



IMPRESSION THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS PROBABLY  
RELUCTANT TO RAISE THE ENTIRE SUBJECT WITH THE  
CONGRESS SINCE THERE HAD BEEN SUCH A STRONG REACTION  
LAST TIME AND SINCE THERE ARE MANY OTHER ISSUES THAT  
TODAY HAVE HIGHER PRIORITY. SENATOR GRAVEL TOLD ME  
THAT HE WOULD HIMSELF PHONE THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND

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MADE NOTES FOR SUCH A CONVERSATION.

MY PERSONAL IMPRESSION OF THE CONVERSATION, WHICH  
TOOK PLACE IN THE SENATOR'S OFFICE, WAS THAT IF THESE  
TERMS WERE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE  
THE CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT SUCH A  
SETTLEMENT AND WAS MOREOVER GOING TO INFORM THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT (FROM WHOM THE INITIATIVE CLEARLY MUST COME)  
OF HIS POSITION.

I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF SENDING A COPY OF THIS  
LETTER TO AMBASSADOR MEEHAN WHO VISITED ME IN MY OFFICE  
IN NEW YORK JUST PRIOR TO HIS MOVE TO PRAGUE. I TOLD  
AMBASSADOR MEEHAN AT THE TIME THAT I PLANNED TO TALK  
WITH SENATOR GRAVEL WHEN I WAS NEXT IN WASHINGTON.  
SENATOR GRAVEL AND I AGREED TO SEE EACH OTHER AT  
THE BOHEMIAN GROVE IN JULY. I HOPE THAT BY THEN SOME  
PROGRESS WILL HAVE BEEN MADE. MY PERSONAL IMPRESSION  
IS THAT IT NOT ONLY WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THIS WHOLE  
MATTER SETTLED, BUT THAT IT IS ENTIRELY FEASIBLE.  
END TEXT.

3. DIEBOLD SENT AMBASSADOR COPY OF HIS LETTER TO  
CHNOUPEK UNDER COVERING LETTER, ALSO OF MAY 10, WHICH  
CONTAINS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS.

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4. BEGIN EXTRACTS

I REALLY DO HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT A SOLUTION  
IS VERY ACHIEVABLE IF THE SENATOR'S POSITION IS AS  
STATED -- AND I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE ANYTHING TO  
THE CONTRARY. I HAVE EVERY REASON, THOUGH, TO BELIEVE

THIS WHOLE MATTER HAS SIMPLY 'FALLEN BETWEEN THE CRACKS'  
WITH A LOT OF OTHER MUCH HIGHER PRIORITY ISSUES KEEPING  
STATE FROM TRYING TO UNBLOCK THE CONGRESSIONAL SIDE OF  
THINGS.

ONE FURTHER THOUGHT, MY IMPRESSION FROM MY LAST  
CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER CHNOUPEK IS THAT THERE IS A  
CERTAIN AMOUNT OF 'FACE' TO BE CONSIDERED IN GETTING  
THIS STALLED MACHINE MOVING. HE FELT (I THINK QUITE  
UNDERSTANDABLY) IT A CONSIDERABLE SLAP IN THE FACE WHEN  
AGREEMENTS INITIATED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS WERE NEVER  
CONSUMMATED. I THINK HE FEELS THAT ANY FRESH  
INITIATIVE HAS TO BE TAKEN BY THE U.S.. END EXTRACTS.

5. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF SENATOR  
GRAVEL HAS IN FACT FOLLOWED UP WITH THE DEPARTMENT,

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SUBSEQUENT TO DIEBOLD'S CALL ON HIM.

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