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MIPT: INTERPRETATION OF THE ARM TREATY

1. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM MCFARLANE'S INTERVIEW ON MEET
THE PRESS (NRC) ON 6 OCTOBER.

QUOTE.

MCFARLANE: I THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT IS GUIDED BY THE ARM
TREATY, AND THE TERMS OF THAT TREATY ARE VERY EXPLICIT IN
ARTICLES II, III, IV AND V, PLUS AGREED STATEMENT D. THEY MAKE
CLEAR THAT ON RESEARCH INVOLVING NEW PHYSICAL CONCEPTS, THAT THAT
ACTIVITY, AS WELL AS TESTING, AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT INDEED, ARE
APPROVED AND AUTHORISED BY THE TREATY. ONLY DEPLOYMENT IS
FORECLOSED, EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES XIII AND XIV. SO
OUR PROGRAM IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE TREATY, AND WILL REMAIN SO.

INTERVIEWER: DOESN'T THE TREATY ALSO TALK ABOUT DEVELOPMENT?
MCFARLANE: THE TREATY DOES INDEED SANCTION RESEARCH, TESTING
AND DEVELOPMENT OF THESE NEW SYSTEMS.

INTERVIEWER: ONLY BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, THOUGH. IT SAYS THAT
THERE SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXOTIC
TECHNOLOGIES.

MCFARLANE: THEIR DEPLOYMENT SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLES XIII AND XIV.

INTERVIEWER: BUT THE TREATY, IT SEEMS TO ME, WOULD ALSO BE CLEARLY
READ TO SAY ANY TESTING OF A SPACED BASED ANTI-MISSILE SYSTEM IS
CLEARLY FORBIDDEN. IT SAYS THAT VERY EXPLICITLY, DOESN'T IT?
ARTICLE IV?

MCFARLANE: THE AGREED STATEMENT D, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE
OTHER TERMS OF THE TREATY, PROVIDES THAT RESEARCH ON NEW
PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES OR OTHER PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES IS AUTHORIZED
AS IS TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT.

INTERVIEWER: I THOUGHT IT SAID IT SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF
MUTUAL CONSULTATION.

MCFARLANE: WELL, NOW WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO, IN II, III AND IV,
ARE COMPONENTS THAT ARE DEFINED IN THE TREATY AS MISSILES, LAUNCHERS
OR RADARS. NOW, WE'RE NOT TALKING HERE ABOUT MISSILES, LAUNCHERS
OR RADARS.

UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS EXTRACT FROM MCFARLANE'S UNATTRIBUTABLE PRESS
BRIEFING ON 8 OCTOBER.

QUOTE.

QUESTION: ON SUNDAY, ON THE TELEVISION PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH
THE SOVIET OFFER AND THE STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE, YOU STATED
THAT IT WAS YOUR VIEW THAT THE TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ARM
SYSTEMS WHICH ARE IN THE CATEGORY OF QUOTE OTHER PHYSICAL
PRINCIPLES UNQUOTE IS PERMITTED BY THE ARM TREATY. IS THAT THE
POSITION OF THE ADMINISTRATION NOW? IS THAT A FIXED POSITION?
MCFARLANE: YES.

QUESTION:

QUESTION: AND IF IT IS, HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY OR EXPLAIN HOW THAT POSITION WAS REACHED, WHEN THE PERSON WHO NEGOTIATED THE TREATY, AMBASSADOR SMITH, SAID THAT WAS NOT THE UNDERSTANDING WHEN IT WAS DONE, AND WHEN THE ADMINISTRATION ITSELF, IN ITS ARMS CONTROL IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR SEVERAL YEARS - THE LAST ONE LAST YEAR - SEEMS TO SAY THE OPPOSITE?

MCFARLANE: I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, THE SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER ACCEPTED SUCH AN INTERPRETATION THAT FORECLOSED WHAT I HAVE SAID - RESEARCH, TESTING, DEVELOPMENT OF SYSTEMS BASED UPON OTHER PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES. THEY HAVE NEVER TOLERATED THAT. NOW IT IS TRUE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN UNILATERAL STATEMENTS PERIODICALLY THAT HAVE STATED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO LIMIT THOSE SYSTEMS, AND THAT THE ARM TREATY OUGHT TO ENCOMPASS THAT. NEVER HAVE THE SOVIETS BOUGHT THAT, AND THE CONDITIONS TODAY ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM CONDITIONS AT THE TIME THAT SPECULATION WAS OFFERED, DIFFERENT IN THE SENSE OF THESE MANY, MANY SOVIET PROGRAMS THAT HAVE, IN SOME CASES, MATURED RATHER DRAMATICALLY.
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