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FOR NEWS DEPARTMENT

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT MADE BY THE
MISSION SPOKESMAN AT 1730Z IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY MEETING WITH
SECRETARY GENERAL:

BEGINS

SIR ANTHONY PARSONS DELIVERED THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S REPLY
TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT 1230PM. THEY MET FOR ONE HOUR.
THIS WAS A SUBSTANTIVE, NOT A PROCEDURAL, REPLY.

THE BRITISH REPLY DESCRIBES THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH HAVE
INFORMED THE BRITISH APPROACH TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS NOW STUDYING THE BRITISH REPLY,
DETAILS OF WHICH MUST FOR THE TIME BEING REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

2. THE SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED BY CORRESPONDENTS ABOUT THE NATURE
OF THE BRITISH REPLY. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN LONDON
HAD ALREADY DESCRIBED IT AS POSITIVE, BUT THAT HE COULD MAKE
NO FURTHER COMMENT.

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