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YOUR TELNOS 525 AND 530: EMISSARIES OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. DAYAL AND ANNAN CAME ROUND FOR A DRINK WITH THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AND ME LAST NIGHT: DAYAL (PLEASE RESPECT HIS CONFIDENCE) WAS CLEARLY NERVOUS ABOUT SEEING TOO MANY AMBASSADORS LEST WHAT HE WAS DOING BE LEAKED IN THE FORM OF VARIOUS CONFLICTING REPORTS. HE EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE MATERIAL I HAD SENT ROUND TO HIS HOTEL BASED ON FCO TELNO 530.
2. DAYAL (WHO DID NOT LET ANNAN DO MUCH OF THE TALKING) SAID THAT HE HAD HAD THREE HOURS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE LATTER HAD (A) SPOKEN BITTERLY OF THE KUWAITI RULING FAMILY, WHO ACCORDING TO HIM HAD DELIBERATELY TRIED TO RUIN IRAQ'S ECONOMY BY THEIR OIL PRICING POLICY, (B) SPOKEN BITTERLY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL - IT HAD NOT GIVEN IRAQ THE CHANCE TO SET OUT ITS POINT OF VIEW, IT HAD TAKEN ONLY SEVEN HOURS TO PRODUCE A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING IRAQ WHEREAS IN THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR IT HAD FAILED TO CONDEMN IRAN OVER SEVEN YEARS, AND (C) RESERVED HIS GREATEST BITTERNESS FOR THE US, WHICH HE HAD APPEARED CONVINCED INTENDED TO DESTROY IRAQ.
3. TO JUDGE BY DAYAL'S SKETCHY ACCOUNT, TARIQ AZIZ HAD THEN DEFENDED IRAQ'S POLICY OF DETAINING WESTERN FOREIGNERS WITH ARGUMENTS WE HAVE ALL HEARD MANY TIMES RECENTLY. ALTHOUGH DAYAL HAD NOT HEARD HIM SAY THAT THE POLICY OF SENDING THE FOREIGNERS OFF TO INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS APPLIED ONLY TO FOREIGNERS IN KUWAIT, NOT TO THOSE IN IRAQ PROPER (PARA 6 OF MY TELNO 900), HE HAD HEARD HIM TALK OF THE POSSIBILITY OF LETTING CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF FOREIGNER LEAVE THE COUNTRY. WE URGED THAT DAYAL SHOULD PIN TARIQ AZIZ DOWN ON ANY SUCH CONCESSIONS (HE EXPECTED TO SEE HIM AGAIN TODAY). WE ALSO URGED THAT IN WHATEVER WAY WAS POSSIBLE FOR A UN MAN ON A MISSION OF THIS SORT HE SHOULD PIN THE MINISTER DOWN BY STATING IN PUBLIC WHATEVER HE MIGHT HAVE CONCEDED: BUT DAYAL CLEARLY THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE AN INCORRECT WAY TO PROCEED. ANNAN AT ANY RATE TOOK THE POINT THAT THE IRAQIS SHOULD

NOT BE ALLOWED TO GO BACK ON ANYTHING THEY MIGHT HAVE SAID ONCE THEIR VISITORS HAD DEPARTED.

4. DAYAL SAID THAT HIS OWN MAIN FOCUS HAD BEEN ON THE RIGHT OF CONSULAR ACCESS. TEMPESTA SUGGESTED HE SHOULD ASK HIMSELF TO SEE SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP THE ROAD FROM KUWAIT AND THEN SENT OFF TO INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS. DAYAL SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER THIS IDEA, BUT HEULOOKED DOUBTFUL. DAYAL SAIAUD TIBT HIS POLICY LINE WAS TO PRESS FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL FSREIGNERS ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS: BUT I SUGGESTED THAT ZS A PRAGMATIC MATTER AND ON THE ASIS OF WHAT TARIQ AZIZ HAD ALREADY SAID (PARA 3 ABOVE) HE MIGHT IN ADDITION TRY TO SQUEEZE OUT OF THE IRAQIS AGREEMENT THAT CERTAIN CATEGORIES (MOTHERS WITH SMALL CHILDREN, UNACCOMPANIED MINORS, AND PEOPLE NEEDING MEDICAL ATTENTION) SHOULD BE LET GO.

5. WE HAD AN ENJOYABLE TALK WITH DAYAL, WHO IS GOOD COMPANY, AND I HOPE WE FILLED IN SOME OF THE GAPS IN HIS KNOWLEDGE, BUT TEMPESTA AND I RATHER DOUBTED WHETHER HIS APPROACH WAS TOUGH ENOUGH TO DENT THE THINKING OF THIS REGIME.

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