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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 313 OF 5 DECEMBER

FOR INFORMATION IMMEDIATE DAMASCUS, WASHINGTON, BEIRUT, TEL AVIV,
ATHENS (FOR SECRETARY OF STATE'S PARTY).

FROM PS/MR LUCE.

US/SYRIA.

1. MR LUCE HAS BEEN TACKLED BY THE PRESS BOTH IN DAMASCUS AND ON HIS ARRIVAL AT KUWAIT ABOUT HMG'S ATTITUDE TO THE US RAND ON SYRIAN POSITIONS ON 4 DECEMBER. HE TOOK THE LINE THAT THE IMPORTANT THING NOW WAS TO END THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND TO WORK FOR RECONCILIATION THROUGH AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA TALKS.

2. REACTION IN THE ARAB WORLD TO THE PRESS LINE BEING USED IN LONDON, WHICH IS BEING INTERPRETED AS INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN RAND, HAS BEEN VERY STRONG. BOTH SYRIAN AND KUWAITI MINISTERS HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT AT A LINE WHICH THEY BELIEVE IDENTIFIES US FIRMLY WITH US ACTIONS IN THE LEBANON. MR LUCE BELIEVES THAT THE FORMULA HE HAS WHICH SEEKS TO RETAIN OUR CREDIBILITY IN THE ARAB WORLD AT A TIME WHEN ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IS RUNNING HIGH, BUT AVOIDS APPORTIONING BLAME FOR THE WEEKEND'S EVENTS, IS THE MOST BALANCED AND SENSIBLE LINE. HE VERY MUCH HOPES THAT IN ANSWERING ANY FURTHER QUERIES WE CAN STICK TO THIS FORMULA.

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI FROM THE SAC, NEW YORK (100-100000) (P) (U) (100-100000) (P) (U)

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RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DECEMBER TWENTY, LAST, AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO NEW YORK, DECEMBER TWENTY, LAST.

ADVISE THAT ON DECEMBER TWENTY, LAST, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING IN CONTACT WITH THE SUBJECT:

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NAME: [REDACTED] ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

NAME: [REDACTED] ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

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