

GR 374

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

FROM MOSCOW 101115Z JANUARY

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 041 OF 10 JANUARY

INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, PARIS, BONN, UKDEL NATO, UKDIS GENEVA,
TOKYO AND MODUK (FOR DS17).

INFO SAVING HELSINKI.

MY TELNO 38 : SHULTZ/GROMYKO TALKS : SOVIET PRESS REACTION.

SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET PRESS REACTION HAS BEEN CONFINED LARGELY TO THE
FACTUAL ASPECTS OF THE OUTCOME TO GENEVA. COMMENT, THOUGH
GENERALLY WELCOMING IN TONE, HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND HAS AVOIDED
DETAIL, STRESSING THAT THE LONG ROAD AHEAD WILL NOT BE EASY.

DETAIL.

2. NEWS OF GENEVA HAS BEEN KEPT TO THE INSIDE PAGES. GROMYKO'S
STATEMENT AT GENEVA AIRPORT IS PUBLISHED ALONGSIDE AN EXTRACT
FROM SHULTZ'S PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT
THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SPOKE FOR ITSELF, THAT THE MEETING ('' FRANK,
BUSINESSLIKE, AND USEFUL'') REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT BEGINNING,
AND THAT THERE WAS A LONG ROAD AHEAD.

3. PEREZ DE CUELLAR, VOGEL (FRG), KIRCHSCHLAGER, PALME AND
WILLOCH ARE AMONGST THOSE QUOTED AS WELCOMING THE RESULTS
OF THE GENEVA TALKS AND STRESSING, IN DIFFERENT MEASURE, THE
NEED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS FROM FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARDS
ENDING THE ARMS RACE. (THAT PART OF REMARKS BY MIES, CHAIRMAN
OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY, IN WHICH HE REPEATED THE STATUS
QUO ANTE FORMULA ON INF, WAS REPORTED IN TASS, BUT IS OMITTED
IN PRAVDA'S MENTION OF HIS WELCOME FOR THE GENEVA TALKS).

4. COMMENT HAS CHIEFLY REGURGITATED THE MAIN POINTS FROM THE JOINT
COMMUNIQUE, TOGETHER WITH THOSE MADE BY GROMYKO AT GENEVA
AIRPORT. THE TONE IS ONE OF CAUTION, BUT NOT OF PESSIMISM. THE
THEME IS THAT THERE IS NO SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO DIALOGUE, AND
THAT GENEVA WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP. IZVESTIA OF 9 JANUARY

RESTRICTED

/WARNS

RESTRICTED

WARNS THAT THE NEWS FROM GENEVA PROVED THE PESSIMISTS WRONG, BUT SHOULD NOT LEAD TO EUPHORIA : GENEVA SHOWED UP AMERICAN RELUCTANCE TO ABANDON SDR. PRAVDA OF 10 JANUARY COMMENTED THAT THE US HAD " AT LAST " TAKEN A POSITION WHICH ALLOWED THE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS, AND A DIALOGUE " WHICH MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND EQUAL SECURITY ". ON INTERRELATIONSHIP : " THE ENDING OF THE ARMS RACE ON EARTH IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF AN ARMS RACE IN SPACE ". PRAVDA CONCLUDED WITH THE HOPE THAT IN THE NEW NEGOTIATIONS THE US WOULD " THIS TIME " SHOW REALISM AND JOIN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE SEARCH FOR EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS .

FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO HELSINKI

SUTHERLAND

(REPEATED AS REQUESTED)

[COPIES SENT TO NO 10 DOWNING ST]

EAST WEST & US/SOVIET RELATIONS

LIMITED

SOVIET D	PS/MR LUCE
DEFENCE D	PS/PUS
RESEARCH D	MR DEREK THOMAS
PLANNING STAFF	SIR W HARDING
EED	MR FERGUSSON
NAD	MR GOODALL
WED	MR JENKINS
ACDD	MR WESTON
FED	MR DAVID THOMAS
PS	
PS/LADY YOUNG	
PS/MR RIFKIND	

2

RESTRICTED