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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: MOPS, UK, LE  
SUBJECT: BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN THE MNF

REF: A) LONDON 23744; B) LONDON 23404; C) STATE 306087

1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. REF A SUGGESTS THE HMG BE APPROACHED AT HIGHEST LEVEL TO ENCOURAGE UK PARTICIPATION IN THE MNF. EXPANDED MNF, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED US PARTICIPATION HAS FIRM PRESIDENTIAL BACKING. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DIRECT PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE PRE-MATURE. WE THEREFORE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP LEBANESE APPROACH TO PROSPECTIVE MNF CONTRIBUTORS WITH LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO HIS COUNTERPARTS. THIS LETTER WILL FOLLOW AFTER GOL HAS MADE INITIAL APPROACH. LONDON SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT UK EMBASSY HERE HAS SUGGESTED USG NOT GO AHEAD AT THIS TIME WITH FORMAL APPROACH TO HMG. IN VIEW OF THIS APPROACH AND OTHER CURRENT US-UK ISSUES, WE PROBABLY WILL NOT FOLLOW-UP WITH UK IMMEDIATELY AFTER GOL APPROACHES HMG. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THE GOL SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE WITH UK AT SAME TIME THAT IT RAISES ISSUE WITH OTHER PROSPECTIVE MNF CONTRIBUTORS.

3. FOR BEIRUT: IN WAY YOU KNOW BEST, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST TO GEMAYEL THAT HE CONSIDER LETTER TO THATCHER ALONG WITH REQUESTS TO OTHER IMMEDIATE PROSPECTIVE MNF PARTICIPANTS (REF C). WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH USG REQUEST AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

4. FOR BEIRUT AND LONDON: ALTHOUGH REF A INDICATES THAT UK WILL BE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT BATTALION-SIZE FORCE TO MNF, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SHOOT FOR BATTALION-SIZE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NOW WITHOUT FORECLOSING THE POSSIBILITY OF SMALLER CONTRIBUTIONS. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS-- INCLUDING PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION AMONG MNF NATIONAL CONTINGENTS--ARGUE FOR MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS CONSISTENT WITH ACHIEVING THE MANPOWER LEVELS REQUIRED FOR THE EXPANDED MNF.

5. FOR LONDON: WE ARE NOT YET READY TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC

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DETAILS OF POSSIBLE UK PARTICIPATION AS REQUESTED IN REF A. NOR CAN WE YET PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON DURATION OF ANY PARTICIPATION AS SUGGESTED IN REF B. WHILE WE CLEARLY DO NOT HAVE IN MIND AN "OPEN ENDED" COMMITMENT FOR THE MNF, WE CANNOT IDENTIFY A DATE CERTAIN FOR MNF WITHDRAWAL AT THIS TIME. AS PLANNING PROCEEDS, WE WILL HAVE A BETTER IDEA ABOUT THE PACE OF LAF IMPROVEMENTS AND THE TIMETABLE FOR MNF PHASE OUT.

6. ALSO FOR LONDON: UK TRAINING AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE WOULD, OF COURSE. BE WELCOME. WE LOOK FORWARD TO COORDINATING WITH UK AS WELL AS WITH FRENCH, ITALIANS, AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS IN EFFORT TO REBUILD THE LAF. SHULTZ  
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E. O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, MARR, MOPS, LE, IS, US, FR, UK  
SUBJECT: MNF AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE: CONVERSATION WITH BRITISH

1. ~~ENTIRE TEXT~~

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR DAVID ROBERTS BROUGHT FOREIGN OFFICE UNDERSECRETARY FOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, JOHN LEAHY, TO EMBASSY TODAY, NOV. 4. LEAHY SAID THAT IN CONVERSATION EARLIER IN MORNING WITH PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL, GEMAYEL HAD NOT BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO MNF SO HE HAD BROUGHT IT UP. HE TOLD GEMAYEL THAT BRITISH WANTED TO BE HELPFUL BUT HAD NOT YET BEEN ASKED AND WOULD BE HAPPY NOT TO BE ASKED RIGHT AT THIS TIME -- HINTING THAT A PRECIPITATE REQUEST MIGHT FORCE A REFUSAL. GEMAYEL HAD RESPONDED VERY QUICKLY THAT AS YET THERE WAS NO REQUEST AND THAT WHEN AND IF THE TIME CAME THE GOL WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HMG. I TOLD LEAHY THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE BRITISH POSITION COMPLETELY AND THAT WHILE WE AGREED THAT THEIR MILITARY SOURCES WERE STRETCHED, THAT WAS TRUE OF ALL OF US. WE HOPED THAT THE BRITISH, GIVEN THEIR OBVIOUS RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MNF IN BOTH RESOLVING LEBANON'S PROBLEMS AND MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS MIDDLE EAST PEACE, WOULD IN THE END SEE THEIR WAY CLEAR TO SUPPLYING A BATTALION. LEAHY SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK A BATTALION WAS GOING TO BE POSSIBLE BUT THAT, AT LEAST IN HIS MINISTRY, PEOPLE WERE THINKING VERY POSITIVELY ABOUT THE REQUEST.

3. LEAHY ALSO SAID THAT THE BRITISH WERE INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITY OF GIVING SOME MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO THE LEBANESE AND ASKED WHAT WE WERE DOING. I TOLD HIM THAT, AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, WE WERE GOING TO BRING UP TO AN OPERATIONAL LEVEL (70 PERCENT OF AUTHORIZED STRENGTH) FOUR LAF BRIGADES PLUS THREE BATTALIONS. WE HAD AGREED EQUIPMENT LISTS WITH THE LEBANESE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT. THE TOTAL COST WOULD BE 145 MILLION DOLLARS OF WHICH: (A) 60 MILLION WAS ALREADY PAID IN PIPELINE; (B) 35 MILLION WAS AVAILABLE IN UNUSED CREDITS; AND (C) 50 MILLION WOULD COME FROM LEBANESE SOURCES. THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM, I STRESSED, WAS NOT MONEY BUT SPEED. THEREFORE, WE WERE GOING TO BE TAKING SOME EQUIPMENT OUT OF OUR OWN STOCKS AND DOING OTHER THINGS TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD SHORTLY BE PURSUING TALKS WITH

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THE LEBANESE ON AN EXPANDED ARMY OVER THE LONGER RANGE. I FELT SURE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE ASKING THE CONGRESS FOR A HIGHT LEVEL OF FMS CREDIT THAT HAD BEEN AVAILABLE IN THE PAST, BUT WE WOULD BE HAPPY FOR OTHERS TO SHARE THE BURDEN. THE LEBANESE HAD TOLD US THAT THUS FAR THEY HAD COMMITMENTS ONLY FROM THE FRENCH AND THAT THOSE COMMITMENTS WERE FOR REPAIRING MIRAGES AND SUPPLYING PATROL BOATS AND HELICOPTERS. I SUGGESTED THAAT THE BRITISH STAY CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH US AND SEE IF THERE WERE THINGS THEY COULD DO WHICH FIT IN WITH WHAT WE WERE DOING. LEAHY READILY AGREED. HE WONDERED IF THE FRENCH SHOULD NOT ALSO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION. HE THEN ANSWERED HIS OWN QUESTION BY SAYING IT WAS HARD TO GET THE FRENCH TO COOPERATE SPECIFICALLY. I AGREED, NOTING THAT WE AND THE FRENCH HAD COOPERATED VERY SATISFACTORILY THIS SUMMER, BUT WHEN IT CAME TO SPECIFICS, AND PARTICULARLY TO MILITARY AID, I SENSED RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF THE FRENCH TO TALK WITH UN IN A DETAILED WAY. I HOPED THAT THAT WOULD CHANGE AND STRESSED THAT, DESPITE AN ANNOYING STYEL WHEN THE FRENCH WERE BEING FRENCH, THEY HAD REALLY PLAYED A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE THIS SUMMER AND ONE SHOULD KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN ONE WAS TEMPTED TO BE IRRITATED.

4. COMMENT: I AM SURE THE BRITSH WANT TO BE HELPFUL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR RESOURCES. I HAVE ARRANGED FOR AMBASSADOR DRAPER TO TALK TO LEAHY TOMORROW NIGHT TO GIVE HIM AS FULL A FLAVOR AS DRAPER FEELS NECESSARY OF THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS.  
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SUBJECT: TEXT OF US STATEMENT IN UNGA ON FALKLANDS  
- RESOLUTION

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED IN THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOVEMBER 4, BY AMBASSADOR KENNETH  
L. ADELMAN, DEPUTY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS, IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE. THE  
VOTE ON UNGA RESOLUTION 37/9, "QUESTION OF THE FALK-  
LAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)" WAS 90 (US) - 12 - 52.

2. FOLLOWING IS A BREAKDOWN OF THE VOTE:  
IN FAVOR:  
AFGHANISTAN, ALBANIA, ALGERIA, ANGOLA, ARGENTINA,  
AUSTRIA, BENIN, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA,  
BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN S.S.R., CAPE VERDE, CENTRAL  
AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHILE, CHINA, COLOMBIA,  
COMOROS, CONGO, COSTA RICA, CUBA,  
CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, DEMO-  
CRATIC YEMEN, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EL  
SALVADOR, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GDR,  
GHANA, GREECE, GRENADA, GUATEMALA, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU,  
HAITI, HONDURAS, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN,  
IRAQ, ISRAEL, IVORY COAST, JAPAN, LAOS, LIBERIA,  
LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALAYSIA, MALI, MALTA, MEXICO,  
MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA,  
PAKISTAN, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, PERU, PHILIPPINES, POLAND,  
ROMANIA, RWANDA, SAO TOME, SPAIN, SURINAM,  
SYRIA, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, UKRAINE, USSR, UAE, TAN-  
ZANIA, UNITED STATES, UPPER VOLTA, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA,  
VIETNAM, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE.

VOTING AGAINST:  
ANTIGUA, BELIZE, DOMINICA, FIJI, GAMBIA, MALAWI, NEW  
ZEALAND, OHAN, PAPUA-NEW GUINEA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, SRI  
LANKA, UNITED KINGDOM.

ABSTAINING:  
AUSTRALIA, BAHAMAS, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BARBADOS, BEL-  
GIUM, BHUTAN, BURMA, CANADA, CHAD, DENMARK, EGYPT,  
FINLAND, FRANCE, FRG, GUYANA, ICELAND, IRELAND, ITALY,  
JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LESOTHO,

LUXEMBOURG, MALDIVES, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, NEPAL,  
NETHERLANDS, NIGER, NORWAY, PORTUGAL, QATAR, SAINT  
LUCIA, SAINT VINCENT, SAMOA, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL,  
SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SOMALIA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND,  
SWEDEN, THAILAND, TRINIDAD&TOBAGO, TURKEY, CAMEROON,  
VANUATU, ZAIRE.

3. FOLLOWING IS US EXPLANATION OF VOTE:  
BEGIN TEXT: MR. PRESIDENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS  
SUPPORTED A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM AND ARGENTINA IN THEIR TRAGIC CONFLICT OVER THE  
FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS MALVINAS). AT THE OUTSET OF  
THE CONFLICT, MY GOVERNMENT MADE SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO  
BRING THE TWO PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. WE  
SAID AT THAT TIME, "THE UNITED STATES STANDS BEHIND THE  
PRINCIPLE THAT THE USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE DISPUTES  
SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE, AND ESPECIALLY IN THIS  
HEMISPHERE WHERE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TERRITORIAL DIS-  
PUTES REMAIN TO BE SOLVED DIPLOMATICALLY. FOR THE UNITED  
STATES, THE FALKLAND CRISIS HAS BEEN AND STILL IS A  
PARTICULARLY AGONIZING, TRAGIC EVENT. AS THE WHOLE  
WORLD KNOWS, WE HAVE A LONG-STANDING ALLIANCE AND BEYOND  
THAT, THE CLOSEST RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH GREAT  
BRITAIN, THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH OUR POLITICAL INSTITU-  
TIONS, LAW AND LANGUAGE DERIVE. BUT WE HAVE NOT FOR-  
GOTTEN FOR A MOMENT OUR CLOSE GEOGRAPHICAL, ECONOMIC  
AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH OUR LATIN NEIGHBORS. WE  
DO NOT ONLY CARE ABOUT THIS HEMISPHERE, WE ARE PART OF  
THIS HEMISPHERE, AND WE SHARE MANY OF THE ASPIRATIONS,  
GOALS AND DREAMS OF ALL NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS..."  
THAT IS WHY THE UNITED STATES TRIED SO HARD TO AVOID THE  
CONFLICT ON THE FALKLANDS, WHY WE HOPED SO INTENSELY  
TO REDUCE AND ISOLATE IT, AND WHY WE SUPPORT ANY REALIS-  
TIC DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD PUT A JUST END TO  
IT. THE SEARCH FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT TO THIS CON-  
FLICT LED THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT SECURITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS 502 AND 505. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THOSE  
RESOLUTIONS REMAIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.  
THE SAME VITAL NEED FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION THAT WOULD  
PUT THIS CONFLICT ONCE AND FOR ALL BEHIND US UNDERLIES  
OUR VOTE TODAY.

THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE US, IN ITS REVISED AND FINAL  
FORM, EXPRESSLY REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED  
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NATIONS CHARTER CONCERNING NO-USE OF FORCE IN INTER-  
NATIONAL RELATIONS. WE WELCOME ITS REFERENCES TO  
CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND TO THE INTENTION OF THE  
PARTIES NOT TO RENEW THEM. THE COST, IN BLOOD AND  
TREASURE, TO BOTH ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM  
DICTATES THAT FORCE MUST NEVER AGAIN BE USED IN THIS  
DISPUTE. WE ASSUME, THEREFORE, IN SUPPORTING THIS  
RESOLUTION A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING THE  
USE OF FORCE IN THE FUTURE.  
THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT HAVE VOTED FOR ANY RESOLUTION  
WHICH PREJUDGED THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY OR THE OUT-  
COME OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE NEVER TAKEN A POSITION ON  
THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND WE DO NOT NOW DO SO. WE  
CONCLUDE, HOWEVER, THAT THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US DOES  
NOT LEGALLY PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF EITHER ARGENTINA  
OR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND, IN FACT, OPENS THE WAY TOWARD  
NEGOTIATIONS IN GOOD FAITH WITHOUT ANY PREORDAINED RESULT.  
FINALLY, IN CALLING ON THE PARTIES TO NEGOTIATE, LET US  
NOT FORGET, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THESE ISLANDS ARE AND  
HAVE BEEN FOR GENERATIONS THE HOME OF A SMALL, BUT  
RESOLUTE POPULATION OF ISLAND PEOPLE. THE UNITED STATES  
ASSUMES THAT NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED KING-  
DOM AND ARGENTINA MUST NECESSARILY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE  
ASPIRATIONS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDERS.  
IN SUPPORTING THIS RESOLUTION, THE UNITED STATES AFFIRMS  
THAT THIS DISPUTE, LIKE ALL OTHERS, SHOULD BE SETTLED BY  
DISCUSSION AND NEVER BY FORCE AND THAT THE FATE OF  
PEOPLES SHOULD NEVER BE SETTLED WITHOUT DUE ACCOUNT BEING  
TAKEN OF THEIR VIEWS, VALUES, INTERESTS, AND RIGHTS.  
LET THESE PRINCIPLES AND THOSE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
CHARTER ITSELF GOVERNING PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES  
SERVE AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION TO CLOSE THIS UNHAPPY  
CHAPTER AND MOVE FORWARD AGAIN TOWARD PEACE, UNDER-  
STANDING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THIS HEMISPHERE. END TEXT.  
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