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CS - 1ST ADD RUSK : SPHERE..... (CN 8) XXX PSYCHIATRIST

RUSK SAID THAT APPARENTLY THE CONTINUING REPORTS OF A U.S.-RUSSIAN UNDERSTANDING ON SPHERES OF INFLUENCE SPRANG FROM THE POST-WAR SOVIET ACTION IN REPUDIATING THE YALTA AGREEMENT AND "DROPPING AN IRON CURTAIN THAT CREATED A MILITARY ZONE."

THIS CREATED A CLEAR CUT LINE, WHICH WOULD "UNDOUBTEDLY MEAN WAR" IF IT WERE CROSSED BY THE TROOPS OF EITHER SIDE, HE EXPLAINED. THE UNITED STATES, HE ADDED, RESPONDED BY THE CREATION OF NATO.

"BUT NOTHING WOULD GIVE US THE RIGHT TO PUT OUR TROOPS IN, FOR INSTANCE, NORWAY OR DENMARK IN ORDER TO CONTROL THEIR FORMS OF GOVERNMENT," RUSK SAID. "NOR DO WE BELIEVE RUSSIA HAS THAT RIGHT IN THE CASE OF THE WARSAW PACT NATIONS WHICH ARE SOVEREIGN STATES AND MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

HE SAID, AND THEN REPEATED FOR EMPHASIS, THERE IS "NO SHRED OF TRUTH TO THESE MONSTROUS AND RIDICULOUS RUMORS OF AN UNDERSTANDING."

RUSK ECHOED PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON'S PLEA FOR PROMPT SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY WHICH, HE SAID, "IS IN THE VITAL INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES."

HE SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT EVENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE, SINCE IT IS A WORLD-WIDE--NOT A U.S.-RUSSIAN--TREATY DESIGNED TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE DEADLY WEAPONS.

HE SAID THE TREATY HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED AFTER "A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT AND THAT THE U.S. ACTION ON IT IS IMPORTANT AS A GUIDE TO OTHER NATIONS IN THEIR CONSIDERATION OF ITS RATIFICATION."

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