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1. KIMCHE (DIRECTOR-GENERAL MFA) TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT YOUR RECENT SPEECH TO COMMONWEALTH JEWISH LEADERS HAD BEEN READ WITH INTEREST, INCLUDING THE PASSAGE ON PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION. BRITAIN AND ISRAEL OBVIOUSLY DISAGREED ON SOME FUNDAMENTAL POINTS. BUT THIS PRESENTATION OF BRITISH VIEWS STRUCK HIM AS REASONABLE AND THOUGHTFUL.

2. I TAKE THIS AS A COMPLIMENT, JUDGING BY ISRAELI REACTIONS TO SOME BRITISH STATEMENTS IN THE PAST.

3. KIMCHE ALSO MENTIONED A FAVOURABLE REFERENCE BY SHAMIR AT LAST SUNDAY'S CABINET MEETING TO HMG'S FIRM STAND OVER INCLUSION OF A PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ARAB LEAGUE DELEGATION FOR LONDON. THIS HAD NOT GONE UNNOTICED HERE.

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