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> We appreciate views of GINCUSAREUR and have carefully considered intelligence value of materials produced by USMIM. Defense analysis shows steady decline in and value of material accessible to Missions. A projection of

this trend together with recent developments, and obvious Soviet intent to

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force us to acquiesce in political conditions to continue Mission leads to

inescapable conclusion that political price is unacceptable.

Defense and State have decided issuance new passes to Western Military Missions constitutes tactical error on part of Soviets which has presented us with clear issue not involving threat of armed conflict on which we must take firm stand. No doubt here that acceptance new passes (which acknowledged

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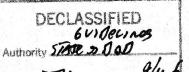
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acknowledged are still Soviet documents) would put us on slippery slope leading to increased QUOTE GDR UNQUOTE interference with function of Missions and concommitant Soviet negation of responsibility for Missions. Agreed present situation. wherein we have not yet accepted new passes, is best in which to take stand. No later opportunity envisaged to draw public attention to clearcut distinction between acceptable and unacceptable arrangements.

Department informed British and French today its decision to reject new passes issued January 29-30 and demand revalidation of old passes. We sought British and French support for US position.

Draft letter being prepared for signature of General Eddleman along foregoing lines being forwarded in next numbered telegram.

FOR HOMN: Convene tripartite meeting Saturday to outline US position and proposed action.

FOR BERLIN: Inform McQuail. FMIM and BRIXMIS.

FOR LONDON AND PARIS: Inform Foreign Office and seek support for US position.

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