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IN REPLY TO ACTING SECRETARY RUSH'S TOAST TO SOVIET PARLIA-
 MENTARY DELEGATION AT MAY 20 RECEPTION IN DEPARTMENT,
 PONOMAREV (CANDIDATE MEMBER OF POLITBURO) MADE FOLLOWING
 REMARKS REGARDING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
 (VERBATIM TRANSLATION):

BEGIN QUOTE: THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED IN MOSCOW BY OUR
 LEADERSHIP, L.I. BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT NIXON, HAVE
 TREMENDOUS SIGNIFICANCE FOR MOVING FROM CONFRONTATION TO
 PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OR TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION. THE
 STATE DEPARTMENT, ITS OFFICIALS, AND MINISTER HENRY
 KISSINGSO HAVE MADE MANY EFFORTS IN THIS USEFUL CAUSE.

YOU HAVE JUST MENTIONED THAT HE (THE SECRETARY OF STATE)
 IS OCCUPIED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITH VERY SERIOUS MATTERS.
 AND IN REALITY WE SEE THAT THERE IS DEFINITE PROGRESS
 HERE. AS A RESULT OF THE JOINT ACTIONS OF OUR COUNTRIES
 AND OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
 OF OUR GOVERNMENT, ANDREY GROMYKO, WE SEE DEFINITE STEPS
 AFTER THEIR RECENT MEETINGS TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF THE
 VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF EXTINGUISHING THE FLAME OF
 MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN THIS FASHION, JOINT ACTIONS AND COOPERATION (HAVE
 OCCURRED) IN THE SOLUTION OF SUCH A VERY ACUTE, ONE MUST
 SAY, QUESTION, BUT GOOD WILL AND THE DESIRE TO COOPERATE
 PERMIT THE SOLUTION OF EVEN THESE ACUTE QUESTIONS.

AS IS KNOWN, IT WAS AGREED IN MOSCOW SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
 TO RESOLVE THESE QUESTIONS UNDER OUR JOINT AEGIS, AND THE
 GENEVA CONFERENCE, WE ARE CONVINCED, CAN DO MUCH, ALMOST
 EVERYTHING, IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THIS MATTER IN FAVOR OF
 PEACE AND A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. RUSH

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