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SUMMARY

1. I COULD RAISE IRAQ/KUWAIT IN THE FIVE, PERHAPS AT THE LUNCH I AM GIVING FOR THE FIVE AMBASSADORS ON 30 JULY. BUT AS CHAIRMAN I WOULD NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF OUR OBJECTIVES IN DOING SO.

DETAIL

2. I AM READY TO RAISE IRAQ/KUWAIT AMONG THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. I SHALL BE GIVING A LUNCH TO SAY GOODBYE TO AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE ON 30 JULY: THIS MIGHT BE A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY IF YOU FEEL THE MATTER CAN WAIT UNTIL THEN. FOR ME TO CALL AN EARLIER MEETING WOULD REQUIRE SOME COMPELLING REASON.

3. WHATEVER THE OCCASION, I WOULD AS CHAIRMAN NEED TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE. IT COULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SIMPLE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, OR FOR CONSIDERATION OF SOME INITIATIVE. IN EITHER CASE IT WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IF THE OTHERS HAD PRIOR NOTICE OF OUR INTENTION. WE MUST BEAR IN MIND IRAQI EFFORTS TO AVOID BRINGING THE PROBLEM TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SOONER OR LATER THEY WOULD HEAR ABOUT OUR DISCUSSION (AS THE INDIANS AND PAKISTANIS DID OVER KASHMIR).

4. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE.

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