

Biden Admin Denies NBC Report on Euro-Force Drawdown

Адміністратор Д. Байдена спростував звіт NBC про скорочення євро-сил

За словами співробітника політичної журналістики Вільяма Ф. Баклі в National Review Institute Д. Квінна, адміністрація Д. Байдена готує потенційний план скорочення збройних сил США в Європі, що може розглядатися як не що інше, як значна зрада. На думку експерта, для будь-якої зміни військової присутності США в Європі Росія повинна буде вжити взаємних, рівноцінних кроків для скорочення своїх сил і відведення російських військ з України буде недостатньо.

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NBC reported this afternoon that the Biden administration is prepping a potential plan to scale back U.S. forces in Europe, according to “a current administration official and two former U.S. national security officials familiar with the planning.” If it’s true, the administration is mulling over steps that would leave America’s allies in Europe more vulnerable to Russian coercion; the news is likely to be seen as nothing less than a significant betrayal.

But the Biden administration is now saying that NBC’s report is “not accurate. Here’s the relevant excerpt: The administration “is compiling a list of options for force posture changes in Europe to discuss with Russia at the talks,” an administration official said. If Russia appears willing to discuss scaling back its presence in the region, the U.S. will be prepared to discuss specific moves, the official said.

For any change in the U.S. military presence in Europe, Russia would have to take reciprocal, equivalent steps to scale back its forces, and pulling back Russian troops from Ukraine would not be sufficient, the current official and former officials said. If accurate, the piece reveals that the administration is mulling steps that America’s allies in the region would consider as nothing less than abandonment. The report set off a political feeding frenzy at home, offering up fodder with which to attack the administration’s already-lackluster approach to dealing with Moscow. The White House’s initial comments to NBC in the piece didn’t deny the report: “We don’t know what next week’s conversations will bring,” a spokesperson for the National Security Council told NBC. But later in the afternoon, senior officials issued flat-out denials.