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TO IMMEDIATE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE
TELEGRAM NUMBER 154 OF 13 FEBRUARY
AND TO IMMEDIATE BEIRUT, DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV, MOSCOW (FOR
S OF S'S PARTY)
INFO PRIORITY WASHINGTON, PARIS, ROME
INFO ROUTINE AMMAN, JEDDA, CAIRO, THE HAGUE.

MY TELNO 147: LEBANON: UK PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

1. MORE SPADEWORK ON UK PROPOSALS. THESE ARE REGARDED AS MORE
LIKELY TO RUN BECAUSE THEY ARE LESS FAR-REACHING THAN THE
FRENCH PROPOSALS REPORTED SEPARATELY. URQUHART IS MOLLIFIED.

DETAIL

2. AS FORESHADOWED IN TUR THE HEAD OF CHANCERY SPOKE TO
URQUHART AGAIN TODAY, 13 FEBRUARY. HE HAD SIMMERED DOWN A GOOD
DEAL NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE NEWS THAT THE FRENCH HAD UPPED
THE ANTE SO DRAMATICALLY (PARIS TELNO 190, NOT TO ALL).
HE AS MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE DAMAGE THAT THE FRENCH INITIATIVE
MIGHT DO TO AMERICAN PERCEPTIONS OF THE UN THAN ABOUT THE DAMAGE,
REAL OR IMAGINED, CAUSED BY THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO OUR APPROACH.
HE DID SAY, THOUGH, THAT HAVING STARTED HIS PEOPLE IN THE AREA
WORKING ON POSSIBLE OPTIONS IN BEIRUT HE HAD HAD TO CALL THEM OFF
BECAUSE OF THIS PUBLICITY. NEVERTHELESS, HE REMAINED INTERESTED
IN OUR IDEAS FOR SMALL STEPS IN BEIRUT WHICH HE THOUGHT WERE MORE
LIKELY TO SUCCEED THAN THE LARGE STEP PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH.
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LIKELY TO SUCCEED THAN THE LARGE STEP PROPOSED BY THE FRENCH. SPECIFICALLY HE SAID THAT HE WAS LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE UN GUARDING VULNERABLE TARGETS SUCH AS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND THE AIRPORT AS THEY HAD DONE IN THE CONGO.

3. WHEN I SAW THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON I TOLD HIM THAT WE WERE PERFECTLY READY TO TAKE PART IN ANY DEBATE IF THE FRENCH CALLED FOR ONE (MY TELNO 152). IN DOING SO, WE WOULD WANT TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THE PROPOSALS WHICH WE HAD PUT TO THE SECRETARIAT. OUR IDEA WAS TO MAXIMISE THE UN'S EFFORT WITHIN ITS EXISTING MANDATE. THIS MEANT GIVING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE VISIBILITY TO UN OBSERVERS NOW IN BEIRUT AND SEEING IF THERE WERE PARTICULAR TASKS WHICH THEY COULD OPERATE. SHAH NAWAZ AGAIN RESPONDED POSITIVELY.

4. I ALSO BRIEFED MRS KIRKPATRICK, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON, ON WHAT WE HAD PROPOSED. SHE MADE NO DIRECT COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS BUT SAID THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE PUT OFF BY THE SECRETARIAT.

5. VAN DER STOEL (NETHERLANDS) WITH WHOM I HAVE ALSO BEEN CONTACT, SAID THAT OUR IDEAS WERE MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN THE FRENCH INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD LEAD TO PARALYSIS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. MODEST STEPS WERE BETTER. GAUCI (MALTA) SIMILARLY TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGH OUR IDEAS SOUNDED VERY REASONABLE.

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