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MY TELEGRAM NO 154: SOUTH AFRICAN RAID ON LESOTHO

1. TO SUPPLEMENT THE BRIEFING ALREADY GIVEN BY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE SENIOR PERMANENT SECRETARY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CONVEYED TO ME ORALLY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LATTER TO MRS THATCHER.

2. BEGINS.

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEAVES TOMORROW 10 DECEMBER FOR NEW YORK TO SEEK AN EARLY MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. DR JONATHAN REGARDS SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK AS BEING NO LESS AN ACT OF AGGRESSION THAN ARGENTINE INVASION OF THE FALKLANDS. IN THE SAME SPIRIT AS LESOTHO SUPPORTED US OVER THAT ISSUE, HE LOOKS FOR BRITISH SUPPORT NOW IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE HOPES THAT WE WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE OTHERS BOTH IN THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT LESOTHO. THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION IS NOT YET AVAILABLE AND BEFORE IT IS TABLED THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH BRITISH AND OTHER FRIENDLY REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK.

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