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MY TELNO 1634 : OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

1. WHEN I SAW MY U S COLLEAGUE AT A DINNER IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMBODIA TALKS ON 14 OCTOBER HE SAID HE WAS CONTINUING HIS EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A MORE CO-OPERATIVE ATTITUDE TO AIME'S MISSION. HE WAS IN PARTICULAR PRESSING THE OPTION (MY TELNO 1633) WHEREBY THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT MIGHT ALLOW THE MISSION IN TO MEET NON-OFFICIALS AND, ONCE THE OFFICIAL ISRAELI COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY HAD REPORTED, GIVE AIME ACCESS TO THE REPORT AND ITS AUTHORS. PICKERING BELIEVED THERE WAS MUCH HIGH LEVEL TOING AND FROING IN TRAIN BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV. THE ISRAELI PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IS DUE TO CALL ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON 15 OCTOBER AT 1930Z.

2. IN THE MEANTIME PICKERING AND I AGREED THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO PLAY THE ISSUE LONG IN TERMS OF ANY SECURITY COUNCIL REACTION TO THE OBSTRUCTIVE ISRAELI ATTITUDE. I SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO ANY URGING FOR COUNCIL ACTION I WOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING LINE:

(A) THE MISSION WAS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S RATHER THAN THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE THEREFORE IT WAS A MATTER TO BE HANDLED BETWEEN THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL:

(B) NOTHING THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT SAID OR DID COULD ALTER THE OBLIGATION ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PRODUCE A REPORT BY 24 OCTOBER, AND THIS HE WOULD NO DOUBT DO. IF, BECAUSE AIME WAS NOT GIVEN ACCESS TO ISRAELI OFFICIALS, HIS EVENTUAL REPORT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE ISRAELIS TO BE ONE-SIDED THEY HAD NO-ONE TO BLAME BUT THEMSELVES:

(C) THERE WAS NO CASE FOR FURTHER INVOLVEMENT BY THE SECURITY

COUNCIL UNTIL AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPORT.

I HAVE NOT YET IN FACT HAD TO DEPLOY THIS LINE, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY APPROACHES FROM MY COUNCIL COLLEAGUES.

3. BOLTON OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE DINNER, HAS TAKEN ON BOARD MY SUGGESTION THAT HIGH LEVEL U S/UK CONTACTS WILL NO DOUBT BE DESIRABLE IN THE LIGHT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S VISIT TO TEL AVIV.

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