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AD HOC CONSULTATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY STAFF
COMMITTEE (MSC)

SUMMARY

1. US EXPRESS QUOTE DISAPPOINTMENT UNQUOTE THAT UK WILL
NOT BE SENDING SENIOR MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE FROM LONDON
FOR AD HOC MSC MEETING ON 29 OCTOBER.

DETAIL

2. TELECON SALVESON/POCOCK REFERS. JOHN WOLF (DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS BUREAU,
STATE) TOLD US ON 24 OCTOBER THAT KIMMITT AND QUOTE THE
SEVENTH FLOOR UNQUOTE WERE DISAPPOINTED BY THE UK DECISION ON
THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE FORTHCOMING MSC MEETING.
WHILE HE AGAIN FORMALLY CONFIRMED THE ASSURANCES ON THE SCOPE
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING ALREADY CONVEYED BY PICKERING
TO UKMIS NEW YORK (PARA 7 OF UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 1729), HE
SAID THAT THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WAS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION
OF POLITICAL SYMBOLISM. THE US SAW QUOTE POLITICAL UTILITY
UNQUOTE IN HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS. THEY
WANTED TO PROMOTE A COMMON PERCEPTION THROUGHOUT THE UN THAT
THIS WAS MORE THAN A QUESTION OF THE US FLEXING THEIR MUSCLES.

3. WITHOUT SAYING SO IN TERMS, WOLF MADE IT CLEAR THAT
THE US HOPED WE WOULD RECONSIDER OUR POSITION AND PERMIT
APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION FROM LONDON. WE HAVE TOLD STATE
THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF A CHANGE OF VIEW ON THIS.

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