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QUESTION (New York Times):

Now that the President has come out in favour of maintaining the 225,000 figure and you said this is a position which your country supports, how do you see this deadlock being resolved, do you think that the NATO position will be to simply leave things as they are and count on the Soviets to simply unilaterally have to reduce their troops, do you see NATO making another presentation to President Gorbachev on this issue, where does this issue go from here?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

The position is that the United States has made a revised proposal. The Soviet Union has countered with a proposal of its own. The President of the United States has held to his original proposal. The Soviet proposal, as you know, offered a choice. I think the matter will no doubt be further discussed, but one stage at a time I think. We are pleased with the stance that the President has taken:

QUESTION:

Does that go for the entire Alliance?

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

That I cannot say, that I cannot say. We were consulted, we were asked for our view by Mr Baker and on his return from Moscow, very promptly, we were all asked for our view. We were asked for

