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RE: DISARMAMENT

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1. FONMIN Aiken (Ireland) called on me this morning to press his idea for international agreement re nontransfer of nuclear weapons.

2. In his view, agreement at Geneva on controlled test suspension is unlikely due to Soviet resistance to adequate control measures. Additionally, while he believes international disarmament may in long run be impossible, he holds that some form of cooperation on armaments control is possible and he ~~believes~~ ~~believes~~ this could lead to "Pax Atomica" and enduring stability. He believes U.S. and USSR recognize they have little to gain from nuclear war and, thus, stability can be ensured if nuclear weapons are stabilized, i.e. agreement reached on nontransfer.

3. He believes agreement on nontransfer could be obtained from Russians. He bases this on two assumptions: (a) Russians do not wish to transfer weapons to CHICOMS since this would lead to loss of Russian control over CHICOMS; and (b) Russians are "terrified" over possibility West Germany may acquire nuclear weapons. Therefore, Aiken argued, chance is good that Soviets would welcome public commitment followed by treaty on nontransfer since this would remove their fear of German possession and at same time provide excuse for refusing requests for weapons from CHICOMS and EE satellites.

4. Aiken made clear he includes France as member atomic club and he finds it fortunate that Sweden is "next in line", yet willing to delay weapons production. Aiken feels if weapons come into possession of more than present (four) nuclear powers, control over nuclear weapons will have become impossible. Thus, crux of problem is ~~agreement~~ ~~agreement~~ among nuclear powers not to distribute weapons further.

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ cessation of production for military purposes might be reached simultaneously or later.

5. Aiken argued that enforcement measures re nontransfer although desirable are not essential since (a) in his view it would be in Russia's own interest that there be no transfer; and (b) in any case, no control or inspection system could be devised which could ensure nonpassage of nuclear weapons across Soviet-China border.

6. Aiken told me he related his views last night to Zorin (USSR) who told him his ideas seemed "good". Aiken finds further basis for his belief that Soviets are not antagonistic to his idea from fact that Zorin told him he was glad Aiken had not pushed his RES to a vote in First COMITE since it would have precipitated negative positions against ~~the~~ principle of nontransfer and Zorin would have regretted this.

7. Aiken told me he presented his views, and Zorin's reaction to them, to Noble (UK). I do not yet know Noble's reaction.

8. Fearing that Geneva talks may bog down, and in belief his idea has merit, particularly as ~~the~~ subject on which agreement at Geneva is possible, Aiken has postponed his return to Ireland and desires ~~to~~ present his views to U.S. GOVT officials, particularly those who are opposed. Aiken ~~has~~ had short talk several weeks ago with Secretary and would welcome opportunity visit Washington to discuss with other responsible officers.

9. Aiken's views have great appeal and are hard to oppose effectively in public. It would, therefore, be highly desirable if he could be exposed ~~to those who can~~ ~~to those who can~~ influence him in our favor. He has got hold of ~~a~~ proposition which is ~~a~~ real bell ringer in

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international politics. We should not underestimate it. Please advise names of individuals whom he would do well to see when he goes to Washington.

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