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TELECON
General Scowcroft/The Secretary
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Time: 9:40 p.m.

K: I had a talk with Dobrynin tonight. He said there is no chance of them accepting this package. He said he was present with their military and they have figured out that with the B-1 and B-52's we are going to add 5000 in delivery vehicles against them. He said what kind of agreement is that.

S: Are they prepared to make a counter offer?

K: He said frankly it will lead to an explosion. Their backfire doesn't have the range we say it does.

S: That might be true. That is tough. It might be good for the President to be exposed to Brezhnev.

K: He protested about the President's speech this morning.

S: Listen, I tell you we are being sent some real stuff. Terry brought down to me the President's departure speech. It is a disaster. They had statements about the Baltic States so I redid it and sent it over to the speech writers. Terry later came down and said where is it? I never got it back and have no copy of my changes. Right now I am redoing it.

K: You had better make sure he doesn't do it. I thought he wasn't going to make a departure statement. Is he behind all this?

S: No, I don't think he is. I think it is the method of operation here. There is no sense of anything we have a lot of people here who are used to working with a free hand for some senator.

K: How can you be sure he will use it?

S: I think I can make sure.

K: Well, you make sure. Let him know that he shouldn't leave on an apologetic note.

S: I will say it is essential that he leave on a positive note.

K: The Russians have already made an official protest.

S: To leave with a statement that dumps all over the reason for the trip is really stupid.



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K: Can't you draw from what I said at the press conference this morning. That it is a useful step towards peace.

S: The statement isn't all that bad.

K: How long is it?

S: Only about 7 or 8 cards. Oh here it is 10 3'x5' cards. However, it said that the U.S. has never recognized the incorporation of the Baltic states. Just what we need at Helsinki!

K: It is out of the question. He shouldn't say what he is not doing.

S: It is fixable without too much trouble.

K: O.K. Fine.