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BONN TELNO 1383: HOSTAGES HELD BY IRAQ

SUMMARY

1. BRANDT WILL CALL ON THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 31 OCTOBER TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE IRAQ-KUWAIT CRISIS.

DETAIL

2. AT A MEETING OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWELVE ON 31 OCTOBER, THE GERMAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED THAT BRANDT WOULD CALL ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT AFTERNOON, TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE IRAQ-KUWAIT CRISIS. HE WAS DOING SO AS A PRIVATE PERSON, NOT AT THE REQUEST OF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT. AT MY PROMPTING, THE GERMAN UNDERTOOK TO DRAW TO BRANDT'S ATTENTION SCR 674, AND IN PARTICULAR THE REFERENCE TO THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THIS REGARD CONTAINED IN PARA 7 OF THE RESOLUTION.

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3. MY GERMAN COLLEAGUE COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER DETAILS OF BRANDT'S INITIATIVE. WHEN I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PRIVATELY AT LUNCH HE WAS ABLE TO EXPLAIN MORE OF THE BACKGROUND: HE SAID HE WAS MUCH TROUBLED BY WHAT WAS PLANNED. HE HAD BEEN TELEPHONED THIS MORNING SEPARATELY FIRST BY GENSCHER AND THEN BY ANDREOTTI WHO TRIED TO SELL HIM THE IDEA THAT BRANDT SHOULD GO TO BAGHDAD AS THE LEADER OF A EUROPEAN TROIKA REPRESENTING THE THREE MAIN (SIC) EUROPEAN POLITICAL GROUPINGS (THE OTHERS TO ACCOMPANY HIM BEING COLOMBO (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT) AND DE CLERCQ (LIBERAL)). GENSCHER AND ANDREOTTI HAD SAID THAT THEY HOPED PEREZ DE CUELLAR WOULD GIVE THE TROIKA A UNITED NATIONS LABEL AND COVER FOR THEIR TRIP TO BAGHDAD.

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4. PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT HE HAD RESPONDED VERY COOLLY. HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT HE ALREADY HAD HIS OWN EMISSARY FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES, SADRUDDIN. MOREOVER HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE IRAQIS WERE MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE VISITING FOREIGNERS IF THEY CAME UNDER BILATERAL NATIONAL COLOURS AND NOT UNDER UN AUSPICES. THAT HAD BEEN THE EXPERIENCE SO FAR. HE HAD THEREFORE GIVEN THEM NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY WHEN HE SAW BRANDT LATER

TODAY.

5. I SAID THIS WAS ALL VERY DISTURBING. WE WERE OF COURSE A PARTY TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. BUT I DOUBTED VERY MUCH WHETHER WE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ABOUT ANY AMBITIOUS FOLLOW-UP IDEAS SUCH AS HE HAD DESCRIBED. I COULD NOT BELIEVE WE WOULD APPROVE OF THEM. TO SEND A MISSION TO SADDAM HUSSEIN WHICH PURPORTED TO REPRESENT THE MAJOR POLITICAL GROUPINGS IN EUROPE WAS EXACTLY THE THING TO AVOID. SO I HOPED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS APPROACH WAS BEING MADE TO HIM IN ANY SENSE IN THE NAME OF THE TWELVE.

6. PEREZ DE CUELLAR THANKED ME FOR THIS CLARIFICATION AND SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT SADDAM HUSSEIN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE A GROUP OF THAT SORT AND WOULD TURN IT VERY MUCH TO HIS OWN BENEFIT. WHEN HE SAW BRANDT LATER THIS AFTERNOON HE INTENDED TO WISH HIM GOOD LUCK BUT NOT TO GIVE HIM ANY UN LABEL FOR THE PURPOSES OF HIS JOURNEY.

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