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TELEGRAM NUMBER 260 OF 26 JANUARY

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**MY CALL ON HAIG: NAMIBIA.**

1. WHEN I CALLED ON HAIG TODAY, I REFERRED TO OUR ANXIETIES OVER NAMIBIA AND THE RISK WE SAW OF THE SOUTH AFRICANS REJECTING THE WHOLE UN PROCESS. HAIG TOLD ME THAT HE HAD THIS MORNING SENT MESSAGES TO THE FRONT LINE STATES, TO THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP, AND TO SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD ENCOUNTERED. THESE WERE DESIGNED TO DAMP DOWN ANY PRECIPITATE ACTION AND INCLUDED WHAT HE HOPED WOULD BE RECOGNISED AS A SIGNIFICANT CODE-WORD, THE EXPRESSION QUOTE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED INDEPENDENCE UNQUOTE.

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2. HAIG CONTINUED THAT HE WOULD RELY VERY HEAVILY ON YOUR COUNSEL IN THIS AREA, RECOGNISING YOUR PARTICULAR EXPERTISE. INDEED, HE WOULD POSITIVELY WELCOME WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS QUOTE BILATERAL KNEE-KICKING UNQUOTE IF AT ANY TIME WE FELT THAT SOMETHING LESS THAN PRUDENT HAD OCCURRED ON THE AMERICAN SIDE. SOMETHING MIGHT GO SLIGHTLY WRONG BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE COORDINATION IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, OR BECAUSE OF INTEMPERATE ACTION BY NEW AND INEXPERIENCED OFFICIALS. IF WE FELT THAT ANYTHING WAS GOING AWRY, HE WOULD SOLICIT OUR DRAWING THIS TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. HAIG AFFIRMED THAT AMERICAN POLICY-MAKING ON NAMIBIA WOULD BE BROUGHT BACK FROM THE UN (HE SAID THAT SOME OF THE US DELEGATION TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE HAD BEEN MORE AFRICAN THAN THE AFRICANS) AND FIRMLY LODGED WITH THE AFRICA BUREAU OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION, HE CONFIRMED THAT CROCKER WOULD BE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY: HE SAID THAT HE HAD KNOWN HIM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH HIM AND REGARDED HIM AS VERY SOUND.

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