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CW: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE

SUMMARY

1. THE HOUSE VOTES FOR RESUMED CW PRODUCTION.

DETAIL

2. IN EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS THE HOUSE KILLED ATTEMPTS APPROVED BY THE SENATE TO RESUME CW PRODUCTION. BUT IN A VOTE ON 19 JUNE ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 86 DEFENCE AUTHORISATION BILL, THE HOUSE DECIDED BY 223 TO 196 TO AUTHORISE DOLLARS 124 MILLION FOR BINARY CW PRODUCTION AFTER 30 SEPTEMBER 1987

(REPEAT 1987) PROVIDED THAT

(A) THE US HAS NOT ENTERED INTO ANY VERIFIABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CW BY THAT DATE, AND

(B) THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES AFTER THAT DATE THAT, INTER ALIA, NATO HAS FORMALLY AGREED QUOTE

(I) THAT CHEMICAL MUNITIONS CURRENTLY STORED AND DEPLOYED IN NATO COUNTRIES NEED TO BE MODERNISED IN ORDER TO SERVE AS AN ADEQUATE DETERRENT,

(II) THAT SUCH MODERNISATION SHOULD BE EFFECTED BY REPLACEMENT OF CURRENT CHEMICAL MUNITIONS WITH BINARY CHEMICAL MUNITIONS, AND

(III) THAT THE EUROPEAN MEMBER NATIONS OF NATO WHERE SUCH CHEMICAL MUNITIONS ARE TO BE STORED OR DEPLOYED ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT STORAGE AND DEPLOYMENT OF BINARY CHEMICAL MUNITIONS WITHIN THEIR TERRITORIES. UNQUOTE.

3. THE SENATE HAD EARLIER VOTED TO APPROVE CW FUNDING WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS (OUR TELNO 1781, PARA 5(B)) AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE HOUSE AND SENATE POSITIONS WILL NOW NEED TO BE RESOLVED IN CONFERENCE. IN PARTICULAR THE CONFERENCE WILL CONSIDER WHETHER THE NATO CONDITIONS, AND PARTICULARLY POINT (III) ABOVE, SHOULD BE RETAINED IN THE FINAL LEGISLATION. BUT THE PRESIDENTIAL CW REVIEW COMMISSION'S REPORT SPECIFICALLY CONCLUDED ON THIS POINT THAT QUOTE: IN RECOMMENDING PRODUCTION OF BINARY CHEMICAL WEAPONS,

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THE COMMISSION DOES NOT DEEM IT ESSENTIAL THAT THEY NOW
BE DEPLOYED IN FOREIGN TERRITORY. UNQUOTE

COMMENT

4. THE VOTE IS A CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION.
THE PRINCIPLE OF RESUMING CW PRODUCTION (AFTER 16 YEARS) HAS BEEN
APPROVED, AND LEVERAGE ON THE RUSSIANS IN CD DISCUSSIONS THEREBY
ENHANCED. THE OVERALL THRUST OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT, AND
WHITE HOUSE LOBBYING BASED ON IT, HAS CLEARLY HAD CONSIDERABLE
IMPACT.

5. ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN WILL NO DOUBT BE REMINDING HOUSE/
SENATE CONFEREES OF THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION QUOTED AT PARA 3
ABOVE, AND URGING REMOVAL OF ANY CONDITION RELATING TO EUROPEAN
BASING. WE DETECT SOME CONFIDENCE IN ADMINISTRATION CIRCLES THAT
CONDITION (III) WILL INDEED BE REMOVED.

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