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YOUR TELNO 818: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. GRATEFUL FOR THE CLEAR GUIDANCE IN YOUR REF TEL.

2. TODAY'S KITTANI GROUP MEETING WAS A NON-EVENT. IT BECAME KNOWN EARLY THIS AFTERNOON THAT MRS KIRKPATRICK HAD GONE TO WASHINGTON TO SEE SECRETARY HAIG. THE G77 WERE ALSO UNABLE TO AGREE AND WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW, THOUGH AS FAR AS WE KNOW THEY TOOK NO DECISION TO SEEK AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 1406. KITTANI FIXED THE NEXT MEETING FOR 2130Z TOMORROW AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD EXPECT DEFINITE RESPONSES THEN FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE G77 AND OTHERS. (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MEET TOMORROW AT 1530Z WITH COMMUNITY COORDINATION AT 2300Z.)

3. THE MEETING OF OECD COUNTRIES EARLIER TODAY REVEALED THE AMERICANS (SORZANO AND CLARK) AS EXTREMELY UNCLEAR ABOUT LIKELY REACTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AND CONFUSED ABOUT THEIR OBJECTIVES IN REGARD TO THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 1406. THEY ASKED IF OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDED PARA 4 OF THIS TEXT AS BEING "IN THE BALL PARK". EXCEPT FOR THE COMMUNITY, ALL WERE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS FORMULA (SINCE THEY HAD ACCEPTED SIMILAR LANGUAGE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1980). THE UK PRESIDENCY POINTED OUT THAT SOME MEMBER STATES HAD NOT BEEN SATISFIED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND THAT THE COMMUNITY ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO PROTECTING THE COMPETENCE OF SPECIALISED BODIES. BUT IT WAS HARD FOR US TO PROPOSE CHANGES WHICH WOULD MAKE THE COMMUNITY APPEAR AS THE ONE OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT. WAS THIS LANGUAGE IN THE BALL PARK FOR THE UNITED STATES? THE AMERICANS WERE UNABLE TO REPLY.

4. FURTHER DISCUSSION REVEALED NO DISPOSITION EITHER BY THE AMERICANS OR OTHER OECD COUNTRIES PRESENT TO SEEK CHANGES IN THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 1406. THE REACTION FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS WAS THE SAME, THOUGH THE BELGIANS WERE UNHAPPY ABOUT "IF NECESSARY" AT THE END OF PARA 4, AND ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO "REAFFIRMING" RESOLUTION 34/138.

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5. WE ADVOCATED BOTH WITH OECD AND THE COMMUNITY THE USE OF "ALLOCATE" RATHER THAN "ENTRUST" IN PARA 4. WE POINTED OUT THAT "ENTRUST" IMPLIED THAT THE CENTRAL BODY WOULD EMPOWER SPECIALISED BODIES TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ITEMS, WHEN IN FACT THESE ITEMS LAY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE SPECIALISED BODIES ALREADY. THIS MET WITH SOME SYMPATHY FROM AUSTRALIA, BUT NONE ELSEWHERE. FRANCE, GERMANY, BELGIUM AND JAPAN ALL SAID THAT THEY FOUND "ENTRUST" ("CONFIER" IN FRENCH) TO BE HELPFUL. TO THEM IT IMPLIED THAT THE CENTRAL BODY HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE ABILITY OF SPECIALISED BODIES TO DEAL FULLY WITH THESE ITEMS AND, HAVING ONCE "ENTRUSTED" THEM, COULD NOT RECALL THEM.

6. MOST OF THE COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY FRANCE PRESSED THE PRESIDENCY TO SAY IN KITTANI'S MEETING THAT WE HAD A "PREJUGE FAVORABLE" FOR THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 1406, OR COULD ACCEPT IT IF OTHERS DID. THEY WERE CONCERNED TO AVOID ANY SUGGESTION THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS HANGING BACK. THE PRESIDENCY WAS ABLE TO RESIST THIS, BUT WITH SOME DIFFICULTY. WE GOT NO SUPPORT FROM THE GERMANS, WHO HAVE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS THROUGHOUT TODAY.

7. WE HOPE THAT DISCUSSION AT TOMORROW'S COREPER (UKREP BRUSSELS TELNO 4605) COULD BE LIMITED TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

8. WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT. MRS KIRPATRICK HAS TAKEN TO WASHINGTON THE TEXT IN MY TELNO 1406, WITH SOME OTHER POINTS WHICH THE US MISSION WOULD NOT REVEAL. SHE HOPES THAT SECRETARY HAIG WILL AGREE TO HER APPROACH AND TOGETHER THEY CAN PERSUADE THE PRESIDENT. (SHE HAS ALSO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT ANY DECISION MIGHT HAVE TO BE PREPARED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THIS WOULD MEAN A WEEK'S DELAY.)

9. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE TODAY ON THE BASIS OF THE LINE IN YOUR REF. TEL. BUT WE MUST PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT MRS KIRPATRICK WILL ACCEPT THE TEXT EITHER OUTRIGHT OR PROVISIONALLY AT KITTANI'S MEETING TOMORROW. THE UK PRESIDENCY, WILL THEN HAVE TO REACT AT ONCE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY.

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