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TO FCO TEL NO 97 OF 3 DECEMBER 1981

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VISIT OF SIR JOSHUA HASSAN

1. THE CHIEF MINISTER HAS BEEN GRATEFUL FOR THE PROMPT AGREEMENT OF YOURSELF AND MR ATKINS TO RECEIVE HIM ON 14 DECEMBER

2. WITH A VIEW TO EXPEDITING DISCUSSION IN THOSE MEETINGS WE HAVE ASKED HIM FOR A NOTE ABOUT HIS OBJECTIVES IN THE TALKS. A COPY OF THIS LEAVES BY BAG TODAY FOR CULVER, SED. MAIN POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- (A) NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DEVELOPMENT AID SUOMISSION OF FEBRUARY 1981 OR DESPATCH ON LANDS OF 1 JULY 1981 NOR IN A FORMAL SENSE TO HIS LETTER OF 7 AUGUST FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF A DESPATCH.
- (B) MEETINGS WITH TEAM LED BY FERGUSSON WERE INCONCLUSIVE.
- (C) MEETING ON 14 DECEMBER IS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEN IN ANY WAY AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR EARLY AND DETAILED TALKS WITH THE DELEGATION FROM GIBRALTAR. NOR WERE THE TALKS WITH FERGUSSONS TEAM SUCH A SUBSTITUTE.
- (D) HASSAN WISHES
 - (1) TO EXPLAIN PERSONALLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS FACING GIBRALTAR AND EXTENT TO WHICH TRUST AND MORALE HAVE BEEN SHAKEN;
 - (2) TO SEEK A MORE SYMPATHETIC RESPONSES THAN HERETOFORE ON THE VARIOUS ISSUES OUTSTANDING;
 - (3) TO DISENTANGLE DEVELOPMENT AID AND CROWN LAND QUESTIONS FROM THE DOCKYARD PACKAGE AND SEEK EARLY AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THEM.

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- (4) TO SEEK A MINIMUM INTERIM ALLOCATION OF AID AMOUNTING TO £8.5M OF WHICH THE MAJOR PART (£7.5M) WOULD BE SPENT IN 1982/83 AND 1983/84 ON:
- T E REPLACEMENT DISTILLER:
 - VIADUCT CAUSEWAY
 - HOUSING:
 - RETICULATION SYSTEM:
 - ROADS AND PARKING.
- (5) IN RESPECT OF DOCKYARD TO URGE THAT A DECISION ON COMMERCIALISATION BE TAKEN BY MARCH 1982 AND TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO THE TRANSFER TO THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT FREE OF CHARGE OF THE LAND AND SURPLUS ASSETS INVOLVED.
- (6) TO PRESS THE CASE FOR NO REPEAT NO CHANGE IN THE HOURS OF AIRFIELD OPERATION.

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1. THERE IS EVERYTHING TO BE SAID POLITICALLY FOR ENSURING THAT THE GIBRALTARIAN RESPONSE TO THE DEFENCE REVIEW CONTINUES TO LIE IN HASSANS HANDS. IF HE RETURNS FROM HIS DISCUSSION WITH YOU AND MR ATKINS EMPTY HANDED HE WILL BE WEAKENED POLITICALLY AND THE PROSPECT OF BOSSANO MAKING HEADWAY WILL BE INCREASED. GIVEN BOSSANOS INTENTIONS THIS CANNOT BE IN THE LONG TERM INTEREST OF EITHER GIBRALTAR OR HMG

2. AS I JUDGE IT THE MINIMUM POLITICAL REQUIREMENT WHICH HASSAN WILL NEED IS:

(A) AN AGREEMENT TO AN INTERIM TRANCHE OF AID:

(B) AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE (EVEN IF DETAILS ARE LEFT TO BE WORKED OUT BY OFFICIALS) THAT CROWN LAND AND THE BUILDINGS AND FIXTURES UPON THEM AND WHEN SURPLUS TO DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS BE TRANSFERRED FREE TO THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT. AN AGREEMENT ON THE NORTH MOLE/VIADUCT COMPLEX WOULD BE A USEFUL START.

(C) AN AGREEMENT TO SHELVE THE RAF PLANS TO RESTRICT THE HOURS OF AIRFIELD OPENING: AND

(D) AN AGREEMENT TO REACH MINISTERIAL DECISIONS RELEVANT TO COMMERCIALISATION BY MARCH 1982 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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3. AFTER THE INITIAL EMOTIONAL OUTBURST WHICH CHARACTERISED THE FIRST PART OF THE GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENTS MEETING WITH FERGUSSON, HASSAN HAS RESUMED HIS TRADITIONAL POSTURE OF SEEKING TO FIND AN ACCOMMODATION WITH HMG. HE HAS HOWEVER BEEN UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO ADOPT A LESS RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE AND THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THE PLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE TALKS ON 14 DECEMBER TO HIM. HE IS BOUND TO APPROACH THEM IN A MORE WARY AND SUSPICIOUS FRAME OF MIND THAN HAS CHARACTERISED PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH HMG.

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