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SUBJECT: MBA-CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

1. SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS STAFF HAS INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF MBA TALKS. WE HAD HOPED TO PUT OFF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNTIL TALKS HAD REACHED MORE DEFINITIVE STAGE, BUT BELIEVE THAT ANY ATTEMPT NOW TO STALL WOULD RUN REAL RISK OF ELEVATING MBA HERE TO EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE HASSLE. ACCORDINGLY WE PLAN TO BRIEF SFR C STAFFER MOOSE ON PRESENT STATUS MBA.

2. DEPT WILL PROVIDE MOOSE WITH SHORT UNCLASSIFIED STATEMENT ALONG LINES DISCUSSED PREVIOUS TRAFFIC. IN ADDITION WE WILL PROVIDE ONE PAGE CLASSIFIED FACT SHEET DESCRIBING IN OUTLINE FORM BACKGROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, OBJECTIVES, PROGRESS TO DATE, AND MAJOR ISSUES. WE WILL STRESS REASONS FOR TREATING IN CONFIDENCE AND BELIEVE MOOSE AND SFR C STAFF WILL HONOR REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT. ROGERS

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