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TO : AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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FROM : Department of State

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SUBJECT : Sino-Soviet Military Balance (C-SR-2-56545)

REF : Moscow 2676, March 25, 1972

Remarks by Chinese DCM are the first by a PRC official affirming possession of deployed nuclear missiles. Request you contact Swiss DCM to seek elaboration of Chinese DCM's remarks. Following line of questions suggested.

1. What was the context of the Chinese DCM remarks? Did he initiate the subject or respond to Swiss DCM questions? Was the Chinese DCM's attitude toward the USSR bellicose and aggressive or concerned and defensive?
2. Did the Chinese DCM elucidate on how the strategic picture will be fundamentally altered? Was the United States included in this equation or any of the remarks?
3. Is there any clue as to what "enough medium range missiles" means explicitly in terms of numbers of missiles and their range?
4. Was the PRC MREM capability against Siberia tied to the ability to neutralize conventional Soviet attack?

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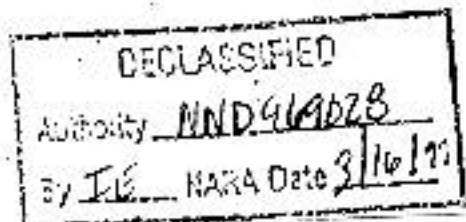
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5. Does the 3 years required to acquire long range missiles mean only the first such missiles would be deployed or a large number would be deployed in order to fundamentally alter the strategic picture?
6. Confirm the Chinese DCM's identification: Counselor WANG CHIN CH'ING (STC 3769 5660 0615).
7. Is this the first time the Chinese DCM has spoken out on military matters?
8. In response, please refer to C-SR-2-56545, which is due to expire 5 July 1972.

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