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IRAQ/KUWAIT: NEXT STEPS IN NEW YORK
SUMMARY

1. AMERICANS PUSHING HARD FOR A RESOLUTION TODAY. WOULD WELCOME UK HELP WITH SOME OF RECALCITRANT NON-ALIGNED (COLOMBIA, MALAYSIA, YEMEN, CUBA). PRESIDENT BUSH MAY CALL COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT TODAY.

DETAIL

2. WOLFE (DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS BUREAU) TELEPHONED AT 1500Z TO EMPHASISE AGAIN THAT THE US WOULD BE PUSHING HARD FOR A RESOLUTION ON ENFORCEMENT TODAY. BUT THERE WAS STILL DIFFICULTY WITH SOME OF THE NON-ALIGNED, IN PARTICULAR COLOMBIA, MALAYSIA, YEMEN AND CUBA. THE US INTENDED TO LEAN HARD ON THE FIRST THREE, AND PRESIDENT BUSH WOULD RING THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LATER TODAY TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE US WERE WORKING ASSIDUOUSLY TO GET A RESOLUTION: THE IRAQIS WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CIRCUMVENT UN SANCTIONS: THE PERMANENT FIVE WERE CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON A TEXT WHICH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ALSO FOUND ACCEPTABLE: BUT THE COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR WAS MAKING AN UNHELPFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEBATE: THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UN AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL WERE AT STAKE: WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY, ENFORCING THE ECONOMIC EMBARGO AGAINST IRAQ WOULD BECOME MORE DIFFICULT. THE PRESIDENT WAS THEREFORE ASKING FOR THE COLOMBIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BE INSTRUCTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE REST OF THE COUNCIL.

3. WOLFE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT MALAYSIA WAS QUOTE ONE OF YOURS UNQUOTE. WE BRIEFED HIM ON OUR APPROACH IN KUALA LUMPUR THIS MORNING (KL TELNO 429), FOR WHICH HE WAS GRATEFUL, BUT SAID THAT THE US WOULD WELCOME ANY EXTRA EFFORT THAT WE COULD MAKE WITH THE MALAYSIANS. IT WAS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO GET A RESOLUTION TODAY, BUT TO GET IF POSSIBLE A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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