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SUBJECT: A/S GALLUCCI BRIEFS RUSSIANS ON DPRK TALKS

1. - SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON JULY 6 A/S GALUCCI BRIEFED RUSSIAN CHARGE CHKHIKVISHVILI ON THE U.S. APPROACH TO THE THIRD ROUND OF

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TALKS WITH NORH KOREA. COUNSELORS CHURILIN AND RAKHMANIN ACCOMPANIED CHKHIKVISHVILI; JOINING GALLUCCI WERE EAP/K DIRECTOR BROWN PM/RNP DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAMORE AND EUR/ISCA NAVRATIL (NOTETAKER). THE DISCUSSION LASTED APPROXMATEL THIRTY MINUTES.

- 3. GALLUCCI BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH LED TO THE CONVENING OF A THIRD ROUND OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL TALKS BEFORE OUTLINING THE U.S. APPROACH IN GENEVA
- -- RESTATE THE NEED FOR THE DPRK TO ACCEPT ITS NPT AND IAEA SAEGUARDS OBLIGATIONS INCLUDING SPECIAL INSPECTIONS.
- -- PRESS FOR NORTH KOREA TO IMPLEMENT THE NORTH-SOUTH DENUCLEARIZATION DECLARATION.
- -- EMPHASIZE THAT THERE ARE NEAR-TERM CONCERNS ABOU THE SPENT FUEL CURRENTLY IN COOING PONDS, WHICH CONTAINS 20 TO 30 KILOGRAMS OF PLUTONIUM.
- -- NOTE THAT IF NORTH KOREA IS SERIOUS ABOUT ABANDONING GRAPHITE REACTORS IN FAVOR OF LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND ABOUT NOT REPROCESS NG THE SPENT FUEL THERE IS NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO REMOVE THE FUEL TO ANOTHER COUNTRY. (IN THIS CONNECTION GALUCCI NOTED THA IF THERE IS A SECRET

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PAGE 03 STATE 179951 0701302 POSITIVE NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE WE WILL APPROACH RUSSIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS FURTHER HOW WE CAN PROCEED)

- 4. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LEDGER GA LUCCI CONTINUED, WE WILL NOTE TO THE NORTH KOREANS OUR POSITIVE GOA S:
- -- WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT IMPROVING OUR BILATERAL PO LITICAL RELATIONS IN A "BROAD AND THOROUGH" MANNER;
- -- PREPARED TO OFFER NEGATIVE SECURITY ASSURANCES
- -- PROVIDE DETAILS ABOUT OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROMOTE (NOT "SUPPY" OR "FINANCE") DPRK ACQUISITION OF A LIGHT WATER REACTOR. (GALLUCCI REFERRED TO THE JUNE 22 MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND FM KOZYREV IN BRUSSELS AND NOT D THAT THIS WILL BE ANOTHER AREA WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS

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FURTHER WITH MOSCOW IF THE DPRK HAS RUSSIAN TECHNO OGY IN MIND.)

- -- WE SEEK TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LESSENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. IN THIS CONNE TION WE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE NORTH'S DEPLOYMENT O FOR ES AND WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION POLICIES.
- 5. IN SUM, GALLUCCI EXPLAINED, WE WANT TO PUT IN FRONT OF THE NORTH KOREANS AN ATTRACTIVE VISION OF WHA WILL TRANSPIRE IF THEY TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR AREA. OVERALL WE ARE PREPARED TO BE QUITE FLEXIBLE PROVIDED NORTH KOREA IS WILLING TO DEAL WITH THE SPENT FUEL UP FRONT; IF THEY REPROCSS THIS FUEL IT WOU D BE A VERY SERIOUS OBSTAC E TO MOVING FORWARD.

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6. GALLUCCI REVIEWED WHAT THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAD AGREED IN BRUSSELS REGARDING U.N. SAN TIONS AND STATED THAT ONE REASON WE ARE BACK AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE IS THAT THE REA PROSPECT OF SANCTIONS LED THE DPRK TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY FOR US TO RESUME BILATERAL TALKS. AT THIS TIME WE WANT THE FOCUS TO BE ON THE

BILATERAL EFFORT TO RESO VE THE PROBEM, RATHER THAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SANCTIONS RESOLUTION IF WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE SANCTIONS APPROACH, GALLUCCI WAS CONFIDENT THA THE U.S AND RUSSIA ARE IN BASIC HGREEMENT ON THE CONTENTS OF A SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLU ION.

7. CHKHIKVISHVILI

EMPHASIZED THE

RUSSIA WANTS THE U.S.-DPRK NEGOTIATIONS TO SUCCEED

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- 8. THE RUSSIANS ASKED QUESTIONS ABOU THE TIMETABLE FOR THE TALKS THE INTERNATIONA ATMOSPHERE SYNCHRONIZING WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH SUMMIT. THE IAEA ANGLE, AND THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE FUEL RODS.
- 9. GALLUCCI RESPONDED THAT WE ARE TERMING THIS THE FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRD ROUND AND THAT BECAUSE OF THE DPRK

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PLEDGE TO FREEZE ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM WHILE THE THIRD ROUND IS UNDERWA WE WANT TO SUSTAIN IT AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. HE OUTLINED SEVERAL POSSIBLE SCHEDULE CONFIGURATIONS AND PROMISED TO BRIEF RUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA AFTER EVERY DAY OR TWO OF THE TAKS.

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- 10. REGARDING THE INTERNATIONA ATMOSPHERE GALLUCCI NOTED THAT THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS THE NORTH'S POSTURE AND LAMENTED THE LACK OF KNOW EDGE OF ITS DECISION-MAKING MECHANISM. ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE VISIT OF FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER HAS GOTTEN KIM IL SUNG INTO TACTICAL INVOLVEMENT WITH AN EFFORT TO PUT RELA IONS WITH THE SOUTH AND WITH THE U.S. ON POSITIVE TRACKS BEFORE AGAIN DELEGATING MANAGEMENT OF THESE ISSUES. IF THI IS THE CASE KIM IL SUNG WANTS TO AVOID SANCTIONS AND IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE NORTH TO MAKE THE MOVES WE SEEK (AC EPTING NPT TRANSFERRING THE FUEL ETC.) . THE OTHER SCHOO OF THOUGHT IS THAT THE NORTH IS MERELY STA LING. AS A NEGOTIATOR HE MUST TEST THE OPTIM-STIC ASSUMPTION GALUCCI EXPLAINED.
- 11. GALLUCCI CHARACTERIZED OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH TH AS "UNIQUELY INTIMATE." BROWN NOTED THAT THE ROK IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBI ITY OF THE TALKS DERAILING PLANS FOR A NORTH-SOUTH SUMMIT, WHICH CHURILIN ECHOED. SAMORE POINTED OUT THE NATURAL DIVISION OF LABOR WHEREBY THE ROK FOCUSES ON IMPLEMENTATION O THE NORTH-SOUTH NON-NUCEAR DECLARATION AND THE U S. ADDRESSS THE INTERNATIONA COMPONENTS (E.G. NPT FULL SCOP SAFEGUARDS).
- 12. GALLUCCI DESCRIBED HIS RECENT EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE IAEA AND EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH BLIX'S WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO THE U.S. AND YT MAINTAN TH INDEPENDENCE ESSENTIAL TO THE CREDIBILITY O THE IAE DO NOT EXPECT THE IAEA TO PROVIDE ANY SURPRISES SUCH AS INTRODUCING NEW INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS WITHOU NOTIFYING _ರಕ್ಷರವಿಗಳ

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- 13. THE FUEL RODS ARE PROBABLY COOL ENOUGH TO WORK WITH NOW GALLUCCI OPINED. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THE RATE OF DETERIORATION OF THE CLADDING; IT COULD LAST ANOTHER MONTH OR ANOTHER YEAR. ONE OF OUR OBJECTIVES FOR THE GENEVA TALKS IS TO SEND TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO NORTH KOREA TO HELP ADJUST THE WATER IN THE COO ING PONDS TO RETARD CLADDING DETERIORATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE:
- 14. A/S GALLUCCI DID NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO REVIEW THIS MESSAGE.
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