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TRANSCRIPT A

FOREIGN SECRETARY:

It has been a very busy 24 hours since I met some of you yesterday. I had a long meeting yesterday afternoon of more than an hour with Mr Shewardnadze. I have now met most of the East European Foreign Ministers, in fact I think all of them, and I seem to have been in continuous discussion through this time with Secretary Baker and M. Dumas and Herr Genscher. And there have been a number of developments which from our point of view are very positive.

On the question of manpower ceilings, you will have read what the President of the United States said yesterday, that he is holding to his proposal of 225,000 US troops in Europe as a whole, 105,000 in the central sector. That coincides with the view which I expressed to Secretary Baker.

