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TELNO 128 OF 19 FEB 85

AND TO INFO ROUTINE WASHINGTON, BONN, OTTAWA, KABUL, MOSCOW  
AND UKDEL NATO

OUR TELNOS 711 OF 12 NOVEMBER AND 724 OF 19 NOVEMBER 1984 :

SOVIET PRISONERS OF THE AFGHAN RESISTANCE

1. THE CANADIAN COUNSELLOR STEPHENS HAS INFORMED US THAT OTTAWA HAS NOW REMOVED ALMOST ALL THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS (MAJOR INTERVIEWS, HEALTH CHECKS ETC) WHICH HAVE FOR SOME MONTHS BEDEVILLED THEIR EFFORTS (PUSHED BY MILLER) TO TAKE SOVIET PRISONERS TO CANADA. FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE WEST GERMANS, THE CANADIANS HAVE AGREED TO TAKE NOT ONLY THOSE ORIGINALLY DESTINED FOR CANADA BUT ALSO THOSE INTENDED FOR WEST GERMANY, NOW MAKING 6 IN ALL (I.E. THE 5 NAMED IN OUR FIRST TUR PLUS ONE, NAME UNKNOWN).
2. THE CANADIANS HAVE SO INFORMED THE MFA, SEEKING THEIR AGREEMENT TO THE EXFILTRATION, AND ASSISTANCE IN BRINGING THE SOLDIERS TO THE AIRCRAFT. THE MFA HAVE RESPONDED THAT IT IS NO LONGER CERTAIN THAT THE RESISTANCE IN PESHAWAR WILL AGREE TO RELEASE ANY MORE SOVIET PRISONERS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE WEST, BUT HAVE PROMISED TO FIND OUT.
3. STEPHENS BELIEVES THAT WHATEVER THE REASONS, THE PAKISTANIS WILL SAY THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR EXFILTRATION OF MORE SOVIET PRISONERS.

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