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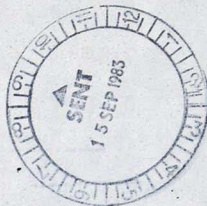
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TELNO 146 OF 15/9/83,

INFO IMMEDIATE NEW DELHI, ISLAMABAD, WASHINGTON.

AFGHANISTAN: EXPULSION OF U S DIPLOMATS.

1. SECOND SECRETARY HUGH TURNER AND ATTACHE ROBERT BLACKBURN OF THE U S EMBASSY WERE DECLARED PNG THIS AFTERNOON FOR SPYING ACTIVITIES AND GIVEN 48 HOURS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THEY WILL BOTH LEAVE BY INDIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TO DELHI TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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2. EXPULSION FOLLOWED STATEMENT, WHICH WAS SHOWN ON AFGHAN TV THIS EVENING, BY SALES, THE PAKISTANI MANAGER OF THE U S EMBASSY COMMISSARY WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST APRIL (MY TELNO 60) THAT HE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO OFFICERS OF THE CIA IN THE U S EMBASSY. HE NAMED A NUMBER OF U S DIPLOMATS TO WHOM HE HAD REPORTED, ALL OF WHOM HAVE SINCE LEFT KABUL EXCEPT TURNER AND BLACKBURN. TALIBEE, AN AFGHAN EMPLOYEE OF THE U S EMBASSY WHO WAS ARRESTED LAST APRIL ALSO APPEARED ON AFGHAN TV THIS EVENING AND GAVE NAMES OF CIA OFFICERS IN THE EMBASSY INCLUDING TURNER AND BLACKBURN TO WHOM HE HAD PASSED INFORMATION.

3. MFA SUMMONED 1ST SECRETARY COLDREN, THE NO. 2 AT THE U S EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON, BUT HE WAS UNAVAILABLE AND MFA ASKED THIRD SECRETARY VANDIVER TO CALL INSTEAD. VANDIVER WAS INFORMED OF DECISION TO EXPEL TURNER AND BLACKBURN AND WAS ALSO TOLD THAT BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL OF ANTI-U S FEELING IN KABUL THE SECURITY SERVICES COULD NOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF THE U S EMBASSY OR ITS STAFF OVER THE THREE DAY EID HOLIDAY WHICH STARTS TOMORROW.

4. HURWITZ, U S CHARGE HAS SINCE BEEN TRYING TO CALL ON MFA TO PROTEST AT DECISION TO EXPEL TURNER AND BLACKBURN AND TO EXPRESS DISPLEASURE THAT HE WAS NOT PERSONNALLY INFORMED OF DECISION. HE WILL ALSO SEEK ASSURANCES FROM MFA THAT DRA GOVERNMENT WILL MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE WHATEVER SECURITY IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFETY OF HIS MISSION AND STAFF. HURWITZ SAYS IF HE FAILS TO RECEIVE THIS ASSURANCE HE MAY ASK HIS NATO COLEAGUES IN KABUL TO SUPPORT HIM BY MAKING DEMARCHES TO THE MFA. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS IF U S EMBASSY ASK ME TO MAKE SUPPORTING DEMARCHE.

5. NO OBJECTION TO PARAS 1 AND 2 ONLY BEING USED IN PRESS BRIEFING.

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