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TELEGRAM NUMBER 132 DATED 3 FEBRUARY 82
INFO IMMEDIATE BANGKOK (FOR S OF S), DAMASCUS, AMMAN, JEDDA,
TEL AVIV, WASHINGTON

of GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MY TELNO 120: EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION: GOLAN HEIGHTS

1. THE DEBATE CONTINUED TODAY (3 FEBRUARY) WITH OVER TWENTY MORE SPEAKERS. THE IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MADE OFFENSIVE REFERENCES TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST BRITISH COLONIALISM IN PALESTINE IN THE 1930S. THE FOLLOWING CALLED FOR SANCTIONS - UAE, ETHIOPIA, MONGOLIA, QATAR, GRENADA, UKRAINE, IRAN, BAHRAIN, IRAQ. QATAR AND BAHRAIN ALSO CALLED FOR THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP OF THE UN.
2. THE ARAB DRAFT HAS TAKEN SHAPE. THE LATEST VERSION IS IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM. YOU WILL SEE THAT THE ARABS HAVE RESPONDED TO MODERATE NON-ALIGNED WISHES BY REMOVING THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DECIDING TO REJECT ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS:

~~OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH DECIDING TO REJECT ISRAEL'S CREDENTIALS;~~
BUT THAT THE DRAFT RETAINS BOTH A PREAMBULAR AND AN OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH NOTING THAT ISRAEL IS NOT A PEACE-LOVING STATE AND HAS
FAILED TO CARRY OUT IS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE CHARTER (A REFERENCE
TO THE CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ARTICLE 4 AND THUS A
PRECURSOR OF SOME LATER ATTEMPT TO GET ISRAEL SUSPENDED OR
EXPULSED). THE DRAFT IN MY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS
CIRCULATED TO THE NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TODAY WITH A REQUEST FOR CO-SPONSORS. BUT THE ARABS ARE NOT OUT
OF THE WOOD YET. NUSEIBEH (JORDAN) TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT
THERE COULD STILL BE COSMETIC CHANGES TO OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS
7 AND 8 (DENUNCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES BY NAME) BUT THAT
THE CALL FOR SANCTIONS WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

3. THE US MISSION ARE TAKING THE DRAFT VERY SERIOUSLY. THEY
ARE ARGUING THAT THE CALL FOR SANCTIONS IS WHOLLY INAPPROPRIATE
AND UNHELPFUL, AND THAT THE REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES ARE
UNACCEPTABLE, AS ARE THE PARAGRAPHS ABOUT ISRAEL NOT BEING A
PEACE-LOVING STATE ETC. THEY ARE MAKING IT BRUTALLY CLEAR,
BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS, THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REGARD
ANYTHING OTHER THAN A NEGATIVE VOTE AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.
THEY ARE ADDING THAT, IF THE RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED, IT WOULD HAVE
A PROFOUND EFFECT UPON THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE
UNITED NATIONS.

4. I HAVE SINCE SPOKEN TO MRS KIRKPATRICK (IN WASHINGTON) AT
HER REQUEST. SHE TOOK BROADLY THE LINE IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE BUT
WAS MUCH LESS APOCALYPTIC. I TOLD HER THAT, IF THE ARABS
WENT AHEAD WITH THE TEXT AS DRAFTED, THEY COULD COUNT ON A POOR
VOTE. NEGATIVE VOTES WOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO THE WEST ONLY,
IN THE LIGHT OF THE OFFENSIVE REFERENCES TO THE UNITED STATES:
THESE WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO MODERATE NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS ALSO.
I THEREFORE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE
TACTICALLY WRONG FOR ANY OF US TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARABS IN
THEIR PRESENT MOOD, THE ARABS MIGHT WELL WATER THE TEXT DOWN
(ALTHOUGH NOT ON SANCTIONS) RATHER THAN COME OUT WITH A DISMAL
RESULT.

5. THE TEN AGREED IN CONSULTATIONS THIS AFTERNOON TO RECOMMEND
TO CAPITALS A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE DRAFT AS IT STANDS: EXCEPT
FOR GREECE WHICH WILL RECOMMEND AN ABSTENTION. IN ORDER TO MODERATE
THE IMPACT OF THIS VOTE ON THE ARABS, THE TEN ARE ALSO
RECOMMENDING THAT THEY SHOULD CALL FOR SEPARATE PARAGRAPH VOTES
ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1, 3, 4, 5 AND 9, ON ALL OF WHICH THE
TEN WOULD VOTE IN FAVOUR. THE TEN WOULD THUS PRESS FIVE
GREEN BUTTONS BEFORE PRESSING A RED ONE.

6. MY SECOND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM (NOT TO ALL) CONTAINS

6. MY SECOND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELEGRAM (NOT TO ALL) CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED COMMON EXPLANATION OF VOTE WHICH IT WAS AGREED THE TEN WOULD RECOMMEND TO CAPITALS AND SEEK COMMENTS ON BY 1700Z TOMORROW (4 FEBRUARY). GRATEFUL FOR COMMENTS ON THIS AND THE PROPOSED VOTING PATTERN BY THEN.

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