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TELNO 298
OF 291530Z NOVEMBER 85
INFO ROUTINE OSLO, HELSINKI.

FCO TELNO 508 TO KUALA LUMPUR.
INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL

1. I TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF CALL ON OTHER BUSINESS TO TALK TO HEAD OF DEPARTMENT CONCERNED IN MFA.

2. SWEDISH POSITION REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, I.E. THEY THINK IT IS FOR THE MORE SIGNIFICANT MEMBERS TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS, THEY WILL NOT TAKE ANY LEAD. THIS IS APPARENTLY A COMMON POSITION WITH NORWAY AND FINLAND. IN DISCUSSION I GATHERED THAT:

(A) THEY HAVE FORMED NO FIRM VIEW ON THE LEGAL OBLIGATIONS. THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE BUFFER STOCK COMMITTEE. ALTHOUGH THEY GET SOME REPORTS THEY DO NOT HAVE ALL THE PAPERS ON WHICH TO JUDGE WHETHER THE COUNCIL HAS INDEED ACQUIESCED IN BUFFER STOCK OPERATIONS OUTSIDE TERMS OF ITA 6:

(B) THEREFORE THEY ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ENDORSE HMG'S VIEW THAT MEMBER STATES WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD LIABLE FOR ALL THE DEBTS INCURRED BY BSM:

(C) HOWEVER THEY THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT MATTERS WILL COME TO LITIGATION. THEY DISTINGUISH BETWEEN OBLIGATIONS AND A SETTLEMENT. WHILE THEY DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THERE IS NECESSARILY AN OBLIGATION UPON MEMBERS TO SETTLE ALL THE DEBTS, THEY WOULD BE INCLINED TO GO ALONG WITH A FAIR AND COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT TO WHICH EVERYONE CONTRIBUTED, I.E. CONSUMER AND PRODUCER MEMBERS OF ITA AND THE BROKERS AND BANKS.

3. I FLOATED THE IDEA OF A LEGAL ADVISER JOINING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE BUT THEY DID NOT BITE.

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