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1. WE WERE THIS MORNING INFORMED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT APPROVAL FOR THE REQUEST FOR STINGER AND HIGH GOGGLES WAS BEING TEMPORARILY WITHHELD. FOLLOWING LEAKS TO THE US PRESS ABOUT US ASSISTANCE TO THE UK (SEE WASHINGTON TELEGRAM NO 1270 OF 14 APRIL TO FCO) THE SECRETARY OF STATE RELUCTANTLY DECIDED THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE TO RELEASE THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOMENT. HE HAS SAID THAT EVERYTHING SHOULD BE MADE READY TO TURN IT OVER TO US WHEN HE GIVES THE WORD. THIS IS UNLIKELY TO BE BEFORE SOMETIME DURING THIS WEEKEND. THERE IS NO SUGGESTION THAT APPROVAL WILL NOT BE GIVEN.
2. WITH THIS IN MIND, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO HAVE A VC 10

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POSITIONED AT DULLES ON SATURDAY TO WAIT FOR THE DECISION. THE US AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER OUR AIRCRAFT NOT REPEAT NOT TO STAND BY AT ANDREWS. IT WILL THEN BE NECESSARY TO MOVE TO ANDREWS FOR LOADING AS SOON AS THE EQUIPMENT IS RELEASED TO US.

3. ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR SATCOM RADIOS AND LITHIUM BATTERIES TO TRAVEL ON SCHEDULED VC 10 LEAVING ON FRIDAY, 16 APRIL.

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