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SUBJECT: U.S., SOVIET UNION AGREE ON NEW ARMS TALKS
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GENEVA -- THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN NEW ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS COVERING SPACE WEAPONS, AND STRATEGIC AND INTERMEDIATE RANGE NUCLEAR ARMS.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN GENEVA JANUARY 2, AT A LATE-NIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE BY SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ, FOLLOWING HIS TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO.

SHULTZ SAID HE HAD JUST SPOKEN WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN WHO HAD "RECEIVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION" THE NEWS OF THE AGREEMENT.

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE TO WORK OUT EFFECTIVE AGREEMENTS AIMED AT PREVENTING AN ARMS RACE IN SPACE AND TERMINATING IT ON EARTH, AT LIMITING AND REDUCING NUCLEAR ARMS, AND AT STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC STABILITY." SHULTZ STATED.

THE DATE AND SITE OF THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS "WILL BE AGREED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS WITHIN ONE MONTH," THE SECRETARY SAID. HE NOTED THAT NO DELEGATION HEADS HAD YET BEEN APPOINTED.

HE EXPLAINED THAT EACH SIDE'S DELEGATION WOULD BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SEPARATE GROUPS, COVERING: STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS, INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR ARMS, AND SPACE ARMS, WHETHER BASED ON EARTH OR IN SPACE.

SHULTZ SAID HIS 14 AND ONE-HALF-HOURS OF TALKS WITH GROMYKO OVER THE TWO DAYS HAD BEEN "GOOD, TOUGH DISCUSSIONS

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ALL THE WAY." HE ALSO CALLED THEM "FRANK, BUSINESS-LIKE,
AND USEFUL."

HE SAID THE GENEVA AGREEMENT REPRESENTED "AN IMPORTANT
BEGINNING" TO A NEW ARMS REDUCTION PROCESS, BUT ADDED THAT
THERE WAS STILL "A LONG ROAD AHEAD" AND "MANY TOUGH ISSUES"
TO RESOLVE.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO PRECONDITIONS IN THE
UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT "EVERYTHING WILL BE OPEN
FOR DISCUSSION.

"BOTH SIDES AGREED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF RADICAL
REDUCTIONS OF NUCLEAR ARMS," SHULTZ SAID, AND THERE WAS A
"SHARED INTEREST" IN MOVING FORWARD TOWARD AN AGREEMENT
"SATISFYING BOTH SIDES' CONCERNS."

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ON THE QUESTION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE (SDI), SHULTZ SAID THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS STRATEGIC DEFENSE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW NEGOTIATIONS. HE POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD EXPLAINED TO GROMYKO THAT THE SDI WAS STILL IN THE RESEARCH STAGE, AND THAT IT WAS "FULLY CONSISTENT" WITH THE 1972 ABM (ANTI-BALLISTIC MISSILE) AGREEMENT.

HE SAID THE SDI PROGRAM WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN BELIEVED "VERY DEEPLY" IN THE QUESTION OF FINDING A WAY FOR STRATEGIC STABILITY TO MOVE MORE IN THE DIRECTION OF DEFENSE.

SHULTZ SAID HE HAD NO PLANS TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING WITH GROMYKO IN MOSCOW, OR ELSEWHERE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT THAT ONE COULD BE ARRANGED "WHEN DEEMED APPROPRIATE."

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT REAGAN AND SOVIET PRESIDENT CHERNENKO DURING THE GENEVA TALKS, BUT THAT HUMAN RIGHTS HAD BEEN PART OF A DISCUSSION ON OTHER ISSUES.

SHULTZ SAID THAT U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE GOING ON FROM GENEVA TO "KEY PLACES ALL OVER THE WORLD" TO BRIEF INTERESTED ALLIES ON THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH GROMYKO.

HE SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD PURSUE ITS EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SAME "CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE SPIRIT" THAT IT HAD IN THE GENEVA TALKS. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED BY JAMES THURBER.

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1. DON OBERDORFER OF THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED FROM GENEVA ON JANUARY 6 (QUOTE): SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO PLEDGED TODAY TO DO THEIR BEST IN PURSUIT OF PEACE AS THEY ARRIVED IN THE BITTER CHILL OF THIS SWISS CITY TO WORK OUT PLANS FOR RESUMPTION OF U.S.-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS AFTER A YEARLONG SUSPENSION. AT ARRIVAL CEREMONIES ABOUT EIGHT HOURS APART, SHULTZ AND GROMYKO SPOKE OF THE DESIRE FOR "RESPONSIBLE, "CONSTRUCTIVE" AND "SERIOUS" DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING HERE MONDAY IN THE GLARE OF INTENSE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. IN DEFERENCE TO THE OCCASION AND TO DIPLOMATIC TRADITION, THEY MADE ONLY THE BAREST REFERENCE TO THE WIDE AND, IN SOME RESPECTS, BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM ON ISSUES TO BE CONFRONTED DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS. SHULTZ, WHO ARRIVED FIRST, AFTER AN ALL-NIGHT FLIGHT FROM WASHINGTON, SAID, "WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT PROGRESS WILL BE EASY TO ACHIEVE," BUT HE PROMISED TO "WORK AS HARD AS WE CAN

TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE OUTCOME FROM THESE DISCUSSIONS."

.... GROMYKO, SPEAKING TO THE CAMERAS AND REPORTERS IN ENGLISH IN WHAT SEEMED TO BE A BOW TO THE EXTRAORDINARY INTERNATIONAL PRESS ATTENTION, HARKED BACK TO THE THANKSGIVING DAY U.S.-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT TO THE CURRENT TALKS. THE VETERAN SOVIET MINISTER NOTED THAT THE TWO NATIONS IN THE JOINT STATEMENT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ENTER INTO NEW SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMPLEX OF ISSUES INCLUDING SPACE WEAPONS AND OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR ARMS. THE TASK BEFORE

HIM AND SHULTZ, HE SAID. IS TO WORK OUT "A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AS TO THE SUBJECT AND OBJECTIVES" OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.... SHULTZ AND GROMYKO WILL BEGIN THEIR TALKS AT THE SOVIET MISSION HERE MONDAY. ACCOMPANYING SHULTZ INTO THE TALKS WILL BE MCFARLANE, SPECIAL ADVISER PAUL H. NITZE AND ARTHUR HARTMAN, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. GROMYKO IS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY STRATEGIC ARMS NEGOTIATOR VIKTOR KARPOV; ANATOLIY F. DOBRYNIN, THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, AND ONE OTHER OFFICIAL. (UNQUOTE)

2. IN A RELATED ARTICLE, LESLIE H. GELB OF THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED FROM GENEVA ON JANUARY 6 (QUOTE): THE SUPERPOWER MEETING HERE ON ARMS CONTROL IS TAKING SHAPE IN THREE ARENAS: A PUBLIC PROPAGANDA BATTLE AS A BACKDROP TO BUSINESS-LIKE PRIVATE EXCHANGES, INTERTWINED WITH THROGS OF JOURNALISTS READY TO RECORD AND JUDGE SUCCESS AND FAILURE. IN THE ARENA OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY, MOSCOW IS TRYING TO FAN CONCERNS ABOUT A NEW ARMS RACE IN SPACE, AND WASHINGTON IS TRYING TO PLAY DOWN THE ISSUE AND EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING GENERALLY. IN THE ARENA OF PRIVATE DIPLOMACY, THE TALKS THAT BEGIN MONDAY BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A. GROMYKO ARE EXPECTED BY BOTH SIDES TO BE POLITE, RITUALIZED AND LARGELY PREDETERMINED BY DELIBERATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. MR. SHULTZ IS SAID TO HOPE THAT MR. GROMYKO WILL INVITE HIM TO VISIT MOSCOW IN A FEW MONTHS. THE THIRD ARENA EMERGES FROM THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE DIPLOMATS AND THE JOURNALISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE GATHERED HERE. FROM GRIMACES, NODS AND CRYPTIC REMARKS BY DIPLOMATS, THE JOURNALISTS PASS ON WHAT THEY THINK IS HAPPENING BEHIND THE CLOSED DOORS. SOMETIMES AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL OR SOVIET REPORTER IS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF DISCLOSING A PARTICULAR PIECE OF INFORMATION. THE ADMINISTRATION BEGAN THE LATEST ROUND OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY LAST WEEK IN A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS FOR REPORTERS BY ROBERT C. MCFARLANE, PRESIDENT REAGAN'S

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER. THE THRUST WAS THAT THE GENEVA TALKS SIMPLY REPRESENTED THE BEGINNING OF WHAT PROMISE TO BE LONG AND ARDUOUS NEGOTIATIONS. AS WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND EXPERTS HERE SEE IT, THAT ALL SEEMED MUCH TOO LOW-KEY TO MOSCOW. SO THE SOVIET LEADER, KONSTANTIN U. CHERNENKO, ISSUED A STATEMENT SATURDAY THAT IN EFFECT RAISED THE TEMPERATURE AND THE PRESSURE ON WASHINGTON. "ATTEMPTS IN SOME AMERICAN QUARTERS TO FOIST A "STAR WARS" ERA ON MANKIND ARE CREATING A NEW, ADDITIONAL THREAT TO PEACE," THE STATEMENT READ. "IF UNITED STATES MILITARIST FORCES PREVAIL ON THIS ISSUE, AN IRREVERSIBLE

SITUATION WILL ARISE, FRAUGHT WITH BANEFUL CONSEQUENCES." THE REACTION HERE WAS THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE HOPING TO MAKE THE AMERICAN PROPOSAL FOR A SPACE-BASED MISSILE DEFENSE, OFTEN CALLED THE "STAR WARS" PLAN, INTO THEIR "PEACE ISSUE" FOR 1985. THE JUDGMENT HERE IS THAT WHERE MOSCOW FAILED TO RALLY SUFFICIENT EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION TO STOP THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW AMERICAN MEDIUM-RANGE MISSILES IN EUROPE IN 1983, SOVIET LEADERS WILL TRY AGAIN TO RALLY OPPOSITION, THIS TIME TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE WEAPONS. (UNQUOTE)

3. DUSKO DODER OF THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED FROM GENEVA ON JANUARY 6 (QUOTE): A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY PREPARED BY TOP SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN ADVANCE OF THE U.S.-SOVIET ARMS TALKS CHARGES THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S "STAR WARS" PLAN IS A DANGEROUS AND COSTLY "DECEPTION" THAT COULD INCREASE THE CHANCES OF NUCLEAR WAR. THE PURPOSE OF THE 42-PAGE, LARGELY TECHNICAL, REPORT, WHICH IS DATED ONLY "1984," IS UNKNOWN, BUT IT APPARENTLY WAS PREPARED EARLIER LAST YEAR TO DRAW TOGETHER THE THINKING OF TOP SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN SEVERAL FIELDS ON THE SUBJECT. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT IT PLAYED A ROLE IN PREPARATION OF SOVIET POLICY FOR THE TALKS BEGINNING HERE IT IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE SOVIET ESTIMATE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE KNOWN TO HAVE REACHED THE WEST. IT ALSO CONTAINS THE FIRST DETAILED LIST FROM SOVIET OFFICIALS OF THE "ACTIVE" COUNTERMEASURES THE SOVIETS MIGHT USE AGAINST STAR WARS, INCLUDING "SPACE MINES" AND "CLOUDS OF OBSTACLES" TO BE PLACED IN SPACE.... THE DOCUMENT ... FOCUSED ON THE LIKELY IMPACT OF REAGAN'S PLAN ON SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. "EVEN IF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IMPROVE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE SO MUCH THAT THE AMERICAN SIDE WILL BE POLITICALLY READY TO CONCLUDE MUTUALLY

ACCEPTABLE AND EQUITABLE AGREEMENTS ON THE LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS, THE EXISTENCE OF THE TESTED AND DEPLOYED COMPONENTS OF SPACE-BASED ANTIMISSILE SYSTEMS EVEN ON A LIMITED SCALE MAY SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLICATE THE PROGRESS OF THE TALKS AND REDUCE THE CHANCES FOR A TIMELY SOVIET-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING," IT SAID THE REPORT WAS SPONSORED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS FOR PEACE AGAINST NUCLEAR THREAT. IT WAS PREPARED BY A "WORKING GROUP" HEADED BY THE TOP SOVIET SPACE OFFICIAL, R. Z. SAGDEYEV, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH. (UNQUOTE)

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Here are the transcripts of the President's interviews with UPI and AP...just for your information. Please note that these are INTERNAL transcripts -- they will NOT be released outside this building - and especially not to any other press. But I thought you'd like to know the line he took in various areas.