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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: June 25, 1967

PLACE: Glassboro, New Jersey

SUBJECT: Signals against Embassy Moscow Chancery

PARTICIPANTS: Americans

Soviets

Secretary of State
Ambassador Llewellyn E. Thompson

Foreign Minister Gromyko
Ambassador Dobrynin

The Secretary said we were very much concerned at an electro-magnetic signal directed against our Chancery building in Moscow. The radiation from this signal was of a level higher than Soviet experts considered safe. We did not know the purpose of this activity and he was not suggesting that it was intended to harm our personnel but he asked that the matter be investigated and the activity stopped.

Mr. Gromyko expressed skepticism and asked if we were really sure of what the Secretary had said.

Ambassador Thompson said there was no doubt whatever about it. This had been going on for some time. He drew a rough diagram to indicate where the signal was coming from and where it was directed.

Ambassador Dobrynin said there was similar activity directed both against the Soviet Mission in New York as well as the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Gromyko indicated he would look into the matter.

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John P. Walsh, Esquire
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Dear John:

I enclose a more formal memorandum of the Secretary's talk with Gromyko. I have marked it Nodis but of course Gentile and Mac Toon will be interested as well as Tom Hughes.

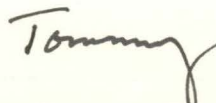
Since the Secretary said that apart from this I was to do no Memcons, I have not dictated any other formal ones. In fact about the only thing which came up which went beyond both sides stating well known positions on a wide range of subjects was some discussion of arms limitation in the Middle East. Gromyko was very frank in stating that it was impossible for anyone to say exactly what level of arms any one country should have and he made clear he was aware of the rivalry between some of the Arab states. I put in a plug for our arms shipment registration proposal and although he was not then receptive, I think they might be interested once the Middle East crisis is over.

Gromyko was quite relaxed and given their rigid positions, was fairly forthcoming. There was some discussion of the idea of nuclear Free Zones and the Secretary emphasized the importance of Cuba as an obstacle to the LA Free Zone, but of course got nowhere. The Secretary hit him pretty hard on their attitude toward the new German Government but again--no score, although I think it did some good.

I may be wrong but at a recent reception I thought the cordiality of some top Soviet officials toward me might be a fall out from Glassboro.

That's all for now--I'm up to my ears with Hollywood at the moment.

Yours,



Llewellyn E. Thompson

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