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Policy: Space

SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE—ASSISTANCE & RETURN

At Legal Subcommittee session beginning Sept 20, US DEL should seek SOV response to April 1 Assistance and Return (AGR) initiative on basis of which Morozov had at that time commented that OLR prospects...very bright UNQTE (USUN's 3942). We recognize possibility that SOVs may not now be willing reach mutually beneficial resolution of few remaining issues.

As to substance AGR, US DEL should await indications willingness SOVs to reach agreement AGR before making public April 1 initiative. DEL may wish make statement along lines that US views AGR adequately known, that we would prefer await proposals from others before making further comment. If asked privately, acknowledge DEL may of course reaffirm offer to USSR and lack of response obviates. DEL may draw on existing positions and instructions per USUN's 3942, DEPT's 2326, DEPT's CA-6142 and instructions for Oct 1964 session. We prepared send further instructions as needed.
If SOVs repeat line that general principles should be codified,
DEL may wish point out that Subcommittee currently engaged in codify-
ing general principles of ACR and Liability and that we in no way
exclude further efforts at codification at appropriate time. END

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