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AND TO FLASH THE HAGUE, ROME, TEL AVIV.

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IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK, OTHER ME POSTS, UKREP
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SINAI FORCE

1. EUROPEAN ADDRESSEES PLEASE SPEAK URGENTLY TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON THE LINES OF PARAS 2 TO 8 BELOW.
2. IT SEEMS TO US THAT WE SHOULD NOT JOIN THE MOOD OF OVER-
EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON, WHICH MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH
MR HAIG'S PRESENT STATE OF MIND AND HIS DOMESTIC POSITION. WE
ALSO NEED AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN ISRAEL
(TEL AVIV PLEASE ACT), TAKING ACCOUNT (AMONG OTHER THINGS) OF
SHAMIR'S REPORTED STATEMENT YESTERDAY THAT GOVERNMENTS REFUSING
TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO THE CAMP DAVID PROCESS AS A WHOLE ARE NOT
ACCEPTABLE AS CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MFO.
3. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE FOUR AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON
SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO GO BACK TO THE AMERICANS INDIVIDUALLY
TODAY, NOT SPEAKING FROM A SINGLE TEXT BUT FOLLOWING A CONCERTED
LINE AS FOLLOWS. THE FOUR GOVERNMENTS MADE IT CLEAR LONG AGO
THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO STATE THEIR OWN POSITION IF THEY WERE TO
GIVE THEIR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATION. WE ARE SURPRISED THAT THE
AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT THE RESULTS OF DOING SO WILL BE SO
EXPLOSIVE. BUT SINCE THIS IS THEIR JUDGEMENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT

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THE BASIS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MFO BY THE FOUR DOES NOT AT PRESENT EXIST. WE SHALL HAVE TO CONSULT AMONG OURSELVES TO SEE WHETHER A NEW BASIS FOR PARTICIPATION CAN BE CONSTRUCTED, AND WHETHER THERE IS THE WILL TO ATTEMPT TO DO THIS. WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT PROBABLY NOT UNTIL AFTER THE WEEKEND. MEANWHILE WE APPRECIATE MR HAIG'S OFFER (NOW REPEATED IN A MESSAGE TO ME, AND PRESUMABLY TO THE OTHER THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS) TO FLY URGENTLY TO EUROPE FOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT WE SEE NO NEED TO PUT HIM TO THIS TROUBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

4. AS THE THREE FOREIGN MINISTRIES ARE BEING TOLD THIS MORNING BY TELEPHONE, WE SHOULD LIKE TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE FOUR IN LONDON STARTING AT 1030 HOURS GMT TOMORROW 6 NOVEMBER. OUR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE SIR J GRAHAM AND/OR BULLARD. AS WE SEE IT, THE TASK OF THIS MEETING SHOULD BE TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO TELL THE AMERICANS THAT WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MFO ON THE TERMS WHICH WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO THEM OR NOT AT ALL: OR WHETHER TO ENVISAGE THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE TEXT OF ONE OR BOTH STATEMENTS AND/OR THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR MAKING THEM PUBLIC.

5. AS PRESIDENCY WE ARE TAKING IT UPON OURSELVES TO SEND A BRIEF COREU TO ALL OF THE TEN, FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE OTHER SIX, EXPLAINING THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LAST-MINUTE HITCH, THAT THE FOUR WILL BE HOLDING IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS AND THAT WE SHALL BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM AGAIN LATER.

6. THE LINE WE ARE TAKING WITH THE PRESS, IF ASKED, REPEAT IF ASKED, IF AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE TEN HAVE BEEN GOING ON AND WHEN WE ARE READY WE WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND LORD CARRINGTON HAS ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT THIS WILL BE SOON. UNQUOTE IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AMERICANS: WE ARE SAYING QUOTE:

THE ORIGINAL REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MFO CAME FROM THE US GOVERNMENT. IT IS PERFECTLY NATURAL THAT WE SHOULD NOW BE IN TOUCH WITH THEM ABOUT OUR REPLY. UNQUOTE.

7. WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE URGENT COMMENTS OF THE FRENCH/DUTCH/ITALIANS.

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