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TELEGRAM NUMBER 773 OF 2 NOVEMBER
FOLLOWING FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

INDIA: BILATERAL AID PROGRAMME
1. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY HAS SEEN THE BRIEF PREPARED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH MR RAJIV GANDHI.
2. HE HAS COMMENTED ON THE PROPOSED POINT TO MAKE ON OUR BILATERAL AID TO INDIA (PARAGRAPH 11). HE REALISES THE DELICACY OF THE SUBJECT, BUT IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD SAY NOTHING WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AS A COMMITMENT TO RENEW OR EXPAND OUR EXISTING AID PROGRAMME. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL RECALL THAT AT THE MEETING IN NO 10 ON WEDNESDAY, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY MADE THE POINT EXPLICITLY THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE PRESENT PESC EXERCISE WOULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT INDEED TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF OUR AID PROGRAMME TO INDIA, EVEN IN CASH TERMS. HE APPRECIATES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MAY WELL NOT (NOT) WANT TO MAKE THAT POINT TO RAIIV GANDHI ON THIS OCCASION, BUT HE CSIDERS THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE INDIANS SHOULD NOT GAIN THE CONTRARY IMPRESSION.

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