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1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. CHARGE AND POL/ECONOFF MET WITH MFA MIN/COUNS GIZZATOV AND SENIOR PROTOCOL OFFICER KHAZIKHANOV ON AUG. 21 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING U.S. DISARMAMENT DELEGATION VISITS TO ALMA ATA. THEY DELIVERED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE (BASED ON REFS A AND B) OUTLINING THE DETAILS, AND OBJECTIVES OF BOTH THE SSD VISIT OF GEN. BURNS AND THE JCIC VISIT OF AMB. STEINER, AS PART OF THE EMBASSY'S CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON DISARMAMENT.
3. GIZZATOV SAID HE LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING AMB. STEINER IN KIEV, ADDING THAT HE AND THE KAZAKHSTAN DELEGATION WILL DEPART FOR THE UKRAINIAN CAPITAL ON AUG. 26. THE KAZAKHSTAN SIDE IS PREPARING TO RECEIVE STEINER AND HIS TEAM SEPT- 1-2, FOLLOWING THE KIEV JCIC SESSION.
4. AS FOR THE VISIT OF GEN. BURNS, THE KAZAKHSTAN SIDE FEELS ITSELF UNPREPARED, AT PRESENT, TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF DISMANTLEMENT OF THE WEAPONS IN KAZAKHSTAN, ACCORDING TO GIZZATOV. THE MIN/COUNS POINTED OUT THAT KAZAKHSTAN THIS VERY WEEK IS NEGOTIATING WITH HIGH LEVEL RUSSIAN DEFENSE OFFICIALS ABOUT THE FUTURE DISPOSITION OF THE STRATEGIC WEAPONS BASED ON KAZAKHSTAN SOIL. IT MAY BE THAT KAZAKHSTAN WILL SIMPLY LEAVE IT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVAL AND/OR DESTRUCTION/DISMANTLEMENT, HE DECLARED.
5. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT THIS ISSUE APPEARED TO BE AN INTERNAL MATTER BETWEEN RUSSIA AND KAZAKHSTAN; GEN. BURNS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN A MORE GENERAL FASHION WHAT THE U.S. MIGHT BE PREPARED TO OFFER IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SAFE DISMANTLEMENT. MOREOVER, HE REMINDED HIS MFA INTERLOCUTERS, THE KAZAKHSTAN SIDE BY ITS NOTE OF AUG. 12 (REF D) HAD SAID IT WANTED TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR ARMS DESTRUCTION WITH THE U.S. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NUNN-LUGAR LEGISLATION.
6. GIZZATOV SAID MFA AND MOD WOULD TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE VISIT OF GEN. BURNS AND GIVE US AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT KAZAKHSTAN WANTS VERY MUCH TO LEARN ABOUT SSD FROM THE U.S. SIDE, BUT THAT AT PRESENT NEITHER MFA NOR MOD FEEL THAT THEY ARE READY TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN SUBSTANCE WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE. CHARGE SAID HE WOULD REPORT KAZAKHSTAN REACTION TO WASHINGTON, AND WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED VISIT BY GEN. BURNS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WYGANT

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