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YRTELNO 25: KABUL: CONTINGENCY PLANNING: PROBABLY CLOSURE OF
FRENCH EMBASSY

1. THE FRENCH CHARGE TOLD EC COLLEAGUES TODAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO CLOSE HIS MISSION. THE TIMING AND OTHER MODALITIES ARE TO BE LEFT TO HIM.
2. PETIT IS CHALLENGING THIS DECISION, WHICH HE BELIEVES IS MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO FOLLOW THE FRG EXAMPLE. HE WILL PROPOSE TO THE QUAI THAT HE AND ONE TECHNICAL MEMBER OF STAFF REMAIN. HE ASKED WHETHER, IF HE WERE ALLOWED TO REMAIN, HE MIGHT TAKE SANCTUARY IN OUR COMPOUND. I SAID I HAD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO THIS IDEA, IF OUR EMBASSY WERE STILL OPEN. I INFORMED HIM OF THE CONTENTS OF TUR.
3. THE REMAINING FRG EMBASSY STAFF LEFT TODAY (21 JAN) AS PLANNED.
4. THE ITALIAN CHARGE CONTINUES TO CLAIM THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS. ROME MAY BE DELAYING A DECISION BECAUSE OF ANDREOTTI'S ROLE AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS AND ZAHIR SHAH.

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ADDITIONAL 19

CABINET OFFICE
ASSESSMENT STAFF
NO 10 DOWNING ST

DCTS(ROW)1C, MOD
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