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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 653 OF 22 JULY  
INFO WASHINGTON, MOSCOW, ANKARA.

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MY TELNO 651 (NOT TO ALL): YOUR VISIT TO PARIS, 22 JULY:  
TERRORISM.

1. CHEYSSON EXPRESSED FEARS ABOUT A NEW SURGE OF TERRORISM OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. HE WAS WORRIED NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ARMENTIANS, BUT ALSO THE SPLITS WITHIN THE PLO. THESE SEEMED LIKELY TO RESULT IN MORE EXTREMISM AND POSSIBLY THE RETURN TO THE WORST DAYS OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISM. IN ADDITION CHEYSSON WAS CONVINCED THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE SYSTEMATICALLY SUPPORTING TERRORIST ACTIONS WHICH WHETHER THEY WERE BY LEFT OR RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS SUITED SOVIET INTERESTS BY DESTABILISING WESTERN SOCIETIES. THE LOGISTICS OF NEARLY ALL RECENT TERRORIST ATTACKS HAD BEEN REMARKEDLY SIMILAR, AS THOUGH THERE WAS A KIND OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST LOGISTICS SYSTEM. THE DANGERS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY WERE LIKELY TO INCREASE TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AS THE DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO DOUBLE DECISION APPROACHED.

2. YOU AGREED THAT THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WAS DESIRABLE.

3. WITHOUT EXPLAINING EXACTLY WHAT HE MEANT CHEYSSON SAID THAT COOPERATION IN THIS AREA HAD NOT BEEN ALL IT MIGHT. IT WAS AGREED THAT ANOTHER MEETING OF HOME SECRETARIES MIGHT BE USEFUL AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

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