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SUBJECT: QUAD CW CONSULTATIONS

REF: GENEVA 1749

1. - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: A WELL-PLACED FCO SOURCE HAS DRAWN A
CONNECTION BETWEEN US FLEXIBILITY ON ARTICLE 10
AND BRITISH ENDORSEMENT OF BINARY PRODUCTION.
END SUMMARY

3. [REDACTED] MARCH 4 REGARDING THE UPCOMING
QUAD CW CONSULTATIONS MARCH 8.

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE FRENCH
AGENDA REFTEL, THE BRITISH HAD SUGGESTED TWO
OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

--REPORT ON US/SOVIET BILATERALS
--THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF GENEVA ARMS CONTROL
DISCUSSIONS ON THE CW NEGOTIATION.

MAJOR BRITISH EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, WOULD
CONTINUE TO BE ON VERIFICATION PROVISIONS IN
ARTICLE 10.

5. WE ASKED [REDACTED] ABOUT LATEST WHITEHALL
THINKING ON ARTICLE 10. HE SAID THE VERIFICATION

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PROVISION WAS AND WOULD REMAIN UNACCEPTABLE TO BRITAIN, AND, HE ASSUMED, TO OTHER KEY ALLIES.

6. HE ADDED THAT THE BRITISH WERE NOW WAITING FOR A RESPONSE FROM THE SECRETARY SCHULTZ TO THE PAPER PASSED BY HOWE (AND BY THATCHER TO THE PRESIDENT) DURING THE THATCHER FEBRUARY VISIT. THE BRITISH SIDE HAD BEEN SURPRISED THAT THE SECRETARY WAS UNAWARE OF DIFFERENCES ON ARTICLE 10, BUT HOPED THAT HOWE'S LENGTHY INTERVENTION WITH THE SECRETARY, AND THATCHER'S POINTED COMMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT, WOULD IMPRESS ON US HOW SERIOUSLY UK MINISTERS VIEWED THE ISSUE. //

7. WE ASKED WHAT BRITISH REACTION WOULD BE IF THE SECRETARY'S ANSWER TO THE FCO PAPER MAINTAINED THE CURRENT US POSITION. IN RESPONSE, ██████████ DREW A CONNECTION BETWEEN ARTICLE 10 AND BRITISH ENDORSEMENT OF BINARY PRODUCTION. HE SAID THE STAFF HAD SUGGESTED TO MINISTERS THAT THEY MEET WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMISSION WHEN IT BEGAN TO TAKE EVIDENCE ABROAD. HE ANTICIPATED MINISTERS WOULD AGREE. THE INTENT WOULD BE TO USE THIS FORUM TO ENDORSE US BINARY PRODUCTION. BUT SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT -- WHICH WOULD CAUSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES -- COULD WELL HINGE ON WHETHER MINISTERS COULD POINT AS WELL TO A CREDIBLE AND SERIOUS NEGOTIATING EFFORT ON CW. DID THAT MEAN, WE ASKED, THAT ASSENT CHANGES IN ARTICLE 10, THE BRITISH WOULD FORGO ENDORSEMENT OF BINARY PRODUCTION? ██████████ RESPONDED THAT A CREDIBLE POSITION ON ARTICLE 10 CERTAINLY WOULD EASE THE POLITICAL STRAIN OF SO DOING.
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