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REF: A) COPENHAGEN 3075, B) COPENHAGEN 3180, C) CONNELL-USNATO (PEARSON) APRIL 79 TELCONS

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. LEADING CONSERVATIVE --ORIENTED NEWSPAPER BERLINGSKE TIDENDE CONTINUE TO FEED SPECULATION THAT NATO WILL ACCEPT A DANISH CLEARANCE LETTER TO VISITING WARSHIPS WHICH STATES DEHMARK'S NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY, AS LONG AS NO RESPONSE TO THE LETTER IS REQUIRED. IN AN APRIL 29 ARTICLE, OTHERWISE PROMINENTLY FEATURING SECORE CARLUCCI'S EXCELLENT MPG STATEMENT ON THE DANISH ISSUE, CORRESPONDENT HUGO GAARDEN REPEATS EARLIER AMBIGUOUS REPORTS CONCERNING THE LETTER (REF A). GAARDAN OUÖTES "A CENTRALLY PLACED SOURCE IN NATO" TO THE EFFECT THAT "WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A NEW SITUATION IF THE MATTER ONLY CONCERNS THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY PARLIAMENT AND DOES NOT ENTAIL REQUIRING SHIP COMMANDERS TO RESPOND.... NATO CAN THEREFORE LIVE WITH THE RESOLUTION

IF IT IS IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT IMPACT ON THE ALLIES' NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY."

3. THE FALSE IMPLICATION THAT ALLIED REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN NOT TO THE RESOLUTION BUT TO A SUPPOSED INTENT TO REQUIRE A RESPONSE TO CLEARANCE LETTERS HAS BEEN PLAYED TO ADVANTAGE BY THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS (REF B). ON APRIL 30, CONSERVATIVE JYLLANDS-POSTEN CARRIED AN OP-ED PIECE BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE SPOKESMAN HANS HAEKKERUP, WHO REFFERRED TO GAARDEN'S UNNAMED NATO SOURCES AND STRESSED THAT HIS PARTY HAS NO INTENTION OF REQUIRING GUARANTEES FROM VISITING SHIPS. HE CONCLUDES THAT THE GAARDEN ARTICLES MAKE CLEAR THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS DRAMATIZED THE NATO SITUATION FOR TACTICAL REASONS. A JYLLANDS-POSTEN EDITORIAL THE SAME DAY ACCUSES THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF CONFUSING BOTH DANISH POLITICIANS AND NATO REPRESENTATIVES. SIGNIFI-CANTLY, THE EDITORIAL VIEWS THE CONFUSION AS STEMMING FROM MISUNDERSTANDING OVER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC INTENTIONS AND NOT FROM THE MISCONCEPTION THAT SUR NEND POLICY MARE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE PROPOSED LETER AND A HYPOTHETICAL RESPONSE.

4. COMMENT: WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF USHATO EFFORTS (REF C) TO CLARIFY HATTERS FOR GARDEN. ANY AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT WHICH WOULD SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL USE WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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