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TO IMMEDIATE COLOMBO  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 290 OF 18 DECEMBER  
AND TO NEW DELHI

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TAMIL EELAM  
YOUR TELNO 417

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED ARRIVED TODAY AND WE UNDERSTAND IS BOOKED AT INN ON THE PARK UNTIL 24 DECEMBER.
2. HE WILL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AT 1015, TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER. WE ARE PROPOSING A WORKING LUNCH HOSTED BY MR HURD ON WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER. MR RAISON (HOME OFFICE) WILL SEE HIM AT 1600 HRS THAT DAY.
3. SRI LANKANS HAVE ASKED PARTICULARLY THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT SHOULD NOT (RPT NOT) BE DISCLOSED. NO 10 PRESS OFFICE WILL PUBLISH HIS NAME AS A CALLER AS USUAL. IF ASKED, THEY WILL SAY THAT MR HAMEED IS IN LONDON ON A PRIVATE VISIT. HE ASKED FOR A COURTESY CALL WHICH, AS A MINISTER OF A COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY WITH WHOM WE HAVE EXCELLENT BILATERAL RELATIONS, IT WOULD BE NORMAL TO GRANT.
4. IF ASKED ABOUT MR HURD'S WORKING LUNCH WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THE LINE THAT IT IS AT MR HURD'S REQUEST TO DISCUSS HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SRI LANKA IN MID-JANUARY.

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