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TO IMMEDIATE NEW YORK  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 823 OF 2 DECEMBER  
AND TO UKREP BRUSSELS  
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON PRIORITY UKMIS GENEVA, UKDEL OECD, PARIS  
AND BONN

YOUR TEL NO 1414: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. WE APPRECIATE THE NEED TO AVOID OUR APPEARING TO HOLD UP AGREEMENT AND WE RECOGNISE THAT IF THE AMERICANS AND THE G77 ACCEPT THE PRESENT TEXT, WE SHALL HAVE LITTLE OPTION BUT TO FALL INTO LINE. HOWEVER, WE SHALL HAVE TO SATISFY OURSELVES THAT MINISTERS ARE CONTENT AND WE CANNOT DO THIS IN ADVANCE OF SOME CLEARER INDICATION OF THE VIEWS OF THE G77 AND THE AMERICANS. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE IT CLEAR TO OUR PARTNERS THAT, IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT AGREE THAT THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE JOCKEYED FORWARD AND THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO REFER FOR INSTRUCTIONS WHEN THE AMERICAN AND G77 VIEWS ARE KNOWN. WE SHALL NATURALLY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE THESE QUICKLY.
2. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION. WE SHALL ALSO HAVE TO GIVE THE GERMANS NOTICE OF THE LINE WE PROPOSE TO TAKE. AT PRESENT, THEIR MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE SEEM TO BE DIVIDED ALONG FAMILIAR LINES (WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THEM). THIS MAY MEAN THAT YOU CAN EXPECT LITTLE HELP FROM THE GERMANS IN NEW YORK.
3. IN VIEW OF THE REACTIONS REPORTED IN PARA 5 OF TUR, YOU NEED NO LONGER PRESS THIS POINT.
4. FOR UKREP BRUSSELS. WE AGREE THAT OUR OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE THAT ANY DISCUSSION AT COREPER SHOULD BE LIMITED TO AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. IF THERE IS PRESSURE FOR A 'PREJUGE FAVORABLE' YOU SHOULD TAKE THE LINE IN PARA 1 ABOVE.

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