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Mr. F. L. ...

We might be asked
on Tuesday about IOC
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FM BONN 151110Z DEC 83
TO PRIORITY FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1137 OF 15 DECEMBER
INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, UKDEL NATO, MODUK (DS17)
INFO ROUTINE ROME.

INF DEPLOYMENT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PERSHING INF HOCS

1. THE US AND FRG AUTHORITIES HAVE AGREED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF INITIAL OPERATING CAPABILITY (IOC) FOR THE FIRST PERSHING INF IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC SHOULD NOT (NOT) BE ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. (BACKGROUND IS IN MISS BAILES' TELELETTER OF 5 DECEMBER TO COLSTON, MOD.) UP TO 31 DECEMBER, FRG SPOKESMEN WILL MERELY CONFIRM IN ANSWER TO ALL ENQUIRIES THAT 'WE ARE ON SCHEDULE'. SOON THEREAFTER, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE TO THE EFFECT THAT 'IOC HAS BEEN REACHED AS PLANNED' (WITHOUT SAYING EXACTLY WHEN). IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS POLICY, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY REFUSED EITHER TO CONFIRM OR DENY PRESS RUMOURS FROM WASHINGTON THAT IOC WOULD BE REACHED ON 15 DECEMBER. HE RECALLED THAT EARLIER STATEMENTS HAD ALWAYS SPOKEN OF IOC BEING REACHED 'BY END - 83'.

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