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INFO PRIORITY BEIRUT, CG JERUSALEM, DAMASCUS, CAIRO, JEDDA,
RABAT,

INFO SAVING PARIS, ALL OTHER ARAB POSTS, UKDEL UNESCO PARIS.

YOUR TELNO 275 (NOT TO ALL) AND TELECON HUMFREY/CHAPLIN: SECURITY COUNCIL; DOME OF THE ROCK

1. AFTER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS THIS MORNING THE COUNCIL MOVED QUICKLY TO A VOTE. THERE WERE NO FURTHER CHANGES IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. THE VOTE WAS 14-1(US)-0, THE RESOLUTION FAILING BECAUSE OF THE US VETO (THEIR THIRD ON THE MIDDLE EAST THIS YEAR).

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3. SPEAKING BEFORE THE VOTE, DE NANTEUIL (FRANCE) CONDEMNED THE
ATTACK ON THE DOME OF THE ROCK AND CALLED FOR THOSE RESPONSIBLE
TO BE PUNISHED. HE SAID THAT ISRAEL SHOULD ENSURE THAT SUCH ACTS
WERE NOT REPEATED AND SHOULD ABIDE BY THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION.
NISHIBORI (JAPAN) HOPED THAT ISRAEL WOULD FULFIL ITS RESPONSIBILITIES
OF PROTECTING AND SAFEGUARDING THE HOLY PLACES. KARRAN (GUYANA)
SAID THAT THE DEED SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE CONTEXT OF ISRAELI
REPRESSION. KAMANDA (ZAIRE) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO
SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION THOUGH WITHOUT NECESSARILY LINKING
THE ACT OF SACRILEGE TO THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

4. BLUM (ISRAEL) SAID THAT THE DEBATE HAD BEEN A GLARING
EXAMPLE OF THE DOUBLE STANDARDS OF THE ARABS AND THEIR FELLOW
TRAVELLERS (OF WHOM HE ATTACKED POLAND AND UGANDA BY NAME). THE
DRAFT RESOLUTION SOUGHT TO ASSOCIATE ISRAEL WITH THE LONE ACT
OF AN INDIVIDUAL. THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD IGNORED SEVERAL ARAB
ACTS OF RELIGIOUS DESECRATION BUT WITH TYPICAL HYPOCRISY WAS
SINGLING OUT ISRAEL.

5. MRS KIRKPATRICK (US) SAID THAT THE US PROFOUNDLY REGRETTED
AND CONDEMNED THE ACT OF SACRILEGE AND SHE QUOTED PRESIDENT
REAGAN'S PRESS STATEMENT ABOUT IT. HOWEVER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
WOULD ONLY EMBITTER PEOPLE IN THE REGION AND MAKE NEW ACTS
OF VIOLENCE MORE LIKELY. IT CONTAINED LANGUAGE WHICH IMPLIED
THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT OF
VIOLENCE AND ALSO THAT ISRAEL WAS NOT CO-OPERATING WITH THE SUPREME
MOSLEM COUNCIL. THE US HAD THEREFORE DECIDED TO VOTE NO. THEIR
VOTE DID NOT AFFECT THE LONGSTANDING US POSITION ON JERUSALEM
WHICH WAS THAT THE FINAL STATUS OF JERUSALEM COULD ONLY BE
DETERMINED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AMONG ALL CONCERNED PARTIES.

6. DORR (IRELAND) NOTED ISRAELI CONDEMNATION OF THE DEED WHILE
AGREEING WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION OVINNOKOV (USSR)
SAID THAT THIS THIRD US VETO ON THE MIDDLE EAST SHOWED THAT THE
US WOULD NOT RESTRAIN ISRAEL IN ANY WAY. THE US HAD ALSO VOTED
AGAINST THE RESOLUTION BECAUSE IT DID NOT RECOGNISE THAT EAST
JERUSALEM WAS OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND BECAUSE IT HAD ABANDONED
THE PRINCIPLE OF THE NON-RECOGNITION OF ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY
BY FORCE. THE VOTE WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE US AGREEMENT ON
STRATEGIC CO-OPERATION WITH ISRAEL. HE WARNED ARAB COUNTRIES
THAT THE US WAS LOOKING FOR BASES IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN PURSUANCE
OF THIS POLICY.

7. DORR (IRELAND) THANKED THE US FOR ITS VOTE WHICH HE SAID UNPACKED

OF THIS POLICY.

7. TERZI (PLO) THANKED THE US FOR ITS VOTE WHICH HE SAID UNM. THE TRUE DESIGNS OF THE US ADMINISTRATION. HE ATTACKED US FAIL TO STATE THAT THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION APPLIED TO EAST JERUSALEM. THE US GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO PAY A PRICE FOR ITS HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ARAB PEOPLE. FOR THEIR PART, THE PALESTINIANS WOULD CONSIDER IT THEIR RIGHT AND DUTY TO CONTINUE TO RESIST ISRAELI OCCUPATION BY ALL MEANS INCLUDING STRIKES, STONE THROWING AND EVEN EXPLOSIVES. ZENTAR (MOROCCO) CLOSED THE DEBATE ON A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE NOTE BY REITERATING KING HASSAN'S STATEMENT THAT IT WAS ONLY THROUGH TOLERANCE AND THE MUTUAL RESPECT OF ALL MEN OF GOOD FAITH THAT THE PROBLEM OF JERUSALEM WOULD BE SOLVED.

8. THE DEBATE HAS LEFT A RAW ATMOSPHERE. THE US MISSION, WHO HAD BEEN HOPING UP UNTIL THIS MORNING TO BE INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN, ARE DEPRESSED BY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS THIRD SUCCESSIVE VETO. THEY RECOGNISE THAT A VETO CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE RELATIVELY MILD LANGUAGE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AND THEY ASSUME THAT WASHINGTON DECIDED, UNDER INTENSE ISRAELI PRESSURE, THAT NOT TO VETO COULD JEOPARDISE ISRAEL'S COMMITMENT TO THE SINAI WITHDRAWAL. THE JORDANIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT WHILE THEY UNDERSTAND THE POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THE AMERICANS WERE OPERATING, THE MODERATE ARABS WERE NEVERTHELESS VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT THEIR CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO PRODUCE A MODERATE TEXT FOR THE AMERICANS SHOULD HAVE ENDED IN ITS TOTAL REJECTION: THE MORE SO SINCE THIS HAS DAMAGED THEIR CREDIBILITY IN THE ARAB GROUP. IRONICALLY, MRS KIRKPATRICK FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE DEBATE ON THE IRAQI REACTOR LAST SUMMER, DID ALL SHE POSSIBLY COULD TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARABS. SHE WAS OBVIOUSLY VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THE OUTCOME. THE US MISSION IS RESIGNED TO BECOMING THE GENERAL WHIPPING BOY IN THE LARGE NUMBER OF SPEECHES LIKELY TO BE MADE HERE IN THE RESUMED 7TH EMERGENCY SPECIAL SESSION ON PALESTINE WHICH OPENED TODAY (28 APRIL).

F C O PLEASE PASS SAVING TO PARIS, UKDEL UNESCO PARIS, ABU DHABI, ADEN, ALGIERS, BAGHDAD, BAHRAIN, DOHA, DUBAI, KHARTOUM, KUWAIT, MUSCAT, SANAA, TRIPOLI, TUNIS.

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