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TAGS: PFDR, UNSC, CI, CU
SUBJECT: UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 17,
CONCERNING CHILE

1. PLEASE APPROACH GOVERNMENT, AS MEMBER OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL, AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO INITIATE DIALOGUE CONCERNING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 17 ON CUBAN COMPLAINT CONCERNING ALLEGED CHILEAN FIRING AT, AND THREATS AGAINST, CUBAN EMBASSY, AND ATTACK AGAINST CUBAN MERCHANT VESSEL.

2. YOU MAY STATE:

(A) US IS OF COURSE UNCOMPROMISINGLY OPPOSED TO THE KINDS OF ACTIONS AGAINST DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND MERCHANT SHIPPING THAT ARE ALLEGED. WE ARE AT THIS POINT UNABLE TO ASSESS THE VALIDITY OF THE SPECIFIC CHARGES AS WELL AS OF

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REPORTS THAT FIRING MAY HAVE BEEN INITIATED FROM THE CUBAN EMBASSY AND THAT THE CUBAN MERCHANTMAN WHILE IN CHILEAN WATERS MAY HAVE REFUSED TO RESPOND TO A CHILEAN REQUEST TO STOP.

(B) THE US DOES NOT CONSIDER THE ALLEGATION IN THE CUBAN REQUEST FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CHILE TO CONSTITUTE A PERSUASIVE BASIS FOR URGENT CONSIDERATION AS A SERIOUS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLES 34, 35 AND 39 OF THE CHARTER AS CLAIMED IN THE CUBAN COMPLAINT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT CHOSEN TO TAKE EXCEPTION TO THE CUBAN REQUEST ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS.

(C) WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING CALLED BY CUBA CAN OR WILL SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE. HOWEVER, WE HOPE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THAT MEETING CAN BE A LOW KEY AND OBJECTIVE WEIGHING OF THE EVIDENCE AND MERITS OF THE CASES AS PRESENTED ON THE ISSUES CITED IN THE CUBAN COMPLAINT. HOWEVER WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO RESPOND VIGOROUSLY AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT TO BROADEN THE CUBAN COMPLAINT TO INCLUDE ANY ALLEGATIONS ABOUT US INVOLVEMENT IN THE RECENT CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN CHILE. IN THIS REGARD, WE WISH TO ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT CATEGORICALLY THAT THE US WAS IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN THE RECENT COUP.

(D) WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THESE MATTERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING FURTHER IN NEW YORK.

3. PLEASE REPORT REACTION SOONEST INFO USUN.

4. FOR USUN: THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES INITIAL GUIDANCE FOR PREPARATIONS FOR, AND CONSULTATION CONCERNING, SUBJECT MEETING.

5. FOR JAKARTA AND NAIROBI: WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER THIS APPROACH SHOULD BE MADE IN LIGHT OF LOCAL PRACTICAL CONDITIONS. RUSH

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