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FM AMBASSADOR SMITH HELSINKI 003

TO HENRY KISSINGER, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON

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DEAR HENRY:

WE WILL OF COURSE CARRY OUT PRESIDENT'S
INSTRUCTIONS RE PROVOCATIVE ATTACK WHEN SOVIETS
RAISE ISSUE.

OUT OF ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION, HOWEVER,
I WOULD RECALL THAT IN AUGUST ON YOUR INSTRUCTION
TO SO STATE TO SEMENOV ON PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY,
I SAID "THE DOOR IS NOT CLOSED" TO SOVIET PROPOSAL
(WHICH INCLUDED JOINT US-USSR ACTION). BEFORE
SLAMMING DOOR PER CURRENT INSTRUCTION, I THOUGHT
IT PRUDENT TO RECALL THIS RECORD.

THE INSTRUCTION TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE OUR
ALLIES OF SOVIET PROPOSALS AND OUR RESPONSE IS NOT
QUITE CLEAR. IS IT PRESIDENT'S WISH THAT ALLIES BE
ADVISED NOW EVEN BEFORE SOVIETS RAISE THE MATTER?
IF SO, THIS WOULD HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT WE FAILED
FULLY TO DISCLOSE THIS MATTER RAISED AT VIENNA.
I HAD THOUGHT WE COULD FUDGE IT SOMEWHAT WITH ALLIES
BY TELLING THEM OF SOVIET PROPOSALS AFTER THEY ARE
AGAIN AND DEFINITELY REFERRED TO AT HELSINKI AND
RECALL THAT IN EARLIER REPORTS FROM VIENNA TO NAC
WE HAD FORESHADOWED A SOVIET PROPOSAL ON
"PROVOCATION." ALSO A REPORT TO NAC EVEN BEFORE
SOVIETS RAISE SUBJECT HERE COULD WELL LEAK AND
MAKE OUR MANNER OF REJECTION OF PROPOSAL SEEM TO
SOVIETS DELIBERATELY ROUGH AND "PUBLIC."

GERRY SMITH

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