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MY TELNO 589: PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH MR TRUDEAU ON 11 NOVEMBER

1. MR TRUDEAU WILL BE TALKING TO THE PRIME MINISTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETINGS WITH FIVE OTHER NATO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. HE SHOULD THEREFORE BE IN A POSITION TO EXPAND ON HIS IDEAS, AND TO TELL THE PRIME MINISTER WHAT REACTIONS HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE FRENCH, GERMANS, DUTCH, BELGIANS AND ITALIANS. HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE PRIME MINISTER'S REACTION TO HIS LETTER TO HER OF 25 OCTOBER, TO HIS GUELPH SPEECH (MY TELNO 578) AND TO ANY FURTHER POINTS HE BRINGS FROM HIS MEETINGS IN EUROPE.

2. MR REAGAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE REPLIED TO MR TRUDEAU'S LETTER, INVITING HIM TO COME TO WASHINGTON. COMMENTATORS HERE SUGGEST THAT IF MR TRUDEAU HAS, ON BALANCE, A REASONABLY POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM EUROPEAN LEADERS THIS WEEK A VISIT TO WASHINGTON MAY TAKE PLACE FAIRLY SOON THEREAFTER, PERHAPS EVEN NEXT WEEK.

3. MEMBERS OF MR TRUDEAU'S IMMEDIATE ENTOURAGE HAVE INDICATED TO US SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS ABOUT MR DAM'S MEETING WITH MRS THATCHER. THEY APPEAR TO SEE DAM'S TOUR OF WESTERN EUROPE AS, IN PART, AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE AMERICANS' WORD INTO EUROPEAN EARS AHEAD OF MR TRUDEAU'S VISITS. WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISIT WAS PRIMARILY TO EXPLAIN THE AMERICAN POSITION ON GRENADA.

4. MR TRUDEAU WOULD, I AM SURE, LIKE TO HAVE VIEWS ON ANDROPOV'S HEALTH AND ITS POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR SOVIET ATTITUDES IN THE SHORT AND LONG TERM. THIS AND THE STRENGTH OR OTHERWISE OF ANDROPOV'S POSITION WILL CLEARLY HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE TACTICS AND PARTICULARLY THE TIMING OF ANY EAST/WEST MOVES AND I BELIEVE THAT TRUDEAU IS WORKING TOWARDS AN EARLY VISIT TO MOSCOW. (IF WE DO NOT SHARE THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN TRUDEAU'S LETTER OF 25 OCTOBER, THAT ANDROPOV "SEEMS TO BE ENCOUNTERING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN ESTABLISHING HIS POLITICAL CONTROL" IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF PRIME MINISTER WOULD LET HIM HAVE OUR VIEW ON THAT).

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5. GIVEN THE STRENGTH OF CANADIAN FEELINGS ON THIS ISSUE (THEY ARE FEELING VERY SORE WITH THE AMERICANS (MY TELNO 573) TRUDEAU MAY VERY WELL WISH TO DISCUSS IT. FOR CURRENT CANADIAN THINKING ON A POSSIBLE COMMONWEALTH PRESENCE, PLEASE SEE MY TELNO 598.

COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN DELHI

6. THIS, TOO, MAY COME UP IF TIME ALLOWS. FOR CURRENT CANADIAN THINKING, PLEASE SEE MY TELNO 599.

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7. TRUDEAU MAY THANK THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HER LETTER OF 2 NOVEMBER. IF TIME ALLOWS HE WOULD NO DOUBT BE INTERESTED IN ANYTHING SHE FEELS ABLE TO ADD TO IT.

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