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SUMMARY

1. INCONCLUSIVE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY-GENERAL AND ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. SECRETARY-GENERAL TO WRITE TO ME AS PRESIDENT OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

DETAIL

- 2. THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR DULY CALLED ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE AFTERNOON OF 15 OCTOBER. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL LATER TOLD ME THAT BEIN HAD SIMPLY HANDED OVER THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED BY THE ISRAELI CABINET ON 14 OCTOBER. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF THE STATEMENT IN PARA 4 OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT QUOTE ISRAEL WILL NOT RECEIVE THE DELEGATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL UNQUOTE: DID THIS MEAN THAT THE MISSION WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED INTO ISRAEL, OR MERELY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE OFFICIALLY RECEIVED? BEIN SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE THIS CLARIFICATION AND UNDERTOOK TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. PEREZ DE CUELLAR URGED HIM TO GET THESE OVERNIGHT.
- 3. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TOLD ME HE WAS NOT TOO DISCOURAGED BY THIS REACTION: THERE WAS STILL ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION WITH THE ISRAELIS. WE HAD ALREADY LEARNT THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PLANNED TO SEND ME A LETTER AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, EXPLAINING WHERE MATTERS STOOD. I SAID TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT I HOPED THAT THE HOTHEADS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE OVER-HASTY IN BRINGING UP THE ISRAELI NON-COOPERATION THERE. THIS WOULD DO NOTHING TO ASSIST OUR OBJECTIVE OF GETTING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MISSION PROPERLY RECEIVED IN ISRAEL. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THIS WAS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. WE AGREED THAT TO LESSEN THIS RISK HIS LETTER TO ME WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WERE STILL BEING PURSUED.

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