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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TEL NO PERSONAL 113 OF 6 AUG 83

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MY TELNO PERSONAL 111: GIBRALTAR DOCKYARD BALLOT

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY GTC OF THE RESULT OF THE BALLOT WHICH TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY. PRESS REPORTS APPARENTLY WELL FOUNDED INDICATE PROBABILITY OF MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF CONTINUING THE FIGHT.

2. GIBRALTAR CHRONICLE THIS MORNING STATES THAT OF 522 TGWU WORKERS BALLOTTED 338 FAVOUR CONTINUING THE FIGHT WHILST 170 ACCEPTED CLOSURE. THERE WERE 11 ABSTENTIONS AND 3 VOIDS.

3. IPCS BALLOTTED 93 MEMBERS AND CPSA SOME 300. NO INDICATION IS GIVEN OF THE OUTCOME OF THESE TWO BALLOTS BUT WE EXPECT CPSA TO BE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CLOSURE.

4. THE SITUATION HOWEVER REMAINS UNCLEAR AS THE GTC WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT CONSTITUTES A 'CLEAR' MAJORITY AS THEY CALLED FOR IN ANNOUNCING THE BALLOT. MOREOVER SHERIFF OF IPCS SUGGESTED TO GIBRALTAR CHRONICLE THAT A POSSIBLE NEXT STEP WOULD BE THAT IF A CLEAR MAJORITY IN FAVOUR OF ACTION WAS ACHIEVED THERE COULD BE A SECOND BALLOT AMONGST A WIDER CIRCLE OF WORKERS WHOSE SUPPORT WOULD BE NECESSARY IF UNION ACTION WAS TO BE EFFECTIVE.

5. GRATEFUL IF RESIDENT CLERK WOULD INFORM SYNNOTT SED.

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