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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 323 OF 28 APR

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If he comes you will want to consider seeing him.
Answer out

POSSIBLE CALL BY WALESA ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE

1. PROFESSOR KUKULOWICZ, CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI'S REPRESENTATIVE WITH SOLIDARITY, APPROACHED ME AT A FAREWELL PARTY I GAVE ON 27 APRIL TO ASK WHETHER IF WALESA PAID A VISIT TO LONDON HE COULD BE RECEIVED BY YOU.

2. I ASKED HIM WHETHER THIS WAS A REQUEST BY THE CARDINAL AND HE SAID THAT IT WAS. I THEN ASKED HIM WHEN WALESA MIGHT TRAVEL TO BRITAIN, TO WHICH HE REPLIED THAT THAT WOULD DEPEND A GOOD DEAL ON WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE RECEIVED BY YOU. PROFESSOR KUKULOWICZ ADDED THAT THE VISIT, IF IT CAME OFF, WOULD BE CLEARED WITH THE POLITBURO. THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF DOING ANYTHING THE POLISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DISAPPROVE OF.

3. I DO NOT SEE ANY OBJECTION FROM THIS END TO SUCH A MEETING AND THERE SEEMS MUCH TO BE SAID FOR IT, IF A CONVENIENT DATE CAN BE ARRANGED. I SHALL BE SEEING THE FOREIGN MINISTER NEXT WEEK AND COULD, IF YOU THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE, MENTION THE MATTER TO HIM. I AM ALSO SEEKING A FAREWELL CALL ON THE CARDINAL NEXT WEEK, THOUGH SINCE HE HAS BEEN QUITE ILL THIS MAY NOT PROVE POSSIBLE.

4. PROFESSOR KUKULOWICZ ACCOMPANIED WALESA TO ROME AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE BYDGOSZCZ AFFAIR.

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