

Comrade Mikhail Sergeyevich GORBACHEV,

We are reporting on your instructions.

The Soviet embassy in the FRG held a conversation with the Director of the Institute of Physics and Astronomy (M. Planck Society) Dürr, in connection with his letter addressed to you.

During the conversation, Dürr expressed a number of considerations regarding the peaceful use of space, the creation of a "global peace initiative" in opposition to the SDI, involving scientists in the formulation of the main directions of scientific developments towards addressing specific challenges to preserve peace, on countering propaganda hostile to the USSR, and a number of others.

While in Moscow at the International Forum of Scientists, Dürr met with Comrade E.P. Velikhov. However, he did not develop his proposals further.

Dürr is a quite respected scientist in his circle, however, without our participation (in a useful form), his attempts to implement his proposals will probably yield few results.

It seems expedient to use this possible gateway to Western scientists in our interests. To this end:

Instruct the Committee of Soviet Scientists in Defense of Peace and Against the Nuclear Threat (Comrade E.P. Velikhov) to go through Dürr's proposals and to within a month submit their proposals to the Central Committee of the CPSU (give the instruction on behalf of Comrade Zaykov LN);

Continue through the Soviet embassy in the FRG work with Dürr in order to work out his proposals in detail, inform Dürr about Comrade A.F. Dobrynin agreeing to receive him for a conversation during his next visit to Moscow;

Involve Academician R.Z. Sagdeev in work with Dürr to review Dürr's considerations on the peaceful use of space, if necessary, send R.Z. Sagdeev to the FRG to talk with Dürr and more fully identify his feasibility for implementing the proposals made.

We are requesting approval.

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