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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 422 OF 06 DECEMBER.

AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON AND UKDEL NATO.

TNF MODERNISATION: VISIT TO LONDON BY NETHERLANDS PRIME MINISTER

1. MR VAN AGT'S OFFICE TOLD US THIS MORNING THAT INSTEAD OF RETURNING TO THE HAGUE FROM LONDON TONIGHT HE MAY FLY ON TO WASHINGTON OVERNIGHT, DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF HIS TALKS WITH SIG COSSIGA AND THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. IF HE WENT TO WASHINGTON MR VAN AGT WOULD NOT BE BACK IN THE HAGUE UNTIL LATE ON FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER. IN HIS ABSENCE CABINET, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET THAT DAY, CLEARLY CANNOT TAKE ANY FINAL DECISION ON THE NETHERLANDS LINE IN BRUSSELS ON 12 DECEMBER AND MAY HAVE TO BE POSTPONED.

3. PLEASE ENSURE SIR J TAYLOR SEES A COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM BEFORE MR VAN AGT'S ARRIVAL AT NO 10 DOWNING STREET.

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