

- Q. Mr. Schultz, have you had communication with Foreign Minister Genscher and if so could you share with us some of the background he gave you on his meeting with Mr. Gromyko?
- A. (S) I've had a cable from Foreign Minister Genscher which I'd received just a few minutes ago here, and basically it said that immediately as he has returned to Bonn he has asked our Ambassador, Arthur Burns, to see him and I believe by this time that conversation has been completed we'll be having a cable from Dr. Burns shortly and in the meantime he's sending two people who were present throughout the meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko to Washington, and they're leaving tomorrow morning and we will be meeting with them on Wednesday. So we'll be having a full read out but as to the content I haven't received that material as yet.
- Q. I'd like to ask Secretary Schultz if I may whether he discussed with Mr. MacEachen the emphasis the Canadian Government, particularly Mr. Trudeau, as well as Mr. MacEachen, has laid recently on the need to reduce the high level of rhetoric between the superpowers as a means of reducing tension, and if so, what response do you, Sir, have to that?
- A. (S) We discussed of course so-called East-West issues at great length and I think very fully and I think we both expressed the importance of observing the situation accurately and describing it accurately, fully, of determination to maintain our strength and purposefulness. Minister MacEachen has already mentioned the dual tract-decision and the determination to follow through on that and at the same time to maintain our posture of being ready for strong discussions, and in reasonable positions and positions of give and take in the various fora where we are meeting with the Soviet Union. So I think we agree on the importance of all of those matters and I might say that I admire very much the strong statements, and for that matter, leadership, that came from the Canadian side in the Korean airliner catastrophe. The Canadian position was immediate and strong, well out in front of many other countries.
- Q. Mr. Schultz, the recent casualties by marines in Lebanon has raised concerns about the status of the American forces there. Will they have to be just left there to take further casualties or can steps be taken to protect them or do they have to keep going?