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CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T		DISSEMINATION CONTROLS	
DATE DISTR. 5 JULY 1957		PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE	
COUNTRY USSR		PLACE ACQUIRED USSR	
SUBJECT SOVIET OFFICIAL'S OPINION CONCERNING SOVIET POSITION ON DISARMAMENT			
DATE OF INFORMATION JUNE 1957		REFERENCES	
APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) 2 FOR REPORTORIAL ACCURACY			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) RELIABLE SOURCE			
<p>1. IN THE OPINION OF A SOVIET OFFICIAL, WHOSE VIEWS ARE PRESUMED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THOSE OF THE MILITARY OFFICER CLASS, THE SOVIETS WILL STRING OUT DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR UP TO TEN YEARS, IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO GAIN ADVANTAGES. THE OFFICIAL CITED THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER TRIESTE AS AN EXAMPLE WHEREIN THE SOVIET ARGUMENTS HAD NO SUBSTANCE YET WERE USED TO STALL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO GAIN CONCESSIONS FOR THE SOVIETS ELSEWHERE.</p> <p>2. THIS OFFICIAL ADMITTED THAT THE SOVIET LEADERS REALLY DESIRE AND NEED REDUCTIONS IN WAR PRODUCTION IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY THEIR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT. TIME IS NEEDED TO INCREASE THE SOVIET INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL, AND THE REDUCTION OF WAR PRODUCTION WOULD PROVIDE THIS NEEDED TIME. IN ADDITION, THE SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT REDUCTION OF U. S. DEFENSE PRODUCTION, WHICH THE SOVIETS FEEL THE U. S. WOULD CARRY OUT HONESTLY, AS AGREED UPON, WOULD CREATE UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE U. S., WITH ATTENDANT DIFFICULTIES.</p>			
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