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INFO ROUTINE PRAIS, BONN, LISBON, MADRID

TELECON WALL/LAMPORT: CRAXI'S VISIT : OBJECTIVES

1. THE CHIGI TELL US THAT CRAXI'S MAIN OBJECTIVE FOR HIS VISIT TO LONDON (AS WELL AS TO LISBON AND MADRID ON 15 FEBRUARY AND BONN AND PARIS ON 22 FEBRUARY), IS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS ON THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE COMMUNITY. ON EC MATTERS HE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS ENLARGEMENT THE BUDGET AND EUROPEAN UNION. BUT HE WILL NOT WISH TO ENTER INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES WHICH THE FARNESINA HAVE PROPOSED TO CRAXI IN THEIR BRIEFING ARE:

ENLARGEMENT

- 1) TO TRY TO BID UP THE FIGURE WE WOULD ACCEPT FOR IMPS:
- 2) TO PERSUADE US TO MOVE ON FISH, IN PARTICULAR ON AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF THE TEN-YEAR PROVISIONAL REGIME IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON A NEW REGIME.

BUDGET

TO TAKE STOCK AND CONSIDER FURTHER PRESSURE ON FRG.

INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

TO SECURE A FIRMER COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MANY QUESTIONS MUST AWAIT THE DOOGÉ COMMITTEE'S FINAL REPORT.

3. ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND EAST/WEST RELATIONS CRAXI WILL WISH TO TAKE STOCK OF THE PRESENT POSITION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE VISITS WHICH EACH WILL BE PAYING TO WASHINGTON (CRAXI'S DATES ARE 3-7 MARCH). ON THE MIDDLE EAST CRAXI WILL PROBABLY TAKE THE LINE THAT THE ONLY EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION THE TEN CAN MAKE TO PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IS BY EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE US. ON EAST/WEST CRAXI WILL ALSO HAVE IN MIND GROMYKO'S VISIT TO ITALY ON 25-28 FEBRUARY.

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4. CRAXI MAY WISH TO HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AT DINNER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

5. A SCENE-SETTING TELEGRAM WILL FOLLOW NEXT WEEK.

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