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OTTAWA TEL 578 AND TELELETTER GOWAN/MEYER OF 4 NOVEMBER:

MR TRUDEAU'S EAST-WEST INITIATIVE.

1. SO FAR AS WE KNOW TRUDEAU'S GUELPH SPEECH (OTTAWA TUR) HAS BEEN PICKED UP ONLY IN PRAVDA OF 4 NOVEMBER, WHICH, WITHOUT DIRECT COMMENT, SUMMARISED IT ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.

2. TRUDEAU HAD CALLED FOR URGENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR AND HAD EXPRESSED DEEP ALARM AT THE DANGEROUS STATE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HE HAD CONDEMNED CIRCLES IN THE WEST WHICH RELIED ON CONFRONTATION AND ON POLICIES FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH. THE LEVEL OF MUTUAL MISTRUST WAS SO HIGH THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL, IN THE WEST'S INTERESTS, TO PRESERVE IN WESTERN POLICY POLITICAL CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH OPPONENTS. WESTERN POWERS SHOULD TAKE POSITIVE POLITICAL STEPS TO THIS END. THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE GENEVA TALKS AND ACTIVE MEASURES TO ACHIEVE A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN, A BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF WEAPONS IN SPACE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ASSIST THE LESSENING OF EAST-WEST TENSION. TRUDEAU HAD SET CONSIDERABLE STORE BY THE CDE. EAST-WEST RELATIONS HAD TO BE BASED ON FIRM MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, INCLUDING THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF LEGITIMATE SECURITY DEMANDS, A REGULAR HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE AND A DETERMINED APPROACH TO CRISIS MANAGEMENT. A STRATEGY OF POLITICAL MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN TRUST WAS STILL LACKING. THE WEST MUST ACT THOUGHTFULLY AND RATIONALLY IN PURSUIT OF THESE AIMS.

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