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1. POLMIL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF ACCOMPANIED ENTHOVEN AND PARTY DURING ALL-DAY MEETING TODAY IN MOD, INCLUDING 45-MINUTE SESSION WITH HEALEY. MEMCON WILL FOLLOW.  
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2. DISCUSSION GENERALLY RELATED TO RELEVANCE OF AND WEIGHT TO BE GIVEN VARIOUS INDICES IN COMPARING WARSAW PACT AND NATO MILITARY CAPABILITIES, STARTING FROM PRESENTLY AGREED NATO INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES. DISCUSSION DID NOT GET INTO NEW INTELLIGENCE ON WARSAW PACT FORCES REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY, ETC. ALTHOUGH WE

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UNDERSTAND MUCH OF THIS DATA HAS ALREADY GONE TO BRITISH THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.

3. THIS IS SECOND OF WHAT WE HOPE WILL BE CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN BRITISH SYSTEMS ANALYSTS AND OURS INITIATED AT EMBASSY'S URGING. WE STRONGLY ENDORSE VALUE OF INTENSIFIED EXCHANGES IN THIS AREA. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL HELP BOTH OF US GET A BETTER PERSPECTIVE ON FACTS AND A COMMON VIEW OF INTERPRETATION THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN AND WILL ALSO HELP DISPEL PRESENT BRITISH SUSPICIONS THAT OUR MOTIVES OVER PAST FEW YEARS IN MANY OF OUR ESTIMATES OF WARSAW PACT CAPABILITIES HAVE BEEN EITHER TO LAY BASIS FOR U.S. NUCLEAR AND/OR CONVENTIONAL DISENGAGEMENT FROM EUROPE OR TO BLUDGEON EUROPEANS INTO MAKING LARGE INCREASES IN THEIR CONVENTIONAL FORCES. CLOSE, CONTINUING AND CANDID TALKS

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WITH BRITISH IN THESE AREAS, WE BELIEVE, WILL SERVE INTERESTS OF BOTH PARTNERS IN ALLIANCE AND OF ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE, AND HELP BRITISH SEE THAT OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS TO RATIONALIZE NATO DEFENSE FORCES BY SPENDING OUR MONEY ON THE RIGHT THINGS. AS EMBOFFS HAVE TOLD OUR SYSTEMS ANALYST COLLEAGUES WE DO NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF OUR SIDE LEARNING A LITTLE IN PROCESS AS

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ENTHOVEN AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE MADE AN EXCELLENT START ON PROCESS WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL PAY BIG DIVIDENDS AND HEALEY AS WELL AS EMBASSY ARE GRATEFUL FOR TIME WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN WILLING TO INVEST IN THIS OPERATION.

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