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TO IMMEDIATE MODUK
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OF 141300Z AUGUST 90
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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN RESPONSE TO GULF CRISIS

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AGENCY PRESS RELEASE REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING CABINET DECISION EARLY PM TODAY TWO LUPO CLASS FRIGATES PLUS THE SUPPORT SHIP STROMBOLI ARE TO SAIL FORTHWITH TO THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN TO JOIN FRIENDLY NAVAL FORCES ALREADY IN THE AREA. THEIR MISSION COULD BE EXTENDED TO THE GULF AREA FOLLOWING DECISIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN AT WEU CONFERENCE 21 AUG. THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS COULD BE PUT TO BOTH HOUSES OF A RECALLED ITALIAN PARLIAMENT ON EITHER 22 OR 23 AUG.

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