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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 985 OF 04 NOVEMBER

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON MODUK (DS 17)

INFO PRIORITY BRUSSELS THE HAGUE ROME UKDEL NATO

INFO ROUTINE MOSCOW

OUR TELNO. 955 AND TELCON. GOZNEY/MISS BAILES: BUNDESTAG  
DEBATE ON INF: LATEST POSITION

1. THE ALTERNATIVE TIMINGS FOR THE DEBATE CURRENTLY ON THE  
TABLE ARE 21-22 NOVEMBER (THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL) AND 21-23  
NOVEMBER (THE SPD/GREENS' DEMAND). THE 'COUNCIL OF ELDERS'  
WHICH FIXES BUNDESTAG ARRANGEMENTS BEHIND THE SCENES WILL MEET ON  
10 NOVEMBER AND THE GOVERNMENT HOPE THEN TO USE THEIR MAJORITY  
ON THE 'COUNCIL' TO WIN ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR TIMETABLE. THE US  
HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THEY CAN ARRANGE MISSILE DELIVERIES TO FIT  
IN WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN, I.E. NO ARRIVALS BEFORE THE  
NIGHT OF 22 NOVEMBER.

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