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M I P T: GORBACHEV IN PRAGUE.

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BRIEFING  
WARSAW PACT LEADERS.

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A MEETING OF LEADERS OF WARSAW PACT MEMBER

STATES WAS HELD IN PRAGUE ON 21 NOVEMBER 1985 ON THE BASIS OF  
MUTUAL ACCORD.

THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY- TODOR ZHIVKOV, GENERAL SECRE-  
TARY OF THE BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND  
CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC,  
GUSTAV HUSAK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST  
PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SO-  
CIALIST REPUBLIC, JANOS KADAR, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE HUNGARIAN  
SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY, ERICH HONECKER, GENERAL SECRETARY  
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY OF  
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OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY OF GERMANY AND PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, NICOLAE CEAUSESCU, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND PRESIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC, AND MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION.

LUBMOIR STROUGAL, A MEMBER OF THE PRAESIDIUM OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PRIME MINISTER OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND VASIL BILAK, A MEMBER OF THE PRAESIDIUM AND SECRETARY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WERE ALSO PRESENT ON BEHALF OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

THE MEETING WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PETR MLADENOV, OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC BOHULAV CHNOUPEK, OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC PETER VARKONYI, OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OSKAR FISCHER, OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC MARIAN ORZECOWSKI, OF THE ROMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ILIE VADUVA, OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS EDUARD SHEVARDNADZE.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV DELIVERED A THOROUGH REPORT ON THE COURSE AND RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING WHICH ENDED IN GENEVA ON THURSDAY.

THE LEADERS OF THE FRATERNAL PARTIES AND COUNTRIES EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE POSITION ADOPTED BY MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AT HIS TALKS WITH THE US PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN IN THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMON LINE SET IN THE DECLARATION OF WARSAW PACT MEMBERS STATES OF 23 OCTOBER 1985.

THE LEADERS OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES VALUED HIGHLY THE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION RENDERED BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AT THE GENEVA MEETING TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF THE JOINTLY- PREPARED PEACE POSITIONS OF THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY STATED THAT THE DIRECT AND OPEN DIALOGUE AT THE MEETING WAS NECESSARY AND ITS RESULTS WERE USEFUL.

ALTHOUGH THE CONCRETE PROBLEMS OF THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF THE NUMBERS OF WEAPONS WERE NOT SOLVED IN GENEVA, IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE MEETING CONFIRMED THE JANUARY 1985 SOVIET-AMERICAN ACCORD ON THE NECESSITY OF SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES OF AVERTING FEVERISH ARMAMENT IN OUTER SPACE AND HALTING IT ON EARTH.

OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IS THE JOINT STATEMENT ABOUT THE INADMISSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR AND ABOUT BOTH SIDES' REFRAINING FROM EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MILITARY SUPERIORITY, LAID DOWN IN THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENEVA MEETING.

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ON THE WHOLE THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN MIKHAIL GORBACHEV AND THE US PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN HAVE CREATED MORE FAVOURABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND A RETURN TO DETENTE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH SIDES TO TURN THESE OPPORTUNITIES INTO PRACTICAL ACTS.

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV DECLARED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL FOR ITS PART EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE PRACTICAL FULFILMENT OF THE TALKS OF REDUCING FEVERISH ARMAMENT AND CONSOLIDATING PEACE. THE MEETING CONFIRMED THE PRINCIPLED LINE OF THE ALLIED SOCIALIST STATES DIRECTED TOWARDS THE REMOVAL OF THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR, THE HALTING OF FEVERISH ARMAMENT ON EARTH AND THE PREVENTION OF ITS SPREADING INTO OUTER SPACE, THE ASSURING OF A TRANSITION TOWARDS REAL DISARMAMENT MEASURES AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF WORLD PEACE. THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES RE-AFFIRM THAT THEY DO NOT STRIVE FOR MILITARY SUPERIORITY BUT WILL NOT PERMIT OTHERS TO GAIN SUCH A SUPERIORITY OVER THEM.

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING DECLARED THAT THE PARTIES AND STATES REPRESENTED WERE DETERMINED IN FUTURE TO DO THEIR UTMOST IN A COORDINATED WAY TOWARDS ACHIEVING A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN EUROPEAN AND WORLD AFFAIRS. THEY ARE UNANIMOUS IN THE OPINION THAT THE UNITY AND COHESION OF ALLIED SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CLASS SOLIDARITY AND THE STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS ARE OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN THE COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL SITUATION.

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND FULL UNITY OF OPINION ON THE QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.

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