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SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY BAKER: *mb*

SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. THE SECRETARY OF STATE EXPLAINED THAT IF MANDELA WAS RELEASED THE UK WERE THINKING OF INVITING DE KLERK TO LONDON IN APRIL. HE SAID THAT WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER LIFTING SUCH SANCTIONS AS WE HAD IN PLACE, BUT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE FURTHER CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT VISIT SOUTH AFRICA, BUT SHE WOULD ONLY GO IF THERE WAS CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARDS REFORM, AND NOT SIMPLY AS A REWARD FOR THE RELEASE OF MANDELA. BAKER SAID THE US WERE ENCOURAGED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. KIMMITT (UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS) SAID THAT AN INVITATION TO MANDELA WAS POSSIBLE, BUT THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO INVITE DE KLERK TO THE US IN CASE HIS PRESENCE PROVOKED FURTHER DEMANDS FOR SANCTIONS ON THE HILL. HE THOUGHT SOUTH AFRICA WAS A GOOD SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AMONG G7 POLITICAL DIRECTORS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED ABOUT GRANTING SOUTH AFRICA ACCESS TO THE IFIS. KIMMITT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ROLL BACK US LEGISLATION ON THIS AND OTHER SANCTIONS THIS YEAR: WITH CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS IN PROSPECT. ALTHOUGH THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE MAKING PROGRESS, AND INDEED MEETING MANY OF THE CONDITIONS IN US LEGISLATION, THERE WAS SOME DEBATE ON THE HILL ABOUT HOW TO STRENGTHEN THOSE CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE BEFORE SANCTIONS COULD BE LIFTED. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ASKED ABOUT ACCESSION TO THE NPT. KIMMITT SAID SOUTH AFRICAN ACCESSION WOULD IMPROVE SOUTH AFRICA'S IMAGE, BUT WOULD NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTAIL RELAXATION OF US CONTROLS ON SUPPLIES FOR SOUTH AFRICA. THE SECRETARY OF STATE REFERRED TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARRANGEMENT ON VALINDABA (CAPE TOWN TELNO 23 TO FCO).

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2. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID DOS SANTOS MIGHT BE VISITING THE UK IN APRIL. BAKER SAID ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO PERSUADE HIM TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE AND TO START NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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