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Prime Minister

*You may like to glance at this
 tel + the attached background letter
 in case this issue comes to a
 Council over the weekend + the LPS
 seems to clear a line with you. We
 are leaning on the Germans to be
 about.*

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YOUR TELNO 653: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE SPECIAL SESSION IS NOW ON THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. THE NEXT
 24 HOURS LOOK LIKE BEING CRITICAL.

2. THE G77 HAVE ACCEPTED THE MISHRA PROPOSALS IN PARA 1 OF MY
 TEL NO 1247 AND ALSO AGREED THAT PARA 7 SHOULD REFER BACK TO
 PARA 2. THE FRENCH (ON THE PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS OF FRANCOIS-PONCET
 ACCORDING TO MY FRENCH COLLEAGUE) HAVE JOINED THE OTHER SIX IN THE
 COMMUNITY IN ACCEPTING THIS TEXT. THE COMMUNITY HAVE AGREED THAT
 THERE MUST BE AN INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT. BUT THE US HAVE REJECTED
 THE TEXT. THEY ASSURE US THAT THIS IS A FIRM PRESIDENTIAL DECISION.
 THEY CONSIDER THAT PARA 2 EMBODIES A CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
 THEY NEVER ENVISAGED WHEN THEY VOTED FOR GA RESOLUTION 34/138
 AND WHICH THEY CANNOT NOW ACCEPT. THEY ARE ALSO STICKING OUT FOR
 CHANGE IN PARA 5 BUT THIS IS NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THEM.

3. THE G77 ARE REVIEWING THE POSITION. MISHRA'S INCLINATION
 APPEARS TO BE TO CALL FOR A VOTE ON THE PROCEDURES TEXT. MEANWHILE
 PROGRESS ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SUGGESTS THAT
 IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT TOMORROW. BUT SOME OF
 THE G77 ARE ARGUING AGAINST AGREEING TO A STRATEGY IN THE ABSENCE
 OF AGREEMENT ON GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT FAILURE.

4. THE US DECISION CREATES A NEW SITUATION. WITHIN THE NINE THE
 PRESSURE WILL BE FURTHER INCREASED ON US AND THE GERMANS TO
 COME INTO LINE ON PROCEDURES IN THE INTERESTS OF COMMUNITY
 SOLIDARITY AND TO AVOID SHARING WITH THE AMERICANS THE RESPONSIBILITY
 FOR FAILURE. WE SHALL BE TOLD THAT WE WILL BE LAUGHED TO SCORN
 IF THIS WHOLE ENDEAVOUR FOUNDERS ON "AS APPROPRIATE". BUT
 BEHIND THE TEXTUAL MINUTIAE LIES A DEEP DIVISION ABOUT THE NATURE
 OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. FOR THE COMMUNITY NOW TO COME TO TERMS WITH
 THE G77 WOULD BE TO ACCEPT A BASIS FOR GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS IN WHICH
 THE US WOULD TAKE NO PART. THIS WOULD BE PATENTLY ABSURD. IT IS
 THEREFORE IN MY VIEW EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR
 BOTH THE GERMANS AND OURSELVES TO STICK OUT. FOR THE FIRST TIME
 SINCE I ARRIVED IN NEW YORK A YEAR AGO THE AMERICANS ARE PUNCHING

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THEIR WEIGHT AS A SUPERPOWER, AND ON A QUESTION ON WHICH WE AGREE WITH THEM. IT WOULD LOOK VERY BAD IF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY SURRENDERED TO THE G77 ON THE PREPOSTEROUS NOTION OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS MINUS THE US. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE PRESENT EFFORT TO COLLAPSE AND FOR A FRESH ATTEMPT TO BE MADE WHEN EVERYONE HAS COOLED DOWN. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD NOW SWITCH ITS EFFORTS TO ARGUING WITH THE G77 THAT, IF THEY WANT GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS, THEY MUST MAKE SUFFICIENT CONCESSIONS TO BRING THE AMERICANS ON BOARD. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IT IS NOT PREPARED TO EXERT PRESSURES ON THE US SINCE (AS IS WELL KNOWN) SOME OF ITS MEMBERS ARE ALSO UNHAPPY WITH THE TEXT AS IT STANDS: BY THE SAME TOKEN, IF COMPROMISE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US COULD BE FOUND, THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE NO OBSTACLE.

5. THE REACTION OF THE GERMAN DELEGATION HERE TO THIS SITUATION APPEARS CONFUSED. I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD DO OUR BEST IN BONN TO KEEP THEM WITH US ON THE LINES I HAVE SUGGESTED. THE COMMUNITY MEETS AT 1300Z TOMORROW 12 SEPTEMBER. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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