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MY TELNO 1683: IRAQ/KUWAIT: NEXT STEPS RESOLUTION

1. WHEN AMBASSADORS OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS MET TO DISCUSS OTHER BUSINESS ON 22 OCTOBER, THERE WAS A BRIEF EXCHANGE ON THE FUTURE OF OUR NEXT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON IRAQ/KUWAIT. NO-ONE QUESTIONED MY SUGGESTION THAT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WE WOULD HAVE TO FIND WAYS OF DEALING IN PARALLEL WITH THE GULF CRISIS AND THE SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: BOTH WOULD FIGURE CONTINUOUSLY ON THE COUNCIL'S AGENDA.

2. IT WAS AGREED TENTATIVELY THAT WE SHOULD GO AHEAD ON 23 OCTOBER, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WITH OUR BRIEFINGS FOR THE NON-ALIGNED AND THE OTHER THREE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. THERE WAS SOME EXPECTATION OF THIS AMONG OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE WOULD TAKE A FINAL DECISION WHEN WE COULD SEE HOW MATTERS STOOD ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IT WAS NOTED THAT SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN HAD ASKED FOR TWO REFERENCES TO HIMSELF TO BE DROPPED FROM THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD MAKE STILL MORE REMOTE HIS CHANCES OF BEING ADMITTED TO IRAQ. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS.

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