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INF: NEW US PROPOSAL AND ROMANIAN LETTER

1. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER TO MARK HIS RETURN FROM HIS ASIAN TOUR, FEDERAL CHANCELLOR KOHL MADE TWO NEW POINTS ON INF:

- A) HE CONFIRMED THAT HE EXPECTED THE US TO MAKE A FURTHER, 'NUMERICALLY DEFINED' NEGOTIATING OFFER IN THE GENEVA INF TALKS (NB: KOHL WILL BE SEEING DAM ONLY TODAY):
- B) HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER DATED 4 NOVEMBER FROM PRESIDENT CEAUDESCU, ADDRESSED ALSO TO ANDROPOV, IN WHICH THE ROMANIAN LEADER - ALONGSIDE OTHER, UNACCEPTABLE SUGGESTIONS - PROPOSED THAT UK AND FRENCH SYSTEMS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE INF TALKS AND REMITTED TO A SUBSEQUENT FORUM WHERE FRANCE AND BRITAIN COULD PARTICIPATE. KOHL SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE LETTER WITH THE ALLIES.

2. KOHL ALSO SAID HE STILL SAW SCOPE FOR LAST-MINUTE PROGRESS IN THE GENEVA TALKS: AND HE DID NOT EXPECT AN 'ICE AGE' IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS AFTER INF DEPLOYMENT.

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