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(CORRECTED VERSION)  
YOUR TELNO. 925 TO UKMIS NEW YORK: IRAQ/KUWAIT:  
NEXT STEPS AT THE UN: ARAB/ISRAEL

1. I TOLD KIMMITT WHEN I SAW HIM ON 14 NOVEMBER THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO HELP THE AMERICANS TO AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH THEY HAD TO CAST A VETO ON ARAB/ISRAEL (PARAGRAPH 11 OF YOUR TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE). HE WOULD UNDERSTAND WHY I COULD NOT GIVE ANY ABSOLUTE UNDERTAKING. WE HAD LIMITED INFLUENCE. BUT WE OF COURSE SAW THE DANGERS.
2. KIMMITT SAID THE AMERICANS BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD HELP THEM IF OTHERS BELIEVED THE AMERICANS MIGHT NOT STAND ALONE IN VETOING UNSUITABLE RESOLUTIONS. THEY WANTED TO AVOID A SITUATION WHERE CRITICS OF THEIR POLICIES WERE IN A SITUATION IN WHICH THEY COULD ONLY WIN BECAUSE THEY WOULD EITHER GET A PROPAGANDIST RESOLUTION OR PROVOKE AN AMERICAN VETO. THE AMERICANS HAD HAD INDICATIONS THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FACT THAT THEIR DISTASTE FOR THE IDEA OF A POSSIBLE UN FORCE IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS SHARED BY OTHERS HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN PUTTING OFF THOSE WHO MIGHT HAVE PUSHED FOR SUCH A PROPOSAL.
3. BOLTON, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID THE AMERICANS WERE WORKING ON THE ISRAELIS TO ACCEPT THE AIME MISSION (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO. 1965). HE WAS PRETTY CONFIDENT THE ISRAELIS WOULD COME ROUND. THEY OUGHT TO BE PERSUADED THAT IT WOULD NOT PLAY INTO THE PLO AGENDA IF THE FOCUS COULD BE CHANGED IN THIS WAY. IF AIME COULD GO SOMETIME FAIRLY SOON, THAT WOULD PROVIDE A PERIOD IN WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD NOT BE DEFLECTED FROM ITS CONCENTRATION ON IRAQ/KUWAIT BY ARAB/ISRAEL PROBLEMS (IT SEEMS NOW THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE INDEED ACCEPTED THE AIME MISSION).

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