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1. UNLESS SOMETHING UNTOWARD HAPPENS, WE ARE NOW SAFE FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL OVER THE WEEKEND. I SAW KAMANDA (ZAIRE) LATE THIS EVENING. HE HAD COMPLETED HIS CONSULTATIONS. HE NEEDED LITTLE URGING THAT THE ONLY THING TO DO NOW WAS TO LEAVE MATTERS TO HAIG AND FOR THE COUNCIL NOT TO DO ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT CUT ACROSS HAIG'S MISSION. I HAD ALREADY SPOKEN IN THESE TERMS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL MY PANAMANIAN COLLEAGUE (NO DOUBT AFTER RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS PRESIDENT) TOLD ME THAT HE WAS NOT PRESSING EITHER FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS OR FOR A MEETING, HAVING ALREADY TOLD KAMANDA THAT HE HAD CIRCULATED HIS LETTER BEFORE REALISING THAT HAIG'S MISSION WAS STILL ALIVE EXCLAM. ROCA (ARGENTINA) HAD ALSO TOLD KAMANDA THAT ARGENTINA DID NOT WANT SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WHILE HAIG'S MISSION WAS STILL IN PROGRESS.
2. NEVERTHELESS, ANXIETY AMONGST MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PERSISTS. I HAD TO TELL KAMANDA FIRMLY THAT, EVEN IF HAIG'S MISSION FAILS, HE MUST CONSULT ME BEFORE PRECIPITATING ANY ACTION IN THE COUNCIL. I HAD HEARD THAT HE WAS THINKING OF AN IMMEDIATE MOVE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO PROPOSE EITHER THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S GOOD OFFICES OR A SECURITY COUNCIL COMMISSION OR (I BELIEVE AN IDEA OF DORR'S) TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION WITH THE UN AS THE THIRD PARTY. IDEAS ANALOGOUS TO THOSE SET OUT IN MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO GERMINATE IN VARIOUS QUARTERS EG AMONGST THE COMMON-WEALTH CARIBBEANS AND IN THE SECRETARIAT.
3. ALL THIS REINFORCES THE NEED FOR US TO TAKE A RAPID INITIATIVE IF HAIG FAILS, BEFORE WE ARE FACED WITH HALF-BAKED IDEAS FROM OTHERS WHICH WE MIGHT FIND UNACCEPTABLE AND DIFFICULT TO AMEND.
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