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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Information Items

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CSCE -- Soviets and East Europeans Feel Pressure as Belgrade Conference Approaches: The West's growing concern over the harassment of dissidents in the USSR and Eastern Europe and Washington's active commitment to human rights have increased Soviet fears that the CSCE review conference in Belgrade later this year may evolve into a tribunal with the East in the dock. The State Department believes that no matter how Moscow's strategy for that conference unfolds, the Soviets undoubtedly will stress that there will be no bowing to either internal or external pressures. In their efforts to prevent an airing of the human rights issue at the conference, the Soviets are likely to adopt a rigid stance at the June 15 preliminary meeting in Belgrade, the purpose of which is to fix the date, agenda, and modalities for the formal review session.

State Department review completed

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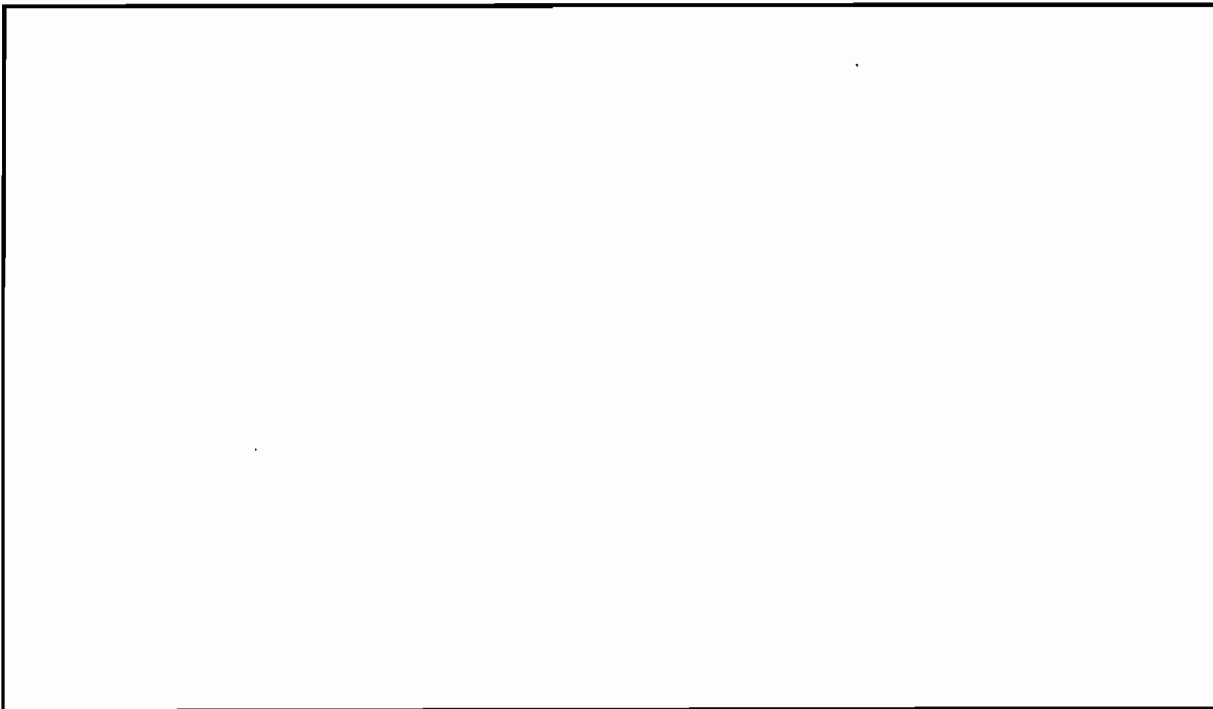
(25X1) [] Comments on Stalemate in Sino-Soviet Border Talks:

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(25X1) failure and that there would be no further progress until
(25X1) Moscow indicated its readiness to issue a statement on non-
aggression. [] there were three
issues on the agenda for the most recent negotiations:

- the withdrawal of combat troops from sensitive zones;
- a statement of intention with regard to non-aggression;
- a final fixing of borders.

Reportedly the breakdown occurred when neither side would move from fixed positions as to what should be discussed first -- Peking advocated a non-aggression statement, while Moscow pushed for discussions on fixed borders.

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