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YOUR TELNO 2226 TO WASHINGTON: FUTURE OF EMBASSIES IN BAGHDAD. ✓

SUMMARY

1. PORTUGUESE POSITION UNDECIDED. AMBASSADOR CURRENTLY ON LEAVE BUT EXPECTED TO RETURN BEFORE 15 JANUARY. SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION NOT YET ADDRESSED.

DETAIL

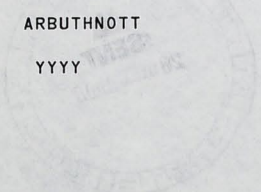
2. SECOND SECRETARY CALLED ON FAWOR (DEPUTY HEAD OF MIDDLE EAST DEPT MFA) AND TOOK HIM THROUGH IDEAS IN PARA 2 OF TUR. FAWOR SAID THAT THE MFA HAD NOT YET ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF FUTURE OF THE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY IN BAGHDAD POST 15 JANUARY 1991 (APPARENTLY AT NEITHER AN ADMINISTRATIVE NOR POLITICAL LEVEL). IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN AT A 'CORE LEVEL'. THE AMBASSADOR WAS THE ONLY CARREER DIPLOMAT. CURRENTLY ON LEAVE IN PORTUGAL HE WAS PLANNING TO RETURN TO BAGHDAD (ALTHOUGH POSSIBLY WITHOUT HIS WIFE).

3. THE MISSION WAS CURRENTLY BEING RUN BY A SECOND SECRETARY ON LOAN FROM ANKARA (FAWOR EMPHASISED THAT HE WAS NOT FORMALLY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES).

4. FAWOR UNDERTOOK TO INFORM US OF ANY DEVELOPMENT OF THE PORTUGUESE POSITION.

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