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1. CONSUL AND VISITING EUR/SOV BILATERAL DEPUTY JAMES HUFF CALLED ON MFA USA DIVISION FIRST SECRETARY PAVLOV OCTOBER 25 TO CONVEY MARTIN MENDOLSOHN'S APPRECIATION FOR SPEEDY SOVIET ACTION IN GETTING DOCUMENT TO STOCKHOLM IN TIME FOR DEPOSITION IN CASE OF VILIS HAZNERS.
2. WE ALSO AGAIN STRESSED NEED FOR POSITIVE REPLY SOONEST ON QUESTION OF AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS TAKING DEPOSITIONS, AND NEED FOR WITNESSES IKLAVS AND DETLAVS TO APPEAR IN U.S.
FOR NOVEMBER 13 DEPOSITION HEARINGS AGAINST



KARLIS DETLAVS.

3. AS IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS (SEE MOSCOW
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23964), PAVLOV SAID OFFICIAL SOVIET REPLY ON
DEPOSITIONS BY AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS IS
STILL BEING PREPARED, BUT IN HIS PERSONAL
OPINION, IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SUCH PERMISSION
WOULD BE GIVEN.

4. PAVLOV HAD NOTHING NEW ON WITNESSES IKLAVS

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AND DETLAVS, BUT WILL TRY TO GET US AN ANSWER
SOONEST.

5. IN THIS CONNECTION, PAVLOV ALSO ASKED WHEN
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT THERE HAVE
BEEN SOME CONVICTIONS IN THE U.S. OF ALLEGED
WAR CRIMINALS. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIET
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDING DOCUMENTS AND
OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF
TIME, BUT VERY LITTLE SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING ON
THE U.S. SIDE. INDEED, DESPITE AN ALMOST
STANDARD REQUEST IN EACH SOVIET NOTE FORWARDING
DOCUMENTS TO BE INFORMED HOW THE DOCUMENTS ARE
USED, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT HARDLY EVER KNOWS
WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE THINGS. SOVIET AUTHORITIES,
HE SAID, ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS, AS IN THE CASE OF
VILIS
HAZNERS, ARE WORTH IT GIVEN THE DEARTH OF POSITIVE
RESULTS.

6. WE POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE CASES WERE
NOT YET BEFORE THE COURTS, BUT THAT IF THE
SOVIET GOVERNMENT WANTS TO ACHIEVE RESULTS,
POSITIVE ANSWERS TO SUCH REQUESTS AS WE HAD
RAISED EARLIER IN THE MEETING WOULD GO A LONG
WAY TO ENHANCING THE LIKELIHOOD THAT CONVICTIONS
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WILL OCCUR.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE WE REALIZE THAT IT
MAY BE DIFFICULT IN MANY OF THE WAR CRIMES
CASES TO DESCRIBE JUST WHERE A PARTICULAR
DOCUMENT REQUESTED FROM THE SOVIETS FITS INTO



THE MANY FACETS OF A DEVELOPING CASE, WE NONETHELESS WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE SOVIETS IN THESE MATTERS, TO INSURE THAT THEIR COOPERATION CONTINUES. ONE WAY OF DOING THIS MIGHT BE FOR INS/JUSTICE TO PROVIDE US WITH A PERIODIC "BOX SCORE" OF WHERE THE VARIOUS CASES AFFECTING THE USSR STAND. ONCE SUCH A FORMAT IS SET UP, IT SHOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT TO KEEP IT CURRENT. THIS WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE OF ASSISTANCE TO US HERE IN KEEPING THE SOVIETS POSTED ON WAR CRIMES DEVELOPMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT RAISING THIS WITH MENDELSON, AND LET US KNOW. TOON

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