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YUGOSLAVIA. THE DEMARCHE WE HAD MADE ON PANAMA HAD RESULTED FROM THE DIFFICULTIES YUGOSLAVIA HAD CAUSED BY ITS ACTIVITY, WHILE THE NAVAL VISIT TO TRIESTE (SEPTEL) HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN DISPUTE.

3. WHILE RECOGNIZING DIFFERENCES WOULD OCCUR, BOTH THE SECRETARY AND MINIC EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNING PRINCIPLES OF U.S.-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ESTABLISHED DURING THE MEETINGS OF PRESIDENT NIXON AND TITO IN BELGRADE AND WASHINGTON REMAINED VALID, WITH THE SECRETARY TWICE REITERATING THAT HE SAW YUGOSLAVIA'S NON-ALIGNMENT AS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD PEACE. BOTH AGREED THAT CONVERSATION, WHICH WAS BOTH GOOD NATURED AND CANDID, HAD BEEN USEFUL AND THAT SUBSEQUENT HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, BE DESIRABLE (SEPTEL).

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