHILE HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL?
- A: ALL INFORMATION ABOUT WALDHEIM'S WARTIME RELATED ACTIVITIES BECOMES PART OF THE INVESTIGATION.
- 6. SYRIA: FRENCH AND EC ACTIONS
- Q: ANY COMMENT ON THE LE MONDE ARTICLE SAYING FRANCE AND SYRIA HAVE MADE A DEAL REGARDING CONTROL OF THE LARF TERRORIST GROUP?
- A: WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THAT STORY. I REFER YOU TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.
- -- ON THE BROADER ISSUE REGARDING SYRIA, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE WELCOME THE FRENCH STATEMENTS ON HALTING ARMS SALES TO SYRIA. WE ALSO WELCOME THE RECENT STEPS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INCLUDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FRG WOULD DELAY REPLACING ITS

AMBASSADOR THAT THE FRG WOULD DELAY REPLACING ITS AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL OF THOSE ACCUSED IN THE BOMBING OF ARAB-GERMAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY IN WEST BERLIN LAST MARCH.

- -" WE SIMILARLY WELCOME AND SUPPORT THE CALL BY THE AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION FOR A BOYCOTT OF SYRIAN AND LIBYAN AIRPORTS. WE SHARE THE CONCERN FOR SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST CIVIL AVIATION THAT PROMPTED THIS MOVE.
- WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO SYRIA TO ABANDON ITS SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM, AND THESE STEPS ARE PART OF THIS PROCESS.
- 7. SYRIAN TERRORISM: U.S. ACTIONS
- Q: WILL THE U.S. WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE EC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10 TO DECIDE ON ACTIONS TO TAKE AGAINST SYRIA?
- A: -- AMBASSADOR BREMER IS CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF SYRIAN SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM. WHEN HE RETURNS WE WILL CONSIDER WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS WELL AS THEIR TIMING.
- THERE ARE NO MAGIC DATES. THIS IS AN ONGOING PROCESS.
- 8. HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE MEETING
- Q: WHAT IS THE PROCESS IN THE HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE FOR DEALING WITH THE EXPULSION ISSUE?
- A: THE SOVIET MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS CALLED FOR THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS TODAY TO DISCUSS THE REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE SOVIET UN MISSION. THE HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE IS THE FORUM WITHIN THE UN WHICH DEALS SPECIFICALLY WITH ISSUES INVOLVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UN AND THE UNITED STATES AS HOST COUNTRY.
- Q: WHAT IS OUR POSITION?
- A: OUR POSITION REMAINS THE SAME AS THAT ANNOUNCED

LAST MARCH WHEN THE REDUCTIONS WERE IMPOSED. TO REPEAT, WE TOOK OUR ACTION AFTER CONCLUDING, AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF ALL PERTINENT FACTORS, THAT THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE THREE SOVIET MISSIONS TO THE UN FAR EXCEEDED THE STAFFING NEEDS REQUIRED FOR THE CONDUCT OF UN BUSINESS. WE IMPOSED A PERSONNEL CEILING WHICH ALLOWS THE THREE MISSIONS ENOUGH PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT LEGITIMATE UN-RELATED BUSINESS, BUT WOULD LIMIT THE MARGIN FOR ANY ACTIVITIES UNRELATED TO THE UN AND DAMAGING THE U.S. INTERESTS.

- -- THE SOVIET UNION HAS AN OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN ITS MISSION AT A REASONABLE SIZE, AND THE UNITED STATES AS HOST CONTRY HAS A COROLLARY RIGHT TO ENFORCE THIS OBLIGATION.
- " THESE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN AFTER REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO SECURE SOVIET COOPERATION. THEY ARE REASONABLE, MINIMALLY DISRUPTIVE, AND WILL LEAVE THE SOVIET MISSION WITH AMPLE PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT ITS LEGITIMATE UN BUSINESS.
- IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT AT THE TIME THE REDUCTIONS WERE ANNOUNCED THE SOVIET UN MISSIONS WERE LARGER THAN THE NEXT TWO LARGEST MISSIONS COMBINED. (U.S. APPROX. 126, AND PRC APPROX. 116)
- 9. ARGENTINA: BRITISH DECLARATION OF RESTRICTED FISHING ZONE IN FALKLAND ISLANDS WATERS
- Q: WHAT IS THE USG POSITION ON THE UNILATERAL BRITISH DECLARATION OF A 200-MILE FISHING PROTECTION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS?
- A: -- WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A TEXT OF THE BRITISH DECLARATION AND ARE STUDYING IT. THEREFORE, WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE DECLARATION AT THIS TIME. FROM OUR QUICK READING, HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOTE THAT WHILE A 200-MILE FISHING CONVERSATION ZONE IS DECLARED, THE BRITISH HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTION TO ACTIVELY ENFORCE A 150-MILE ZONE, WHICH IS CO-TERMINUS WITH THE PREVIOUSLY DECLARED EXLUSION ZONE. THE BRITISH HAVE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT AND THAT THEY ARE OPEN TO MAKING OTHER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BEFORE OR AFTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE FISHING CONSERVATION ZONE BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 1, 1987. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ARGENTINA AND THE UK COULD WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS, EITHER ON A BILATERAL OR A MULTILATERAL BASIS, TO RESOLVE THIS DISPUTE.
- O: ARE HOSTILITIES IMMINENT?
- A: WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HOSTILITIES ARE IMMINENT OR LIKELY.
- Q: IS THE UK ACTION IN DECLARING A 200-MILE FISHERIES CONSERVATION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLANDS LEGAL?
- A: IT IS LEGITIMATE FOR A STATE TO CLAIM A FISHING ZONE OF UP TO 200 MILES OFF THE COAST OF ITS TERRITORY. AS OUR POSITION HAS BEEN, THE U.S. DOES NOT TAKE A POSITION ON THE SOVEREIGNTY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UK AND ARGENTINA AND URGES THAT IT BE RESOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

10. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED SHULTZ

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