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TO THE  
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UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
New York, September, 1969

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

DATE: September 22, 1969

TIME: 10:00 p.m. to  
11:00 p.m.

PLACE: Suite 42A, The Waldorf  
Towers, New York, N.Y.

U.S. Participants

Secretary William P. Rogers  
Ambassador Charles W. Yost  
Mr. Gerard Smith  
Mr. Richard F. Pedersen  
Assistant Secretary Martin J. Hillenbrand  
Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco  
Assistant Secretary Samuel DePalma  
Deputy Assistant Secretary Emory C. Swank  
Mr. William D. Krimer, Interpreter

U.S.S.R. Participants

Minister of Foreign Affairs Andrey A. Gromyko  
Ambassador Yakov A. Malik  
Ambassador Anatoliy F. Dobrynin  
Ambassador Lev I. Mendelevich  
Mr. Yuly M. Vorontsov, Counselor of Embassy in Washington  
Mr. Valentin M. Falin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Yevgeniy D. Pyrlin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Mr. Viktor M. Sukhodrev, Interpreter

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### SOVIET PROPOSALS TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Foreign Minister Gromyko wanted to draw the Secretary's attention to the proposals he had laid before the UN General Assembly. These consisted of two main parts. The first concerns a ban on chemical and biological weapons. This was not a matter of special interest to the Soviet Union alone, but he thought it was in the interests of all powers and states. He would like to have the Secretary study the proposal and approach it objectively to see if some common language could be worked out. The second proposal concerned the maintenance of peace and international security. Although the second proposal was worded in very general language, it did contain some specific provisions. In a word, he wanted to ask the Secretary to study it and he would be very glad if we could find some common language. If our two powers could do anything to lessen international tensions, a great deal would have been accomplished. He thought this was indeed possible.

With respect to the first proposal the Secretary inquired of Mr. Smith if he did not think that this was a matter for the Disarmament Committee in Geneva. Mr. Smith said that would normally be the case. The Secretary went on to say that we were in accord with the objectives stated, but that he, too, was of the opinion that this was a matter normally to be taken up in Geneva. As for the second proposal, he would give it some attention.

Mr. Gromyko said that he did not know what was "normal" with respect to submitting such proposals. There was nothing in the UN Charter to direct any particular approach. He thought the "shortest" way was to lay the proposals directly before the General Assembly. He would like to speed a resolution of this problem, since the passage of time would make its solution more difficult. That was the only consideration the USSR had in putting the matter before the General Assembly.

The Secretary said maybe he had used the wrong word. He felt the CBW issue could be handled more quickly in Geneva. In the GA the proposals were likely to develop into a propaganda exercise.

Mr. Gromyko said that in fact the proposal was already before the Geneva Committee. In any case, he appreciated the Secretary's remarks.

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