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MY TELNO 1681: IRAQ/KUWAIT: SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

SUMMARY

1. AMERICANS AGREE TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS DRAFTED BY THE FIVE. TEXT CIRCULATED TO OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS.

DETAIL

2. WHEN AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE MET ON THE MORNING OF 19 OCTOBER PICKERING (UNITED STATES) SAID HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION PREPARED BY THE FIVE. HE PROPOSED ONE MINOR AMENDMENT: THE FRENCH INTRODUCED A FEW FURTHER SMALL CHANGES. ALL WERE ACCEPTED (TEXT TO FOLLOW BY FAX TO EMERGENCY UNIT AND UND).

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT OUR CO-ORDINATOR WOULD ARRANGE FOR THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AS A WORKING PAPER 'BROADLY ACCEPTED BY THE FIVE' (THE FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE CHINESE TO PRESERVE THEIR OWN POSITION). PICKERING WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE FIVE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS TO BRIEF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE TEXT, EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARRANGED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF 19 OCTOBER. BUT I SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD BEWARE OF CREATING ANY LINK BETWEEN THE TWO ISSUES, EVEN BY JUXTAPOSITION. I WAS SUPPORTED BY LOZINKSKIY (SOVIET UNION) AND LI (CHINA). PICKERING RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED THIS, ALTHOUGH HE KEPT OPEN THE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY THAT THE BRIEFING MEETINGS MIGHT BE HELD ONCE THE COUNCIL HAD CONCLUDED ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT WE SHOULD NOT PURSUE THE EARLIER AMERICAN IDEA OF IMMEDIATELY TABLING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION 'IN BLUE' (PARA 7 OF TUR): THIS COULD BE SEEN BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUCIL AS A CONFRONTATIONAL GESTURE. IT WOULD BE BETER TO BRIEF THEM FULLY BEFORE A TEXT WAS TABLED.

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