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TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 540 OF 28 SEPTEMBER  
INFO ROUTINE BUCHAREST  
YOUR TELNO 929: BILATERALS

1. FOR HIS BILATERAL WITH THE ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY WISH TO BE AWARE OF THE GIST OF THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MANESCU ON 23 SEPTEMBER.

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2. MANESCU SAID THAT ROMANIA WOULD LIKE TO SEE A EUROPEAN CONFERENCE (ON THE LINES OF THE FORTHCOMING CDE) CONVENED TO DISCUSS INF. THE US AND SOVIET UNION SHOULD POSTPONE DEPLOYMENT TO GIVE MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS, OR SHOULD AT LEAST AGREE NOT TO DEPLOY ANY INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES IN EAST OR WEST GERMANY OR IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE AIM SHOULD BE TO ACHIEVE A MILITARY BALANCE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. THE PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE INF PROBLEM LAY IN THE HANDS OF THE SOVIET UNION. IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT AN ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE ANY GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS THAN EXISTING FORA. SHE HOPED THE GENEVA TALKS WOULD CONTINUE EVEN IF A ZERO OPTION COULD NOT BE AGREED.

LEBANON

3. MANESCU SAID THAT THE UN SHOULD WORK TO ACHIEVE THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS FROM LEBANON AND ASSURE THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE LEBANESE STATE. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY WAS TO SECURE A CEASEFIRE AND PERSUADE THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO GENUINE TALKS ON RECONCILIATION ONLY THEN COULD THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MNF BE CONSIDERED.

BILATERAL VISITS

4. MANESCU REPEATED THE INVITATIONS TO THE QUEEN AND PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT ROMANIA. THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK NOTE, BUT MADE

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