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TELNO 889
OF 152150Z SEPTEMBER 85

YOUR TELNO 1180: RETALIATORY EXPULSIONS FROM MOSCOW.

1. MINISTERS HAVE DISCUSSED HOW WE SHOULD REACT TO THE RETALIATORY EXPULSIONS FROM MOSCOW. NO FINAL DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED. BUT THEY ARE CLEAR ON TWO POINTS: THAT THERE MUST BE SOME FURTHER EXPULSIONS FROM LONDON: AND THAT WE SHOULD AVOID GOING TO A THIRD ROUND WHICH WOULD RISK A DESCENT INTO THE RIDICULOUS.
2. THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF FURTHER EXPULSIONS FROM LONDON HAS BEEN SET AT FOUR, AVOIDING THOSE WITH DIPLOMATIC STATUS OR WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY ATTACHE'S STAFF. BUT THIS BY ITSELF IS NOT ENOUGH. ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ARE SEEN AS EITHER:
 - (A) TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL BY SOVIET OFFICIALS IN LONDON WHICH MATCH EXACTLY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED IN MOSCOW I.E. TO CLOSE A NUMBER OF AREAS WITHIN THE 25 MILE LIMIT: OR
 - (B) TO GO FOR A HIGHER NUMBER OF EXPULSIONS (PERHAPS 6 OR 7).
3. MINISTERS WOULD WELCOME ANY VIEWS YOU MAY HAVE ON THESE OPTIONS OR ANY ALTERNATIVE COURSE OF ACTION TO (A) AND (B) ABOVE YOU WISH TO PROPOSE BY 0930Z ON 16 SEPTEMBER.

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