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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1166 OF 15 DECEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, ROME, UKREP BRUSSELS

YOUR TELNO 2089 TO WASHINGTON : LEBANON : MNF CONSULTATIONS

1. DELAYE IN CHEYSSON'S CABINET SAID THAT CHEYSSON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO STAY FOR DINNER ON 19 DECEMBER BECAUSE HE HAD AN UNBREAKABLE COMMITMENT IN PARIS AT 5.00 IN THE AFTERNOON. NOR COULD HE BE IN BRUSSELS ON THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

2. DELAYE WONDERED IF AN ALTERNATIVE MIGHT NOT BE FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS TO MEET RUMSFELD SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. HE SAID HE WOULD IN ANY CASE TRANSMIT YOUR PROPOSAL TO CHEYSSON (CURRENTLY WITH MITTERRAND VISITING YUGOSLAVIA) AND COME BACK TO US WHEN HE HAD CHEYSSON'S REACTION.

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