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page 2, para 2, line 3

suggest line be amended as follows: substitute "treaty provisions" vice "paper promises" (we don't want to call Gorbachev's signature a paper promise).

page 2, para 2, line 5

suggest line be amended to read, "... experience under INF and other earlier agreements. It lays out ..."

page 2, para 2, last three lines

suggest final clause be amended to read, "... to the task -- comprehensive and effective enough to give both sides confidence that they can detect any failures (delete "to abide by its terms") which could jeopardize security.

page 2, para. 3, line 4

suggest that the words, "the past year's time -- progress in ..." be deleted. (in truth, we were closer to finishing in May 90 than in Jan 91. Soviet domestic problems over the last year have stalled progress on START).

R.A. LAHANTIA
W. Robert Pearson
Executive Secretary

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/25/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 11:00AM, FRI., JULY 26

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: START TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY

SUBJECT: THE KREMLIN
MOSCOW, USSR
JULY 31, 1991

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RESPONSE:

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WASHINGTON

July 26, 1991

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FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: START Treaty Signing Ceremony

We have reviewed the attached draft remarks and have no comments from a policy standpoint. We approve the draft in its present form.

cc: Phillip D. Brady

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7/25 6:15 pm

Forwarded to Paul/Slay

RESPONSE: The comments from Cabinet Affairs are attached.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Luttig
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FROM: STEPHEN G. RADEMAKER *SR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: START Treaty Signing
Ceremony, The Kremlin, Moscow, USSR, July 31, 1991

Pursuant to Phil Brady's request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced matter and has no objection to the proposed presidential remarks.

cc: Phillip Brady

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Now ready:

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