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SUMMARY

1. FURTHER MEETING OF THE FIVE. POSSIBLE TIMETABLE FOR ACTION ON 24 AUGUST.

DETAIL

2. AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE MET AGAIN AT 1930Z ON 23 AUGUST. PICKERING (UNITED STATES) SAID THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN TOLD THAT BAKER AND SHEVARDNADZE HAD BEEN SPEAKING ON THE TELEPHONE. SHEVARDNADZE HAD SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT HIS HIGHER AUTHORITIES, AND THIS WOULD TAKE A LITTLE TIME. HE WOULD RING BACK TOMORROW, 24 AUGUST AROUND NOON.

3. PICKERING SAID THAT THE AMERICANS HAD ACCEPTED THIS FURTHER DELAY. HE ADDED THAT HE NOW HAD AUTHORITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE ON SANCTIONS-BUSTING TO THE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS COMMITTEE LATER TODAY, 23 AUGUST. (A MEETING HAS BEEN FIXED FOR 2200Z). HE HAD ALSO AGREED TO GIVE THE NON-ALIGNED A BRIEFING ON HOW THE AMERICANS SAW THE ELEMENTS IN THE RESOLUTION WORKING OUT IN PRACTICE TO TRY AND REASSURE THEM THAT THE AMERICANS WERE NOT PLANNING TO ENGAGE IN "COWBOY" OPERATIONS IN THE GULF. LOZINSKIY (SOVIET UNION) SAID THE SOVIET UNION VALUED ITS HIGH LEVEL CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES. A HISTORIC DECISION WAS BEING TAKEN. IT HAD TO BE PROCESSED CAREFULLY.

4. I ASKED WHAT THE TIMETABLE WOULD BE IF BAKER AND SHEVARDNADZE SPOKE AT NOON ON 24 AUGUST AND THERE WAS AGREEMENT. PICKERING SUGGESTED THAT IF THERE WERE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TEXT, AS LOZINSKIY HAD INDICATED TO HIM THERE MIGHT BE, THEY COULD BE STUDIED AT A MEETING OF THE FIVE AT 1700Z ON 24 AUGUST. THE TEXT WOULD THEN

BE CIRCULATED OFFICIALLY (IN BLUE) TO COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD REQUEST INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOR 1930Z OR 2000Z. THIS COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A FORMAL MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION. THERE MIGHT WELL BE A DEBATE: THE U S HAD NO WISH TO STIFLE DISCUSSION.

5. I POINTED OUT THAT IF INDEED THERE WERE CHANGES TO THE TEXT, WE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO CLEAR THEM WITH OUR GOVERNMENTS. THE SOONER WE GOT THE FINAL TEXT THE BETTER. THERE WAS NOT MUCH TIME TO SELL THE TEXT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES OF IMPORTANCE.

6. STRESSING THAT I WAS SPEAKING IN CONFIDENCE, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF THE FIVE ON THE EVIDENCE ABOUT THE MALTESE GOVERNMENT TRYING TO BREACH SANCTIONS (PARA 4 OF YOUR TELNO 408).

COMMENT

7. DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOW BEING DICTATED BY THE CONTACTS BETWEEN SHEVARDNADZE AND BAKER. THE IMPLICATIONS OF PICKERING'S AND LOZINSKIY'S COMMENTS WAS THAT BOTH EXPECTED SHEVARDNADZE'S REACTION TO BE POSITIVE. WHETHER OR NOT AMENDMENTS OF SUBSTANCE ARE PROPOSED, IT WILL PRESUMABLY BE NECESSARY TO UPDATE THE DEADLINE. PICKERING (PLEASE PROTECT) SAID TO ME PRIVATELY THAT IT MIGHT BE PUT BACK BY ANOTHER 24 HOURS. IT WOULD NOT MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE TO THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND.

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