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UKMIS GENEVAYOUR TELNO 193: UK MEASURES AGAINST POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION

1. TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE REPORT FROM LONDON ON OUR MEASURES UNDER THE HEADLINE: QUOTE BRITAIN CURBS TIES WITH SOVIETS, POLES UNQUOTE. BRITISH OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS STATING THAT WHILE THE MEASURES ARE NOT REALLY SANCTIONS AS SUCH, THEY ARE A SIGNAL TO THE EAST OF ALLIED DISAPPROVAL AND ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE THE SAME IMPACT AS THE EARLIER ANNOUNCED US ACTIONS. IT IS NOTED THAT THE UK IS THE FIRST EUROPEAN ALLY TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF EVENTS IN POLAND.

2. AN ACCOUNT OF OUR ACTIONS IS ALSO CARRIED PROMINENTLY IN TODAY'S NEW YORK TIMES.

3. I PASSED TO HAIG AND CLARK YESTERDAY THE TEXTS OF THE LORD PRIVY SEAL'S ANSWER IN THE HOUSE (AS AMENDED BY YOUR TELNO 194), AND WE ARE BRIEFING US OFFICIALS ALONG THE LINES OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE. I AM ALSO SENDING THE TEXT OF THE ANSWER TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS.

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