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TO FLASH WASHINGTON TELNO. 1150 OF 2/6.

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR OR MORETON.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT: ANNOUNCEMENT.

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN (MYTELNO. 1147) THAT A THIRD MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD, PROPOSING YET ANOTHER REVISED VERSION OF THE TEXT FOR TOMORROW'S ANNOUNCEMENT, CROSSED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT'S TWO PREVIOUS MESSAGES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SHORTAGE OF TIME, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED THAT HIS FURTHER REACTIONS SHOULD BE CONVEYED ORALLY TO THE WHITE HOUSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE SEEK AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM THE WHITE HOUSE AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT:-

(A) THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES THAT THE COMMENTS IN HIS MESSAGE, WHICH CROSSED WITH PRESIDENT FORD'S THIRD MESSAGE, WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS FINALISED:

(B) THE PRIME MINISTER HAS NOTED AND WELCOMES THE FACT THAT THE LATEST TEXT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THE AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE:

(C) THE PRIME MINISTER STILL FEELS THAT THE SENTENCE ABOUT ITALIAN PARTICIPATION READS A LITTLE ODDLY, AND RETAINS A MARGINAL PREFERENCE FOR THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF HIS MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, IF ALL THE OTHER SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO THE NEW US PROPOSAL, HE WOULD NOT WISH TO PRESS HIS POINT.

3. IN MAKING POINT (C), YOU SHOULD SEEK A SPECIFIC ASSURANCE THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE AGREED TO THE LATEST US TEXT.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD ALSO ARRANGE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE THAT YOU BE INFORMED AS SOON AS THE AGREEMENT OF ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR THE TIMING AND TERMS OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN SEVEN CAPITALS AT NOON (WASHINGTON TIME) TOMORROW. WHEN YOU ARE SO INFORMED, PLEASE REPORT BY FLASH TELEGRAM QUOTING THE EXACT TERMS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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