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OUR TELNO 2628: US/POLAND

1. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE NOW GIVEN US A COPY OF THE MESSAGE FROM SHULTZ TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FORESHADOWED IN TUR, WHICH WAS DELIVERED IN WARSAW ON 2 NOVEMBER.

2. AFTER REFERRING TO SHULTZ'S MEETING WITH OLECHOWSKI AT THE UN IN SEPTEMBER, THE KEY PASSAGE IN THE MESSAGE READS:

QUOTE IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR SEPTEMBER DISCUSSION, I ALSO WANTED YOU TO HAVE MY PERSONAL VIEW. THE UNITED STATES TAKES THE PROCESS OF POLAND'S NATIONAL RECONCILIATION VERY SERIOUSLY. YOU ARE MORE AWARE THAN I OF THE HISTORIC POTENTIAL OF THE QUOTE ROUNDTABLE UNQUOTE TALKS. AS JOHN WHITEHEAD SAID WHILE IN WARSAW, RESULTS FROM THIS PROCESS WILL CLEARLY HAVE A PROFOUNDLY POSITIVE EFFECT ON OUR RELATIONS.

THE RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN PROCEEDING TOWARD MEANINGFUL QUOTE ROUNDTABLE UNQUOTE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE SUGGESTED TO SOME THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER COMMITTED TO THE PROCESS. I HOPE AND TRUST THESE SUGGESTIONS ARE MISTAKEN. IT WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS -- TO POLAND AND TO OUR RELATIONS -- IF SUCH A RARE AND HOPEFUL OPPORTUNITY WERE MISSED.

WE SHARE THE GOOD WILL THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOUND IN ALL HIS TALKS IN WARSAW AND GDANSK, AND ARE DISTURBED THAT THE OPTIMISM OF TWO SHORT WEEKS AGO SEEMS TO BE DISAPPEARING. I BELIEVE THAT YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES CAN FIND THE STRENGTH, CREATIVITY AND PERSEVERANCE NEEDED TO PROCEED DOWN THE ROAD OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION FOR POLAND. I WISH YOU WELL AS YOU TAKE THE NEXT CHALLENGING, HISTORIC STEPS FORWARD. UNQUOTE

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~~CHARLES~~ ^{seen by NCH}

This has only just arrived,
I thought you should be
aware.

Prime Minister

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