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TELEGRAM NUMBER 130 OF 9 JUNE 1980

PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK

1. MCNAMARA INFORMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS THIS MORNING THAT HE INTENDS TO RETIRE AS PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK IN JUNE 1981, WHEN HE WILL REACH HIS SIXTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ALTHOUGH HIS PRESENT CONTRACT DOES NOT EXPIRE TILL 1983, HE WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION. HE IS -ANNOUNCING IT NOW IN ORDER TO LEAVE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CHOICE OF A SUCCESSOR.

- 2. A PRESS NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED LATER TODAY.
- 3. FCC PLEASE ADVANCE TO TREASURY, ODA AND BANK OF ENGLAND

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