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RAPACKI PROPOSAL

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In amplification of document RDC/58/21, delegations will find attached hereto:

1. The analysis of the statements made on 11th January by Mr. Rapacki to a United Kingdom Member of Parliament (document communicated by the United Kingdom Permanent Representative (Annex I)).
2. A record of the statements made on 23rd December by General Norstad to which reference was made by Mr. Rapacki, who distorted them in his Sunday Times interview (Annex II).

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ANNEX I

were: "The main points emerging from the conversation

- (a) Although previously cleared with Warsaw Pact Governments the Plan was a Polish initiative.
- (b) Intention was total nuclear demilitarisation, i.e. the banning of nuclear weapons throughout the area for any forces. Consideration had not originally been given to the question of nuclear infrastructure, i.e. missile bases and nuclear artillery, but their ban would be a logical development of the original plan which had been framed on a minimal basis.
- (c) Polish ideas about controls were fluid but they must be effective.
- (d) Although Mr. Rapacki seemed ultimately to grasp Western strategic dilemma of leaving disparate Warsaw Pact and NATO conventional forces in the area he was opposed to linking withdrawal of forces with his plan, mainly for practical reasons. The idea of total withdrawal was, he thought, Utopian.
- (e) Poland was opposed to the idea of a neutralised Germany.
- (f) Mr. Rapacki implied that his plan would involve de facto recognition of Eastern Germany by the West. But the Poles have not thought out the nature of ultimate instruments. They seek agreement to this plan in principle by interested governments first.
- (g) Conclusion of a non-aggression pact would be acceptable to the Soviet Union but only as part of a wider agreement."

ANNEX II

"In the course of a background press conference of 23rd December, General Norstad was asked to comment on the Polish proposal to ban nuclear weapons from Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia. General Norstad declined to comment, on the basis that it was inappropriate for him to do so. Throughout the conference, however, numerous questions were asked concerning the deployment of IRBM, and in answering the questions, General Norstad stated repeatedly that because of the characteristics of these weapons, it would not be necessary to place them in any particular area in the NATO territory."