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TO IMMEDIATE FCO.,
TELNO 516 OF 11 OCTOBER 1983.,
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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

DENMARK: INF

1. ELLEMAN JENSEN MENTIONED THIS BRIEFLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE TODAY IN THE MARGINS OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL. HE SAID THAT IF, AS HE FEARED (AND DESPITE HIS EXPECTATION THAT SCHMIDT PERSONALLY WOULD REMAIN FIRM) THE SDP TURNED AGAINST DEPLOYMENT, IT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY DESTROY HIS MAJORITY ON THIS ISSUE IN THE FOLKETING. HE TOLD THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT HE WOULD BE SEEKING TO FIND A FORM OF WORDS THAT WOULD ENABLE HIM TO MAINTAIN HIS COMMITMENT.

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