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DA MEETING WITH AMIRAL LANXADE - MILITARY ADVISER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.

1. DA HAD A SHORT SITUATION UPDATE WITH AMIRAL LANXADE 131030Z AUGUST. MAIN POINTS AS FOLLOWS :

A. SAUDI/GULF STATES.

ACCORDING TO LANXADE THE SAUDIS HAVE NOW OFFICIALLY ASKED FRANCE FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE QUAI HOWEVER, ARE SAYING THAT THE STATUS OF THIS REQUEST IS UNCLEAR. A PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ENVOY (BIANCO) IS BEING SENT TO SEE KING FAHD AND WILL NO DOUBT CLARIFY THIS. ANOTHER ENVOY IS GOING TO THE UAE TO DISCUSS ASSISTANCE. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON THESE HIGH LEVEL MISSIONS.

B. FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS.

NO FURTHER REINFORCEMENT IS ENVISAGED AT THE MOMENT. IT IS THOUGHT THAT HELOS ETC + 800 ARMY PERSONNEL ON CLEMENCEAU PLUS CIVILIANS/MILITARY TECH ASSISTANCE IN GULF REPRESENTS A GOOD CONTRIBUTION. LANXADE WAS AT PAINS TO EMPHASISE THAT FRENCH CIVILIANS WERE CONTINUING TO WORK ON FR EQUIPMENT ON FRONT LINE AIRFIELDS.

C. CONTROL OF FORCES IMPLEMENTING QUARANTINE.

THERE IS FRENCH CONCERN THAT THE QUOTE CO-ORDINATION UNQUOTE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY ORGANISED IN QUARANTINE OPS. DA WAS ABLE TO INFORM LANXADE THAT A MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR 141200Z IN PARIS BETWEEN SEC(OS)/CAPTAIN SUNTER (DNW) AND FRENCH EQUIVALENTS WHICH WOULD GO SOME WAY TO RESOLVE THIS. DA WAS CAREFUL NOT TO SAY THAT CAPTAIN SUNTER HAD ALREADY HAD ANGLO-AMERICAN TALKS.

D. WEU.

AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING ON 20/21 AUGUST FRANCE WILL STRESS NEED

FOR CO-ORDINATED ACTION IN IMPLEMENTING A QUARANTINE. FURTHERMORE LANXADE SEES A NEED FOR AN ORGANISED ROTA BETWEEN NATIONS ON VARIOUS - NAVAL - TASKS, EMBARGO AND MINESWEEPING BEING EXAMPLES.

E. FIGHTER AFFILIATION.

DA ALSO MENTIONED IN PASSING THE RAF REQUEST FOR DISSIMILAR AIR DEFENCE TRAINING BETWEEN MIRAGE AND TORNADO. THEY AGREED THAT DA WOULD PROCESS THIS THROUGH CEMA. AMIRAL POULIQUEN IS CLEARING WITH FAF THIS AFTERNOON - POSSIBLE FOR 2 DAYS TIME AT LEEMING, YORKSHIRE.

2. LANXADE ADDED THAT THE FRENCH ARE MOST CONCERNED AT THE PRO-HUSSEIN AGITATION IN THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES, NOTABLY ALGERIA AND TUNISIA.

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