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1. EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON I TELEPHONED THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO THE THREATENED BOYCOTT BY PERUVIAN POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION WORKERS OF TELEPHONE AND TELEX COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. IN PARTICULAR I ASKED HIM TO ENSURE THAT OUR OWN TELEX COMMUNICATIONS WITH LONDON WERE NOT DISRUPTED IN ANY WAY.
2. FIVE MINUTES LATER PRESIDENT BELAUNDE TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT HE CONDEMNED AND REJECTED THE THREATENED ACTION AND HAD PERSONALLY GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE CONCERNED NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OUR COMMUNICATIONS. THE PRESIDENT THEN READ OUT TO ME AN EFE NEWS AGENCY REPORT WHICH QUOTED YOUR STATEMENTS EARLIER TODAY (VERBATIM TEL NO 062/81) INCLUDING THE REFERENCES TO THE QUOTE IDEAS ADVANCED BY THE PRESIDENT OF PERU UNQUOTE. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS TO DO ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT HELP TO ACHIEVE A SOLUTION AND INVITED ME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM DIRECT ON ANY ASPECT OF THE SITUATION WHICH MIGHT BENEFIT FROM HIS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. HE REPEATED THAT HIS PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS TO BE OF HELP.

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