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MY TELNO 1730: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MISSION TO ISRAEL

SUMMARY

1. NEGATIVE ISRAELI REACTION TO LATEST US APPROACH OVER SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MISSION. AMERICANS INSTRUCTED TO SEEK AMENDMENTS TO NON-ALIGNED DRAFT RESOLUTION, TO ENABLE THEM TO VOTE IN FAVOUR.

DETAIL

2. THE US PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TELEPHONED EARLY ON 24 OCTOBER TO SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT YET SEEN ANY TELEGRAMS OUT OF TEL AVIV, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ISRAELI REACTION TO THE LATEST US APPROACH HAD BEEN NEGATIVE. THE AMERICANS WERE NOW THEREFORE WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT A RESOLUTION WOULD COME TO A VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL LATER IN THE DAY.

3. PICKERING SAID THAT, IN THAT PERSPECTIVE, HE HAD NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE SOME CHANGES TO THE TEXT TABLED BY THE FOUR NON-ALIGNED (TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION AS THE AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT IS BEING SENT BY FAX TO THE DEPARTMENT). BROADLY SPEAKING THE MAIN CHANGES THEY WERE SEEKING WOULD BE TO REMOVE THE PREAMBULAR REFERENCE TO ARTICLE 25: TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT READ OUT TO THE COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 672 ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WAS NOT AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT RESOLUTION: AND TO CHANGE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE ABOUT THE MISSION TO BRING IT INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE NOTE WHICH I NEGOTIATED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (MY TELNO 1712 A TEXT OF COURSE NOT KNOWN TO ANYONE EXCEPT THE AMERICANS) SO THAT THE ISRAELIS WERE NOT ASKED TO RECEIVE THE MISSION BUT TO PERMIT IT TO GO AND TO SEE ALL THOSE WHO WISHED TO SEE IT. PICKERING SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING THE MALAYSIAN AND YEMENI PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES VERY SHORTLY TO TRY TO PRE-NEGOTIATE THESE CHANGES.

4. IN REPLY TO MY QUESTION PICKERING SAID THAT IT WAS NOT IMPLICIT

IN HIS INSTRUCTIONS THAT, IF THESE CHANGES COULD BE MADE, THE AMERICANS WOULD VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION. SHOULD HOWEVER THERE BE DIFFICULTY OVER THE CHANGES HE WOULD BE DUCKING ANY QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THAT WOULD IMPLY A U S ABSTENTION OR EVEN A VETO.

5. PICKERING MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT SEEK ANY INTERVENTION BY US AS PRESIDENCY IN ADVANCE OF THIS AFTERNOON'S CONSULTATION OF THE WHOLE AND SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. I CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT THE CHANGES HE WOULD BE SEEKING COVERED ALL THE POINTS ON WHICH WE WISHED TO SEE THE RESOLUTION CHANGED. PICKERING SAID THAT THE SAME WAS TRUE OF THE FRENCH AND RUSSIANS WHOM HE HAD ALSO BRIEFED. HE WOULD BE SPEAKING TO THE CHINESE TOO.

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