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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 666 OF 13 DECEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE GOVERNOR GIBRALTAR (PERSONAL)

MIPT: GIBRALTAR

1. I ALSO USED THIS CALL TO RAISE WITH CUENCA THE QUESTION OF TALKS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL TO PREPARE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LISBON AGREEMENT (YOUR TELNO 354). CUENCA AGREED THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN MORAN AND YOURSELF HAD BEEN EXTREMELY POSITIVE. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAY FORWARD COINCIDED WITH OUR OWN. HE SAID THAT THE PRELIMINARY TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND ME AND THAT THEY COULD START IN JANUARY.

2. I SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE PRELIMINARY TALKS SHOULD NOT (NOT) BE TO RENEGOTIATE WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED AND COVERED IN DOCUMENTS EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES (THE TWO EXCHANGES OF LETTERS OF 8 JANUARY 1982 AND OUR MEMORANDUM OF 30 JULY LAST). I HOPED MORAN WOULD ENDORSE THESE. I THOUGHT THAT THE MAIN FOCUS OF OUR PRELIMINARY TALKS WOULD BE, APART FROM SETTLING THE TIME AND PLACE, TO DISCUSS THE BROAD OUTLINE OF WHAT COULD BE ACHIEVED AT THE OPENING OF THE FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MECHANISMS TO CARRY THE PROCESS FORWARD THEREAFTER. HE DID NOT DISSENT.

3. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS BY EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. I THINK THESE SHOULD CONTAIN SOME GUIDANCE ON THE QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THREE COMMITTEES (POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND DEFENCE) WHICH WERE UNDER DISCUSSION EARLIER IN THE YEAR. WHILE THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE NO DIFFICULTY OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, THE SETTING UP OF A DEFENCE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE MORE TRICKY BECAUSE OF THE AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE OF THE NEW SPANISH GOVERNMENT TOWARDS NATO. I SHALL NEED TO EXPLORE THIS CAREFULLY WITH CUENCA, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ARGUMENTS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

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