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UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1170: ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR GOODISON, AUSS

1. SADRUDDIN TELEPHOMED ME THIS MORNING (6 NOVEMBER) TO SAY THAT HE WOULD BE MOST WILLING TO GO TO LONDON EG FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY IF AT ANY STAGE IT WAS THOUGHT USEFUL. I THANKED SADRUDDIN FOR THE OFFER AND SAID THAT I WOULD PASS IT ON.

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2. SADRUDDIN'S PRESENT ASSUMPTION IS THAT THERE WOULD BE SEVERAL DAYS BETWEEN A SITUATION ARISING IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHERE THERE WERE FURTHER CANDIDATES IN THE FIELD AND ACTUAL BALLOTING ON THOSE CANDIDATES. HE HAS OF COURSE HOISTED IN THE POINT THAT MATTERS MIGHT MOVE VERY QUICKLY. AS AGAINST THAT HE BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE "'UNDIGNIFIED TO HANG AROUND" IN NEW YORK AND HE WISHES IN PARTICULAR TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION OF DISLOYALTY TO WALDHEIM. HE HAS REPEATED TO ME HOW UNPLEASANT HE FOUND THE ATMOSPHERE IN NEW YORK AND HIS MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE TASK THAT ANY NEW SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD HAVE AFTER THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE ARISEN DURING THE CONDUCTING OF THE ELECTION. BUT HE CONTINUES TO PUT GREAT STORE ON ANY ADVICE WE MAY GIVE HIM.

3. I TOLD HIM YOUR REACTION TO THE BERNARD NOSSITER ARTICLE IN YESTERDAY'S INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE. ONE POINT WHICH EXERCISED HIM WAS THE WAY IN WHICH IT ASSOCIATED HIM WITH PAKISTAN, AND THE DIFFICULTIES THIS COULD CAUSE FROM THE AFGHAN AND INDIAN ANGLES.

4. MY US OPPOSITE NUMBER (WHO LEAVES GENEVA ON 9 NOVEMBER) HAD A MEETING WITH SADRUDDIN YESTERDAY. HELMAN TOLD ME AFTERWARDS THAT THERE WAS NOTHING DEFINITE THAT HE COULD SAY ABOUT US INTENTIONS HE CONFIRMED THE VERY CLOSE LINKS BETWEEN VICE PRESIDENT BUSH AND SADRUDDIN. (WHEN IT WAS PROPOSED THAT BUSH SHOULD COME HERE LAST APRIL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN AFRICA, BUSH'S ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO STAY WITH SADRUDDIN. HELMAN TOLD HIM THAT THIS WAS RULED OUT ON SECURITY GROUNDS.)

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PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR FROM GOODISON

YOUR TELNO 1170: ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL

1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR SADRUDDIN'S OFFER TO COME TO LONDON.
WE HAVE HOWEVER NOTHING NEW TO SAY TO HIM, AND SUCH A VISIT
WOULD THEREFORE SERVE LITTLE PURPOSE. MORE IMPORTANT, IT
MIGHT, IF IT BECAME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, DAMAGE HIS PROSPECTS.
TO THE EXTENT THAT SADRUDDIN SEEKS OUR ADVICE ON TACTICS,
IT WOULD BE BEST TO RELY ON HIS DIRECT LINK WITH
SIR A PARSONS. WE DO NOT WANT TO CROSS WIRES.

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