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 TAGS: PARM, MNUC, MPOL, GE  
 SUBJ: FRG STATEMENT ON ANDROPOV INF PROPOSAL

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1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY FRG DEPUTY PRESS SPOKESMAN  
 SUDHOFF ON THE INF PORTION OF ANDROPOV'S DECEMBER 21  
 SPEECH WAS MADE IN THE AFTERNOON OF THE SAME DAY, BEFORE  
 RECEIPT AND DELIVERY ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 22 OF THE  
 U.S. STATEMENT CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: (UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION)

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ANALYZE THE CONTENT OF THIS  
 SPEECH VERY CAREFULLY AND VERY SERIOUSLY. WE SHALL  
 EXAMINE ITS CONTENT WITH A VIEW TO FINDING OUT WHAT IT  
 CAN PRODUCE FOR US IN TERMS OF MORE SECURITY AND BALANCE  
 IN THIS FIELD. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ASK ITS  
 PARTNERS TO EXAMINE THIS SPEECH AS SERIOUSLY AS WE DO, AS  
 THEY ALWAYS HAVE, AND AS THE AMERICANS ALWAYS HAVE IN  
 GENEVA.

WHAT WE THUS FAR KNOW OF THE TEXT OF MR. ANDROPOV'S SPEECH  
 STEMS FROM NEWS AGENCY REPORTS. I WOULD NEVERTHELESS LIKE  
 TO VOICE SOME IDEAS WHICH I FEEL DESERVE TO BE STRESSED.  
 IT LOOKS AS IF THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT MR. ANDROPOV SAID

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CORRESPONDS WITH THE PROPOSALS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION  
ALREADY SUBMITTED IN GENEVA AND WHICH ALREADY WERE THE  
SUBJECT OF PRESS REPORTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WE CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN A BILATERAL ZERO SOLUTION.  
IF, AS INDICATED IN MR. ANDROPOV'S SPEECH, THE SOVIET  
UNION WISHES TO KEEP A PART OF ITS INTERMEDIATE-RANGE  
ARSENAL TARGETED UPON EUROPE, THE VERY ESSENTIAL  
ELEMENT OF BALANCE IN THIS FIELD SEEMS TO BE LACKING,  
AND IT SEEMS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WISHES TO PRESERVE  
ITS MONOPOLY IN THE FIELD OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES.

IT SOUNDS VERY NICE WHEN MR. ANDROPOV SAYS, ACCORDING TO  
THE ADN REPORT, THAT THE SOVIET UNION MERELY WISHES TO  
HAVE IN EUROPE EXACTLY AS MANY MISSILE BASES AS GREAT  
BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE, BUT THIS WOULD LOCK IN A SOVIET  
SUPERIORITY IN THE FIELD OF INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES  
WHICH IS OF SUCH DECISIVE IMPORTANCE FOR THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, A SUPERIORITY WHICH NEITHER THE PAST  
NOR THE PRESENT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINDS POLITICALLY  
ACCEPTABLE IN VIEW OF OUR SECURITY INTERESTS. AND WHEN  
MR. ANDROPOV THEN SAYS THAT, IN SHORT, IT IS NOW THE TURN  
OF THE U.S., I HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT CAUSE AND EFFECT  
ARE BEING SKILLFULLY CONFUSED HERE. IT WAS NOT THE U.S.  
WHICH FIRST STATIONED INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES IN  
EUROPE. AND I SUGGEST YOU RE-READ WHAT THE FOREIGN  
MINISTER SAID IN THE BUNDESTAG LAST FRIDAY: WE WANT NO  
INTERMEDIATE-RANGE MISSILES EITHER IN THE EAST OR IN THE  
WEST.

AND WHAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS ARE SEEKING TO ACCOMPLISH  
IS A DISMANTLING ON THE ONE SIDE AND MAKING IT SUPERFLUOUS  
TO STATION INF ON THE OTHER SIDE. WE HAVE TO LOOK WITH  
SCEPTICISM AT SOVIET PROPOSALS THAT SEEK TO CEMENT THE  
STATUS QUO.  
END TEXT.

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