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TELEGRAM NO 009 OF 3 JANUARY 80.

INFO ROUTINE BONN, PARIS, ROME, MOSCOW, WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, UKDEL NATO, ISLAMABAD AND NEW DELHI.

AFGHANISTAN : RECOGNITION/WITHDRAWAL OF AMBASSADORS.

MY ITALIAN COLLEAGUE HAS STILL HEARD NOTHING FROM ROME ABOUT BEING WITHDRAWN. I TOLD HIM AS SOON AS I KNEW OF THE STATEMENT AT THE LONDON MEETING OF 31 DECEMBER. HE IS HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIS CYPHERS BUT IS COMMUNICATING THROUGH US EMBASSY.

2. MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE CALLED ON ME TOGETHER WITH THE ITALIAN THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED HIS INSTRUCTIONS THIS MORNING AND WOULD BE LEAVING TOMORROW MORNING FOR CONSULTATIONS WHICH HE EXPECTED TO MEAN 7-10 DAYS. HE HAD EARLIER SEEN THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR WHO SHOWED HIM INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TO BE IN BONN (PLUS WIFE AND CHILDREN) BY 7 JANUARY. OTHER EMBASSY DEPENDANTS ARE ALSO TO BE SENT HOME.

3. I SAW MY PAKISTANI COLLEAGUE YESTERDAY. HIS INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO AVOID ANY CONTACT WITH THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNMENT WHICH MIGHT BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION. HE EXPECTS TO GO TO ISLAMABAD FOR CONSULTATIONS AFTER A FEW DAYS.

4. THIS MORNING I CALLED ON MY INDIAN COLLEAGUE WHOSE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SIMILARLY TO TAKE NO ACTION CONSTITUTING RECOGNITION. HOWEVER HE SAID THAT IF HE WERE SUMMONED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HE WOULD GO.

5. NONE OF THE COLLEAGUES WHOM I HAVE ASKED SENT ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CIRCULAR NOTE WHICH WE RECEIVED A FEW DAYS AGO FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMING US TO THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT. THE NOTE GAVE THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE KHALQ PARTY AND ENDED BY SAYING THAT THERE WAS COMPLETE SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN FULL CONTROL OF AFFAIRS.

6. BABRAK KARMAL HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS IN USSR, GDR, BULGARIA, MONGOLIA AND VIETNAM.

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