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-- BEYOND THESE STEPS, WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE NEW SITUATION CREATED BY THE CHANGES IN THE SOVIET UNION THE US AND THE SOVIETS CAN JOINTLY BUILD ON THE START TREATY WITH MORE AMBITIOUS MEASURES THAT WILL MOVE BOTH SIDES TO SMALLER, SAFER, AND MORE STABLE POSTURES, AND WILL INCLUDE CONCRETE STEPS TO PERMIT LIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR DEFENSES.

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-- THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO DO THIS NOW BECAUSE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION GIVE US AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE FUNDAMENTALLY THE NUCLEAR POSTURES OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. WE CAN SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE NEW SOVIET AND REPUBLIC LEADERS TO MAKE DRAMATIC DECISIONS OF THEIR OWN TO IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY AND THAT OF THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR INITIATIVE

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

KEY ELEMENTS

2. ALL ADDRESSEES WILL RECEIVE VIA SEPTTEL THE TEXT OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH SETTING FORTH A MAJOR INITIATIVE TO REDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE SPEECH WILL BE DELIVERED AT 8:00 P.M. WASHINGTON TIME ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

-- WE ARE TAKING A NUMBER OF STEPS AND CALLING ON THE SOVIETS TO DO LIKEWISE:

3. ALLIED HEADS OF GOVERNMENT (NATO JAPAN, KOREA, AND AUSTRALIA) HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT. ALLIED FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY SECRETARY BAKER IN NEW YORK, AND MANY DEFENSE MINISTERS HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY SECRETARY CHENEY. AMBASSADOR TAFT WILL BRIEF NATO ON SATURDAY, AND CHENEY AND POWELL WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY. WE HAVE ALSO COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY WITH THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP. POSTS THEREFORE DO NOT NEED TO CARRY THE MAIN MESSAGE ON THIS INITIATIVE TO GOVERNMENTS. IN FACT, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE FIRST WAVE OF FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS THAT GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE BE DEALT WITH IN WASHINGTON, AND POSTS MAY ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW-UP DIRECTLY IN WASHINGTON. POINTS

-- THE US WILL WITHDRAW AND DESTROY ALL OF ITS NUCLEAR ARTILLERY SHELLS AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES.

BELOW ARE PROVIDED FOR POSTS TO DRAW ON FOR SUCH IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-UP AS POSTS THINK NECESSARY. POSTS SHOULD NOT PROVIDE ANY OF THESE POINTS IN WRITING TO GOVERNMENTS; FOR NOW WE WISH TO HAVE THE LETTERS AND THE SPEECH BE THE DOCUMENTS OF RECORD. A FACT SHEET WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

-- WE WILL REMOVE ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SURFACE SHIPS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND WITHDRAW NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR LAND-BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT. SOME OF THESE WEAPONS WILL BE DESTROYED, SOME WILL BE PLACED IN CENTRAL STORAGE SITES.

4. FOR USNATO: AMBASSADOR SHOULD BRIEF THE NATO PERMREPS ON THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE SATURDAY, DRAWING ON THE POINTS IN THIS CABLE.

-- WE WILL NO LONGER KEEP STRATEGIC BOMBERS IN AN ALERT POSTURE, READY TO TAKE OFF ON A FEW MINUTES NOTICE. WEAPONS NOW ON ALERT BOMBERS WILL BE REMOVED AND RETURNED TO THEIR STORAGE AREAS.

THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE

-- WE WILL PROMPTLY REMOVE FROM ALERT STATUS ALL ICBMS THAT WE PLAN TO TAKE DOWN OVER THE SEVEN-YEAR START PERIOD OF REDUCTIONS, AND ONCE START IS RATIFIED WE WILL ACCELERATE THEIR ELIMINATION FASTER THAN THE 7-YEAR REDUCTIONS PERIOD CALLS FOR.

-- THE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE "FORMER SOVIET UNION" AND BELIEVES THAT IN THE NEW SITUATION WE CAN AND SHOULD TAKE A NUMBER OF STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE AND NATURE OF OUR NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS AROUND THE WORLD.

-- WE WILL TERMINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MOBILE BASING MODES FOR ICBMS, BOTH THE MIRVED PEACEKEEPER AND THE SINGLE WARHEAD SMALL ICBM. AND WE WILL TERMINATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SHORT-RANGE NUCLEAR MISSILE FOR OUR BOMBERS.

-- HE IS CALLING ON THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND CONSTRUCTIVELY BY TAKING COMPARABLE STEPS OF THEIR OWN. THIS WOULD BOTH REDUCE THE BURDEN THAT NUCLEAR FORCES IMPOSE ON THE NEW SOVIET SYSTEM AND INCREASE THE

-- AND WE WILL STREAMLINE THE COMMAND AND CONTROL ORGANIZATION FOR OUR STRATEGIC FORCES.

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-- THE UNITED STATES IS TAKING ALL OF THESE STEPS IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE TO A NUCLEAR POSTURE THAT IS SMALLER BUT MODERN AND STABLE, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANT CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

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-- WE CALL ON THE SOVIETS TO FOLLOW SUIT -- TO WITHDRAW AND ELIMINATE ALL SOVIET GROUND-LAUNCHED TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS (I.E. THEIR NUCLEAR ARTILLERY, NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES, NUCLEAR AIR-DEFENSE MISSILES, AND NUCLEAR LAND MINES); TO REMOVE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SHIPS, ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND FROM NAVAL AIRCRAFT BASES, DESTROYING MANY OF THESE WEAPONS AND CENTRALLY STORING THE REMAINDER IN SECURE LOCATIONS AWAY FROM OPERATING FORCES; TO CONFINE THEIR MOBILE MISSILES TO GARRISONS; TO REMOVE FROM ALERT STATUS ICBMS SCHEDULED FOR ELIMINATION UNDER START AND ACCELERATE THEIR ELIMINATION ONCE START IS RATIFIED; AND TO LIMIT ICBM MODERNIZATION TO A ONE TYPE OF SINGLE-WARHEAD MISSILE.

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THAT WE CALL ON THE SOVIETS TO MATCH THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF JOINT EFFORTS:

-- WE PROPOSE AN EARLY AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE ALL ICBMS WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS. WE WOULD JOINTLY DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE TIMETABLE, AND USE PROCEDURES ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE START TREATY TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE THESE SYSTEMS.

-- WE CALL ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO JOIN US IN TAKING IMMEDIATE CONCRETE STEPS TO PERMIT THE LIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR DEFENSES THAT WOULD PROTECT AGAINST LIMITED BALLISTIC MISSILE STRIKES, WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE, WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THE CREDIBILITY OF EACH SIDE'S DETERRENT.

-- WE WILL ALSO PROPOSE INITIATIVES WITH THE SOVIETS ON MISSILE WARNING, AND DISCUSSIONS ON SAFE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, SECURITY AND SAFETY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND NUCLEAR COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS.

FOR NATO CAPITALS:

-- THE PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN TO ALL NATO HEADS OF STATE OUTLINING HIS INITIATIVE AND THE REASONS TO DO THIS NOW. SECRETARY BAKER HAS DISCUSSED THIS WITH MINISTERS IN NEW YORK AND SECRETARY CHENEY HAS ALSO BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH MANY OF HIS COUNTERPARTS.

-- AMBASSADOR TAFT IS BRIEFING NATO SATURDAY IN BRUSSELS IN SOME DETAIL ON THIS INITIATIVE.

-- THE WITHDRAWAL AND ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR ARTILLERY PROJECTILES AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR LANCE FOLLOW FROM NATO DECISIONS TAKEN LAST YEAR TO FOREGO MODERNIZATION OF THESE SYSTEMS. THIS MOVE ALSO REFLECTS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD IN THE HLG AND SCG ON HOW TO DEAL WITH SNF.

-- THE CHANGES WE HAVE SEEN ALLOW US NOW TO SAFELY TAKE THESE STEPS WITHOUT NEGOTIATIONS, AND WITHOUT UNDERCUTTING OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. WE ARE CHALLENGING THE SOVIETS TO TAKE CORRESPONDING STEPS, IN AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

-- SOME OF THESE WEAPONS DEPLOYED ON THE TERRITORY OF ALLIED COUNTRIES ARE FOR US FORCES, AND OTHERS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH ALLIED FORCES UNDER PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN BOTH CASES ON THE TIMING AND LOGISTICS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THESE WEAPONS. ALL WITHDRAWALS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITH FULL RECOGNITION OF SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND OTHER CONCERNS OF THE COUNTRIES WHERE THESE WEAPONS ARE LOCATED.

-- WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE SNF IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INITIATIVE AT THE SCG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7.

-- AS FOR THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON SURFACE SHIPS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR LAND-BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO DEPLOY SUCH WEAPONS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE URGING THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND BY REMOVING THEIR OWN CORRESPONDING WEAPONS; THIS WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE SECURITY AND SURVIVABILITY OF OUR NAVAL FORCES, WITHOUT THE DRAWBACKS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE SOVIETS ON NAVAL ARMS CONTROL.

(IF ASKED WHETHER WE WILL GO FORWARD IF THE SOVIETS DO NOT RESPOND POSITIVELY:)-- WE EXPECT THESE STEPS WILL BE RECIPROCATED BY THE LEADERS IN MOSCOW; THEY HAVE EVERY INCENTIVE TO DO SO. IF THEY DO NOT, AN IMPORTANT

OPPORTUNITY WILL HAVE BEEN LOST, BUT WE WILL STILL HAVE THE STRENGTH WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR SECURITY AND THAT OF OUR ALLIES, AND TO RESPOND AS NECESSARY.

-- UNTIL THE REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SURFACE SHIPS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES IS COMPLETED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE OUR NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY POLICY FOR NAVAL FORCES. WHEN THE REMOVAL IS COMPLETED, THIS ISSUE WILL BE MOOT.

-- ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR LAND-BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM BASES ASSOCIATED WITH LAND-BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT, BOTH IN THE US AND OVERSEAS, AND INCLUDING THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION. AGAIN, WE LOOK FORWARD TO EARLY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES WHERE SUCH WEAPONS ARE NOW LOCATED.

-- AFTER ALL OF THESE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, THE US NUCLEAR GUARANTEE TO NATO WILL REMAIN. THE US INTENDS

TO MAINTAIN IN EUROPE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR US DUAL-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT AND ALLIED DUAL-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT UNDER PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION.

-- WE LOOK TO OUR ALLIES TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS NUCLEAR ROLE, WHICH MAKES AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY AS THE CHANGES IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN WAYS THAT WE CANNOT CLEARLY PREDICT.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR, THE US WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN MODERN, SURVIVABLE, AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES EVEN AS THE SIZE OF THOSE FORCES IS REDUCED.

FOR LONDON:

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT CANCELLATION OF THE SRAM-II PROGRAM WILL AFFECT THE BRITISH TASM PROGRAM.

-- THE PRESIDENT DETERMINED THAT THE SRAM-II WAS SIMPLY NOT SATISFACTORY, AND HE HAS TERMINATED IT. CANCELING THAT MEANS WE ARE LOSING WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR TASM, AND IT WAS ALSO ONE OF THREE CANDIDATES FOR THE UK TASM.

-- THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT A DECISION ABOUT MODERNIZATION OF AIR-DELIVERED TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WE CONTINUE TO SEE AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE FOR AIR-DELIVERED THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO THE INDEFINITE FUTURE AND REMAIN COMMITTED TO KEEPING NATO'S NUCLEAR DETERRENT MODERN AND EFFECTIVE.

-- WE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH THE MOD ON BOTH THE MISSILE AND WARHEAD ASPECTS OF THIS.

-- WE WILL STAND BY OUR TRIDENT COMMITMENT, AND OUR LONG-STANDING COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING THE UK DETERRENT.

(IF ASKED:)-- GIVEN THE LIMITED CAPABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH GPALS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD NOT THREATEN THE CREDIBILITY OF YOUR NUCLEAR DETERRENT

-- MUCH OF THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE AVOIDS THE ENTANGLEMENTS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THE NEGOTIATIONS WE ENVISION ON ELIMINATING MIRVED ICBMS AND PERMITTING LIMITED DEFENSES WILL BE BILATERAL.

FOR PARIS:

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONCLUSION THAT THE NUCLEAR LANCE IS NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR NATO SECURITY AND THE CALL FOR THE SOVIETS TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR

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SHORT-RANGE MISSILES COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HADES PROGRAM.

-- AS YOU KNOW THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE LANCE WARHEADS FOLLOWS DIRECTLY FROM THE DECISION LAST YEAR NOT TO MODERNIZE LANCE, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF LANCE WARHEADS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR FORCE PLANS AND IN THE CONTEXT OF PREPARING FOR EXCHANGES ON SNF. THIS HAS BEEN INEVITABLE FOR SOME TIME.

-- ON THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE PRESIDENT IS CALLING FOR DISCUSSIONS ON SAFE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE DISMANTLING OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS, ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHYSICAL SECURITY AND SAFETY OF SUCH WEAPONS, AND NUCLEAR COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS. PRESIDENT MITTERRAND HAS IDENTIFIED THIS CONCERN PUBLICLY. WE WILL WISH TO CONSULT FURTHER TOGETHER AND IN NATO.

(IF ASKED:) -- GIVEN THE LIMITED CAPABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH GPALS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT SUCH A SYSTEM WOULD NOT THREATEN THE CREDIBILITY OF YOUR NUCLEAR DETERRENT.

-- MUCH OF THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE AVOIDS THE ENTANGLEMENTS OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THE NEGOTIATIONS WE ENVISION ON ELIMINATING MIRVED ICBMS AND PERMITTING LIMITED DEFENSES WILL BE BILATERAL.

FOR BONN:

-- THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE DRAWS HEAVILY FROM STEPS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON SNF, INCLUDING THE IDEAS IN FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S LETTER. WE BELIEVE THAT UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN SAFELY ELIMINATE THE NUCLEAR ARTILLERY SHELLS AND LANCE WARHEADS UNILATERALLY, WITHOUT WAITING FOR A NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

-- IT IS OF COURSE VERY MUCH IN OUR INTEREST FOR THE SOVIETS TO ELIMINATE THEIR GROUND-LAUNCHED TACTICAL NUCLEAR FORCES AS WELL. WE WILL PRESS THEM TO DO SO,

(1) FOR THEIR OWN DOMESTIC REASONS, (2) BECAUSE NATO IS NOT A THREAT TO THE NEW UNION, AND (3) BECAUSE THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE RELATIONSHIP WHICH THEY WANT TO DEVELOP WITH THE WEST.

-- WE KNOW YOU WILL DO SO AS WELL, AS FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER DID RECENTLY IN MOSCOW.

-- AS A RESULT OF THIS INITIATIVE, A LARGE FRACTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS NOW LOCATED IN GERMANY WILL BE WITHDRAWN. WE WILL BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU TO DO THIS IN A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

-- AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONTINUE TO SEE AN ESSENTIAL NUCLEAR ROLE FOR NATO. WE LOOK TO YOU TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED DEPLOYMENT OF US NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE FOR US AND ALLIED DUAL-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT.

FOR TOKYO, SEOUL, AND CANBERRA:

-- WE WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE STEPS THE PRESIDENT CALLS FOR -- ELIMINATION OF GROUND-LAUNCHED TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SHIPS, ETC. ARE GLOBAL. WHAT WE ARE CALLING ON THE SOVIETS TO DO WOULD BE GLOBAL, AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SECURITY IN THE PACIFIC AS WELL AS IN EUROPE.

-- THE WITHDRAWAL AND ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR ARTILLERY PROJECTILES AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR LANCE FOLLOW FROM DECISIONS TAKEN LAST YEAR TO FOREGO MODERNIZATION OF THESE SYSTEMS.

-- THE CHANGES WE HAVE SEEN IN THE SOVIET UNION ALLOW US NOW TO SAFELY TAKE THESE STEPS WITHOUT NEGOTIATIONS, AND WITHOUT UNDERCUTTING OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. WE ARE CHALLENGING THE SOVIETS TO TAKE CORRESPONDING STEPS, IN AN EFFORT TO ACCELERATE THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

-- AS FOR THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON SURFACE SHIPS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR LAND-BASED NAVAL AIRCRAFT, WE BELIEVE THAT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO DEPLOY SUCH WEAPONS UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE URGING THE SOVIETS TO RESPOND BY REMOVING THEIR OWN CORRESPONDING WEAPONS; THIS WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE SECURITY AND SURVIVABILITY OF OUR NAVAL FORCES, WITHOUT THE DRAMBACKS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE SOVIETS ON NAVAL ARMS CONTROL.

-- UNTIL THE REMOVAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SURFACE SHIPS AND ATTACK SUBMARINES IS COMPLETED, WE WILL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE OUR NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY POLICY FOR NAVAL FORCES. WHEN THE REMOVAL IS COMPLETED, THIS ISSUE WILL BE MOOT. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR STOUT DEFENSE OF OUR NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY POLICY.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT POINTED OUT IN HIS SPEECH, THIS STEP IS REVERSIBLE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS COULD BE RESTORED TO SHIPS IF NECESSARY IN A FUTURE CRISIS.

-- AS THE PRESIDENT MADE CLEAR, THE US WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN MODERN, SURVIVABLE, AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES EVEN AS THE SIZE OF THOSE FORCES IS REDUCED.

-- THIS STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DETERRENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXTEND OVER OUR PACIFIC ALLIES.

FOR OTTAWA AND CANBERRA:

-- IN THE CONTEXT OF AN AGREEMENT TO PERMIT DEFENSES AGAINST LIMITED BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACKS, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SHARING BALLISTIC MISSILE WARNING INFORMATION WITH THE SOVIETS. WE WOULD OF COURSE CONSULT WITH YOU BEFORE PURSUING THIS WITH THE SOVIETS.

FOR MOSCOW:

-- PRESIDENT BUSH DISCUSSED THIS INITIATIVE WITH GORBACHEV AND YELTSIN BEFORE THE SPEECH; THEY RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY.

-- SECRETARY BAKER ALSO DISCUSSED THIS INITIATIVE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PANKIN IN NEW YORK.

-- THE US HAS DECIDED TO TAKE A NUMBER OF STEPS TO RADICALLY REDUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AROUND THE WORLD. THESE STEPS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE POSITIVE

CHANGES IN THE SOVIET UNION.

-- IT IS VERY MUCH IN THE INTEREST OF THE SOVIET UNION TO PROMPTLY MATCH THESE STEPS -- TO WITHDRAW AND ELIMINATE SOVIET NUCLEAR ARTILLERY, NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES, NUCLEAR AIR-DEFENSE MISSILES, AND NUCLEAR LAND MINES; TO REMOVE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM SHIPS, ATTACK SUBMARINES, AND FROM NAVAL AIRCRAFT BASES, DESTROYING MANY OF THESE WEAPONS AND CENTRALLY STORING THE REMAINDER IN SECURE LOCATIONS; TO CONFINE THEIR MOBILE MISSILES TO GARRISONS; TO REMOVE FROM ALERT STATUS ICBMS SCHEDULED FOR ELIMINATION UNDER START AND ACCELERATE THEIR ELIMINATION ONCE START IS RATIFIED; AND TO LIMIT ICBM MODERNIZATION TO A ONE TYPE OF SINGLE-WARHEAD MISSILE.

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-- THESE ARE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE QUICKLY, AND WOULD BE RECEIVED POSITIVELY AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD.

-- THESE STEPS MAKE SENSE FROM A DOMESTIC POINT OF VIEW, TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE SOCIETY AND THE ECONOMY.

-- THEY ALSO MAKE SENSE NOW THAT THE WEST IS VIEWED LESS AS A THREAT THAN AS A SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE.

-- AND THESE STEPS WOULD MAKE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW RELATIONSHIP WHICH THE NEW UNION AND THE REPUBLICS WISH TO DEVELOP WITH THE WEST.

-- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN PROVIDE PROMPT ANSWERS.

-- THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ALSO INCLUDES A CALL FOR US AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF JOINT EFFORTS:

-- WE PROPOSE AN EARLY AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE ALL ICBMS WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS. WE WOULD DEVELOP AN ACCEPTABLE TIMETABLE, AND USE PROCEDURES ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN THE START TREATY.

-- WE CALL ON THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP TO JOIN US IN TAKING IMMEDIATE CONCRETE STEPS TO PERMIT THE LIMITED DEPLOYMENT OF NON-NUCLEAR DEFENSES THAT WOULD PROTECT AGAINST LIMITED BALLISTIC MISSILE STRIKES, WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE, WHILE STILL MAINTAINING THE CREDIBILITY OF EACH SIDE'S DETERRENT.

-- WE WILL PROPOSE INITIATIVES ON MISSILE WARNING, AND DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATION ON SAFE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS SECURITY AND SAFETY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND NUCLEAR COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS.

-- WE WILL BE IN TOUCH SOON WITH OUR IDEAS FOR PURSUING THESE INITIATIVES.
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