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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

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INFO IMMEDIATE MODUK (FOR DS ARMS SALE), DS.INT, A/CDRE INT, DS 13

YOUR TELNO 422: EXOCET MISSILES FOR PERU

1. ACTION TAKEN WITH QUAI ON 13 JULY WHO COULD NOT SAY IMMEDIATELY HOW THE DELIVERY WAS TAKING PLACE. FOUQUET (QUAI) TOLD HEAD OF CHANCERY ON 15 JULY THAT THE MISSILES WOULD BE GOING BY SEA FROM TOULON ON 17 JULY IN THE PERUVIAN NAVAL TRANSPORT VESSEL INDEPENDENCIA.

2. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, FOUQUET SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE MISSILES WOULD BE OFF LOADED TO GO BY AIR FROM SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE FRANCE. IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DELAYS IN CARRYING OUT THE EXOCET CONTRACT, THE FRENCH HAD OFFERED TO SEND THE MISSILES BY AIR AT FRENCH EXPENSE. BUT THE PERUVIANS HAD REFUSED PREFERRING TO TAKE THEM ON THEIR NAVAL VESSEL.

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