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- Negotiations culminated in "ad ref" agreement, May 4. Same principals throughout: Perle/Linhard - Obukhov.

- Interagency review of agreement text complete. No revisions required. Some technical issues regarding transfer of funds and equipment will need to be resolved in follow-up talks with Soviets.

- Once agreement is signed, State Office of Communications could begin technical discussions with Soviets.

- U.S. needs to decide where U.S. NERC will be located. Issue at White House for decision.

- Goal for bringing the system into operation is 12 months from signature. Much depends on Soviet cooperation -- U.S. intends to use DCL ("Hotline") software and hardware, Soviets may seek modifications; enhancements.

- U.S. prepared to sign during Foreign Ministers' meeting.