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TO IMMEDIATE BUCHAREST

TELEGRAM NUMBER 080 OF 31 MARCH

YOUR TELNO 73: STANCU PAPUSOIU

1. YOU SHOULD SEEK AN EARLY

APPOINTMENT TO SPEAK TO THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL TO EXPRESS HMG'S DISPLEASURE AT THE ARTICLE REFERRED TO IN TUR. ALLEGATIONS THAT PAPUSOIU WAS AT ANY TIME SUBJECTED TO BRUTAL TREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE UK AUTHORITIES ARE OF COURSE TOTALLY UNTRUE. ALLEGATIONS OF ASSAULT HAVE BEEN REJECTED PUBLICLY BY THE HOME OFFICE PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY

OF STATE, LORD ELTON. A MEDICAL REPORT CARRIED OUT AFTER PAPUSOIU HAD BEEN RELEASED ON BAIL ON 4 DECEMBER REVEALED NO SIGNS OF ILL-TREATMENT. PAPUSOIU WAS THEN AT LIBERTY UNTIL 14 MARCH. LORD ELTON CONFIRMED THAT PAPUSOIU VOLUNTARILY STOPPED EATING FOR A TRIVIAL PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE HIS RELEASE IN DECEMBER BUT DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS AT ANY TIME FORCIBLY FED.

2. YOU SHOULD REMIND THE ROMANIANS THAT YOU POINTED OUT TO BADESCU THAT PAPUSOIU HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE UK BECAUSE HE WAS AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT AND THAT HMG HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF THE CASE. ALLEGATIONS SUCH AS THOSE IN THE ROMANIA LIBERA ARTICLE DO NOT SERVE THE INTERESTS OF UK-ROMANIAN RELATIONS AND CAN ONLY FURTHER DAMAGE ROMANIA'S IMAGE IN THE WEST.

3. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION WE PROPOSE TO AVOID ALL BUT ESSENTIAL CONTACTS WITH THE ROMANIAN EMBASSY FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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