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TELEGRAM NUMBER 620 DATED 30 APRIL 82
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

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MIPT: YOUR VISIT TO NEW YORK

1. PRESS AND TELEVISION INTEREST IN YOUR VISIT WILL BE INTENSE AND THE UN CORRESPONDENTS WILL LIE IN WAIT FOR YOU THROUGHOUT. RICHARD HOTTELET OF CBS HAS ASKED IF HE COULD INTERVIEW YOU FOR THE CBS EARLY MORNING SHOW BETWEEN 8 AND 8.30 AM ON MONDAY. HE MAY RING FENN DIRECT ABOUT THIS.
2. MY MAIN CONCERN, FROM THE UN POINT OF VIEW, IS THAT YOUR VISIT HERE SHOULD ADD AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO THE RISKS OF OUR BEING DRAWN PREMATURELY BACK INTO THE SECURITY COUNCIL (SEE MY TELNO 611). I AM THEREFORE PRESENTING IT AS A NATURAL ADJUNCT TO YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON BUT NOT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. FOR THESE REASONS, MY LOCAL RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ACCEPT HOTTELET'S INVITATION. HE IS A UN CORRESPONDENT OF LONGSTANDING AND WIDS EXPERIENCE. IN INTERVIEWING YOU HE WOULD BE BOUND TO CONCENTRATE ON THE UN ASPECTS. HIS VIEWERS

OF LONGSTANDING AND WIDE EXPERIENCE. IN INTERVIEWING YOU HE WOULD BE BOUND TO CONCENTRATE ON THE UN ASPECTS. HIS VIEWERS INCLUDE MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THE SECRETARIAT HERE AND THERE WOULD BE A RISK THAT HE WOULD CONVEY THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE CLOSER TO INVOLVING THE UN AGAIN THAN IS IN FACT THE CASE.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, AND BEARING THE UK REQUIREMENT IN MIND, I DO NOT THINK THAT IT WOULD BE RIGHT FOR YOU TO EVADE THE PRESS ALTOGETHER, EVEN IF THIS WERE POSSIBLE. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT YOU SHOULD GIVE A HALF-HOUR PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY, AFTER YOU HAVE SEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT SOME OF THE CONFUSION WHICH COSTA MENDEZ HAS SPREAD TODAY (REPORTED SEPARATELY) AND TO ENSURE THAT OUR POSITION IS PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD BOTH BY SPECIALIST UN CORRESPONDENTS AND BY A WIDER U S AUDIENCE.

4. IT WILL NOT BE FEASIBLE TO RESTRICT ENTRY TO A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN, AND ARGENTINE AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WILL PRESUMABLY BE PRESENT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, WE COULD ARRANGE A RESTRICTED MEETING WITH BRITISH (AND PERHAPS ALSO AMERICAN) CORRESPONDENTS ON HIS PREMISES AT 845 THIRD AVENUE. BUT THIS WOULD LIMIT YOUR AUDIENCE, AND COULD APPEAR TOO DEFENSIVE. IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE DEPARTURE TIMETABLE VERY TIGHT. MY PREFERENCE WOULD THEREFORE BE FOR THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 3.

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