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ZAGLADIN: USSR WOULD DEPLOY MISSILES AS RESPONSE TO PERSHING

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(EXCERPT) ROME, MARCH 9 (AFP) -- VADIM ZAGLADIN, DEPUTY HEAD OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, WARNED THAT THE SOVIET UNION COULD BE FORCED TO STATION NUCLEAR MISSILES "EQUIVALENT TO THE PERSHING" CLOSE TO THE UNITED STATES.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE LEFTIST DAILY LA REPUBBLICA TODAY, MR. ZAGLADIN SAID DEPLOYMENT "WITHIN PROXIMITY OF THE UNITED STATES" OF THE MOST ADVANCED SOVIET MEDIUM-RANGE WEAPONS MIGHT BE NECESSARY IF ANY U.S. PERSHING WERE STATIONED IN EUROPE.

HIS REMARKS CAME IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN "INTERMEDIATE SOLUTION" TO THE EUROMISSILE PROBLEM -- ACCEPTANCE OF LESS THAN THE FULL 572 PERSHING AND CRUISE MISSILES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT.

"LET US BE CLEAR," MR. ZAGLADIN TOLD LA REPUBBLICA, "FOR US, NO INTERMEDIATE SOLUTION IS VALID. IF INSTEAD OF THE FULL 108 PERSHING THERE WERE 30, OR WHATEVER FIGURE, THE RESULT FOR THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE THE SAME."

HE SAID ANY U.S. MISSILES IN EUROPE WOULD MEAN MOSCOW WOULD HAVE TO DEPLOY ITS PERSHING EQUIVALENT -- THE SS-20 -- WHERE THEY COULD REACH THE UNITED STATES IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME.

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