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YOUR TELNO 622 : TRUDEAU EAST/WEST INITIATIVE

1. SCHRAM (CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION) HAS CALLED, ON INSTRUCTION
ON DEFENCE DEPARTMENT TO ASK FOR OUR REACTIONS TO THE SPECIFIC
DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE TRUDEAU INITIATIVE.

2. STRESSING THAT OUR REACTIONS WERE AT OFFICIAL LEVEL ONLY
AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NO DOUBT BE GIVING HER OWN
VIEWS TO MR TRUDEAU IN DELHI, WE OUTLINED OUR RESERVATIONS ALONG
THE LINES OF THE BRIEF SUBMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR CHOGM

3. SCHRAM (PLEASE PROTECT) DESCRIBED THE REACTIONS OF OTHER
GOVERNMENTS TO TRUDEAU'S PROPOSAL:

(A) ANDROPOV HAD REPLIED TO TRUDEAU'S MESSAGE IN MODERATELY
ENCOURAGING TERMS WITHOUT SAYING MUCH OF SUBSTANCE. WE KNOW
FROM OTHER CANADIAN SOURCES (WHICH SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT,
PLEASE BE QUOTED) THAT AT A MEETING WITH ARBATOV IN TOKYO ON
19 NOVEMBER MR TRUDEAU ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF A VISIT
TO MOSCOW PERHAPS JUST BEFORE OR AFTER THE NEW YEAR. ARBATOV
REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT ANDROPOV WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE HIM
(ALTHOUGH HE TOOK CARE NOT TO MAKE ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS) BUT
THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD HAVE TO BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT TIMING:

(B) PRESIDENT REAGAN HAD SPOKEN TO MR TRUDEAU A WEEK AGO. HE
HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT IN VERY GENERAL TERMS FOR THE INITIATIVE
BUT US OFFICIALS WERE GIVING A FROSTY RECEPTION TO THE
SPECIFIC ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS. ALTHOUGH NO DATE WAS YET FIXED
A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, THIS WAS LIKELY TO BE SOON:

(C) AMBASSADOR PEARSON HAD HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS IN PEKING
WITH THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HIMSELF WAS DUE TO VISIT
CANADA IN THE NEW YEAR. WU HAD BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO TRUDEAU'S
OVERALL INTENTIONS AND HAD DILATED ON THE DANGERS OF DETERIORAT-
ING US/SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT HAD NOT BEEN DRAWN ON THE PROPOSAL
FOR A FIVE-POWER MEETING.

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