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I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT INSTRUCTIONS BE SUPPLIED PROMPTLY RE OUTSTANDING ISSUES STOCKPILE AGREEMENT RELATING TO GOI DESIRE FOR CONSULTATION ON THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND TO SEPARATE "CONSENT FOR USE" AGREEMENT ALONG LINES RBM AGREEMENT PROVISION.

GOI STRONGLY ARGUES THAT IT MUST KNOW EXTENT TO WHICH ITALY BEING USED FOR STORAGE WEAPONS THIS TYPE AND BELIEVES THIS IS A MATTER WHICH NO SOVEREIGN STATE COULD OR SHOULD IGNORE. THEREFORE THE ARGUMENTS WE HAVE USED SO FAR, A) THAT GOI REPS HAVE PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING AT SACEUR AND THAT B) CONSULTATION ON NUMBERS WOULD BE AN UNACCEPTABLE IMPEDIMENT TO SACEUR'S REQUIRED FLEXIBILITY HAVE NOT BEEN CONVINCING. IN FACT WE BELIEVE OUR ATTITUDE HAS TO SOME EXTENT AROUSED GOI SUSPICIONS THAT WE MAY PLAN STORE IN ITALY WEAPONS BEYOND NEEDS FOR ITALIAN DEFENSE.

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF WE WERE TO PERSIST IN A POSITION WHICH MIGHT UNDERMINE THE VITAL BASIS OF MUTUAL TRUST WHICH HAS EXISTED IN THIS FIELD UP TO NOW AND RECOMMEND THAT WE GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TOWARD MEETING GOI DESIRE. PERHAPS AN "ORDER OF MAGNITUDE" FORMULA SUCH AS SUGGESTED
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BY GENERAL NORSTAD MIGHT PROVE ACCEPTABLE SINCE, AS DEPT IS
AWARE, GOI HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN THIS FIELD; HAS PERMITTED
ENTRY WEAPONS THUS FAR ON BASIS INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS; HAS
ACQUIESCED IN OUR HAVING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AT AVIANO WITHOUT
EVEN INFORMAL APPROVAL; AND, HAS NEVER BEEN INQUISITIVE AT
EITHER GOVT OR FORCE LEVELS AS TO WHETHER OR IN WHAT QUANTITY
WE HAVE ACTUALLY INTRODUCED SUCH WEAPONS. ALSO, WHEN WE
RECENTLY SECURED PERMISSION RETURN ONE SQUADRON TO AVIANO
NO QUESTION WAS RAISED RE NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, NUMBERS IN-
VOLVED, ETC.

EXPERIENCE THERUST SUGGESTS THAT GOI WOULD PROBABLY TAKE A REASON-
ABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY CONSULTATION
FORMULA WE MIGHT PROPOSE, AND THAT THE "ORDER OF MAGNITUDE"
FORMULA MIGHT WELL SUFFICE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF WE CONTINUE
TO REFUSE AND IF SUSPICION AROUSED, THE BASIS FOR COOPERATION
MIGHT BE ENDANGERED. EVEN IF WE SHOULD OBTAIN AGREEMENT
ON OUR TERMS THE GOI MIGHT STILL, IF UNEASY OVER THE OUTCOME,
LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WEAPONS ENTERING ITALY BY RESTRICTING
STORAGE CAPACITY. GOI WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS SINCE
ARTICLE 1, AS PROPOSED BY US, REQUIRES AGREEMENT WITH ITALY
ON LOCATION OF STOCKS.

RE CONSENT FOR USE GOI WANTS PROVISION SAME AS THAT ALREADY
INCLUDED IN IRBM AGREEMENT. I AGREE WITH GENERAL NORSTAD
THAT SUCH A REQUEST CANNOT LEGITIMATELY BE DENIED. ALSO
BELIEVE SUCH PROVISION FULLY CONSONANT WITH PARA 7 E) OF
APRIL 20 POLICY DIRECTIVE. ALTHOUGH IRBM AGREEMENT WORDING
CALLS FOR GOI "AGREEMENT" IT MAY BE POSSIBLE MEET GOI DESIRES
BY SUBSTITUTING "CONSULTATION" FOR "AGREEMENT" AS FAVORED
BY NORSTAD.

EMBASSY EXPECTS PROMPT ARRIVAL CINCEUR REPS TO ARRANGE FOR
CONSULTATION ON COST PROBLEMS. EARLY AGREEMENT ON ABOVE
OUTSTANDING ISSUES COULD FAVORABLY INFLUENCE GOI ATTITUDE

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ON COSTS AND THUS LEAD TO EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION AGREEMENT.

EMBASSY HAS HAD NO INDICATION FROM GOI THAT ALLESSANDRINI HAS REPORTED GENERAL NORSTAD'S VIEWS BUT ASSUMES HE MUST HAVE AND THAT GOI NOW KNOWS OF SACEUR'S WILLINGNESS ARRIVE AT "ORDER OF MAGNITUDE" FORMULA FOR NUMBERS AND "CONSENT FOR USE" AGREEMENT.

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