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FROM PRETORIA 180915Z
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 363 OF 18 SEPTEMBER 1984

INFO ROUTINE JOHANNESBURG

INFO SAVING DURBAN

YOUR TELNO 200; **DETAINEES**

1. THE HEAD OF CHANCERY SPOKE TO BOESAK LAST NIGHT GIVING HIM A FRANK ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING IN LONDON. BOESAK THEN SPOKE TO THE SIX. SUBSEQUENTLY OUR STAFF IN DURBAN HAVE GONE OVER THE GROUND AGAIN WITH THE SIX AND HAVE SPOKEN TO THE SENIOR LEGAL ADVISER IN DURBAN. WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
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2. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR THE EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION, STRESSING THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE SITUATION IN WHICH OUR CONSULATE IS EFFECTIVELY INDEFINITELY PRECLUDED FROM NORMAL OPERATIONS. SINCE YACOOB'S DEPARTURE FOR LONDON, THERE SEEMS TO BE AN EASIER ATMOSPHERE. WE ARE NOT BEING HARANGUED AND ATTENTION SEEMS TO BE FOCUSED ON THE COURT ACTION RATHER THAN THE WHOLE GAMUT OF ISSUES THAT YACOOB RAISED IN LONDON.

3. THE POSITION ON THE APPLICATION TO THE COURT IS THAT THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED AGAIN TODAY. IT APPEARS TO BE THE INTENTION THAT THIS WILL BE HEARD BY THREE JUDGES AND THAT THE EARLIEST THIS COULD BE ARRANGED WOULD BE 20 SEPTEMBER ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A HEARING WILL HAVE TO BE HELD OVER UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

4. LEGAL CONTACTS SUCH AS DUGARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WITWATERSRAND TELL US THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME. THE NATAL BENCH WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE INFLUENCED BY FINDINGS IN JOHANNESBURG. NEVERTHELESS BOESAK TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE THAT HE AND OTHERS IN DURBAN WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE BENCH WOULD FIND IN THE SIX'S FAVOUR.

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