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OF 10 NOVEMBER 1983



No 10 D.S.T.

FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PUS FROM CARTLEDGE

INF NUMBERS

1. BURT MADE IT CLEAR DURING TODAY'S SCG MEETING THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN TAKEN IN WASHINGTON ON WHETHER TO FILL OUT THE U S NEGOTIATING POSITION ON INF WITH THE ILLUSTRATIVE NUMBERS WHICH DAM MENTIONED TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON 07 NOVEMBER. HE DID COVER THIS GROUND IN SOME DETAIL IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION, AT WHICH IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PENTAGON AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON THE ISSUE. BUT THE CANADIANS (AS A NON-STATIONING COUNTRY) DO NOT ATTEND THE RESTRICTED SESSIONS: AND WE CHECKED WITH THE AMERICANS THAT THE CANADIANS HAVE HAD NO SPECIAL BRIEFING ON NUMBERS. ALTHOUGH, THEREFORE, THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO BE AWARE THAT THE QUESTION IS STILL UNRESOLVED IN WASHINGTON, SHE SHOULD NOT MENTION THE SUGGESTED NUMBERS OR RATIOS TO MR TRUDEAU WHEN SHE MEETS HIM ON 11 NOVEMBER.
2. IF, AGAINST EXPECTATION, MR TRUDEAU DOES RAISE THE MATTER, THE PRIME MINISTER COULD TAKE THE SAME LINE AS SHE TOOK WITH -AM, IE THAT THE KIND OF NUMBERS WHICH THE AMERICANS ARE THINKING -F GIVE US NO DIFFICULTY, ALTHOUGH ANYTHING LOWER MIGHT CALL -UESTION THE NECESSITY FOR ANY DEPLOYMENT.
3. PLEASE COPY TO 10 DOWNING STREET.

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-CN PARA 1 LAST LINE MR. TRUDEAU