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1. IF YOU ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE AMBASSADOR, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF WE CAN RE-CONFIRM TO AIR FORCE HIS MARCH 3 DATE FOR LONDON-MOSCOW FLIGHT.
2. WHAT IS STATUS OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERSONNEL SHIFTS? WOULD LIKE ANSWER ASAP SINCE IT MAKES NO SENSE TO TRAIN WEISZ IN CONSULAR DUTIES IF HE IS TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY TO ECON.
3. WHERE DOES KURSCH RE-ASSIGNMENT STAND? THERE IS GREAT INTEREST HERE IN PROMPT AND APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MORALE IF I COULD ANNOUNCE CONCRETE NEWS ASAP. (I SAW DON IN FRANKFURT LAST FRIDAY AND SUGGESTED HE CALL SHERROD SINCE HE WAS FEELING A BIT LEFT OUT WITH NO NEWS AT ALL.)
4. RE STATE 22947, PARA 1: WE SENT 1977 VISA STATISTICS UNDER DOVER OF MOSCOW A-09 DATED JANUARY 13,



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5. FOR LEN WILLEMS: RE PHOTO OF VILIS HAZNERS
YOU SENT TO CLIFF GROSS UNDER COVER OF ROUTINE SLIP
OF JANUARY 5, CLIFF BELIEVES THAT ONE OF THE TWO PHOTOS
HE SENT PER MOSCOW 674 IS EITHER IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR.
WE ASSUME THEREFORE THAT THERE IS NO LONGER ANY NEED
TO ASK MFA TO CHECK THE PHOTO WITH HAZERS' FILE IN

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SOVIET ARCHIVES. LET US KNOW IF OTHERWISE.

6. STATE 20457 TRANSMITTED A LETTER FOR SOVIET LEADER
OF "MARINE MAMMALS" PROJECT (02.05-61) UNDER THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, WHICH APPEARED TO CONTAIN A
SERIOUS IMBALANCE IN ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS AND TO
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS. WE HAVE NOT TRANSMITTED LETTER TO
THE SOVIETS, BUT WE HAVE RELAYED THE MOST URGENT
SECTIONS OF THE MESSAGE OVER THE PHONE. WE ARE
CONCERNED THAT U.S. PROJECT LEADERS APPEAR TO BE
MAKING COMMITMENTS TO HOST SOVIETS IN SAN DIEGO AND
ALASKA, WITHOUT SECURING RECIPROCAL COMMITMENTS FROM
THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES TO ALLOW VISITS TO AREAS OF
INTEREST HERE. U.S. PROJECT LEADER RATHER TEPIDLY REQUESTS
VISITS TO MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN MAGADAN
AND VLADIVOSTOK, BUT IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCE THESE PROBABLY WILL
BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE. U.S. MIGHT HAVE BETTER CHANCE
OF SUCCESS IF WE COULD LINK PROGRAM IN SAN DIEGO TO
ONE IN VLADIVOSTOK OR MAGADAN. THE 02.05 WORKING GROUP
HAS EXPERIENCED REPEATED PROBLEMS OF ACCESS TO THE REMOTE
AREAS OF THE SOVIET UNION (STATE 18635 AND MOSCOW 202 NOTED
SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS). IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE SOVIETS
HAVE APPARENTLY REJECTED U.S. REQUEST TO HOLD WORKING
GROUP MEETING IN BAIKAL AREA. EVEN THOUGH THE WORKING
GROUP DOES NOT INCLUDE AREAS OF MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL
IMPORTANCE, U.S. SHOULD STILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE BETTER

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BALANCE OF ACCESS IN THIS WORKING GROUP AS IS CALLED FOR
IN RECENT NSC DIRECTIVE. WE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SHOSTAL AND PROJECT LEADER HALES DURING THEIR FEBRUARY 1-8
VISIT TO THE USSR, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR
YOU TO URGE THAT U.S. PROJECT LEADERS PAY MORE ATTENTION
TO PROBLEMS OF RECIPROCITY WHEN THEY FORMULATE PROPOSALS
FOR THEIR SOVIET COLLEAGUES.



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