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MY TELNO 718: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS.

1. WE HAVE NOW OBTAINED FROM THE US MISSION (WHO WERE HAPPY TO GIVE IT BUT DO NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE) THE TEXT OF HAIG'S REPLY TO VON WECHMAR (SEE MY I.F.T.).
2. IT IS CLEAR ENOUGH. VON WECHMAR HAS NOW DECIDED TO CONFINE HIMSELF TO HAVING A LUNCH FOR HIS "FRIENDS" ON 27 AUGUST. THIS WILL MERELY DISCUSS THE MECHANICS OF TURNING THE SUBJECT OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS OVER TO THE 36TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
3. BEHIND HAIG'S MESSAGE AND OTHER RECENT EVIDENCE OF US THINKING OF THIS SUBJECT EG RASHISH'S INTERVIEW IN THE NEW YORK TIMES (WASHINGTON TELNO 2368) UNCERTAINTY CONTINUES. ACCORDING TO THE US MISSION NO-ONE THINKS THAT "GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS", AS HITHERTO ADUMBRATED, WILL DO ANY GOOD. BUT WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION PREFER TO COME CLEAN ABOUT THIS AND STEER TOWARDS SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND MORE PRACTICAL, OTHERS INCLINE TO GO ALONG WITH IT TO AVOID A ROW WITH THE G77 AND POSSIBLY TO PICK UP A FEW POLITICAL BROWNIE POINTS. ADELMAN (RECENTLY ARRIVED DEPUTY TO MRS KIRKPATRICK) ARGUES IN FAVOUR OF ACCEPTING THE LABEL "GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS" BUT DEFINING IT ANEW IN TERMS OF PROGRAMMES AND PROCEDURES ACCEPTABLE TO THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. THIS MIGHT BE A WAY OUT IF DISCUSSION COULD BE SHIFTED FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE BASES ON WHICH IT HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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MY I.P.T.: GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF HAIG'S REPLY TO VON WECHMAR.

BEGINS

I AM AWARE THAT YOU ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CONSULTING WITH OTTAWA PARTICIPANTS WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THEIR PREFERENCES CONCERNING NEXT STEPS ON THE MATTER OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS. AMBASSADOR KIRKPATRICK INFORMED ME OF HER CONVERSATION WITH YOU ON JULY 23 IN WHICH YOU INQUIRED WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY DEVELOPMENTS AT THE OTTAWA SUMMIT OR ELSEWHERE WHICH MIGHT HAVE CHANGED THE US ATTITUDE.

THE OTTAWA SUMMIT WAS, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, A SUCCESS. WE HAD LENGTHY AND USEFUL DISCUSSIONS OF RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CERTAINLY FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE EXCHANGE RESULTED IN SOME FRESH INSIGHTS INTO THE VIEWS OF OTHERS. WE ARE SANGUINE THAT ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES WILL ARISE FROM THE WIDER CIRCLE OF CONSULTATIONS AT CANCUN. AT OTTAWA, WE JOINED TOGETHER WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN REAFFIRMING OUR WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES OF CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN WHATEVER FORUMS MAY BE APPROPRIATE. IT STILL REMAINS TO BE SEEN FOR US WHETHER THE UN IN NEW YORK AND GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS AS PREVIOUSLY CONCEIVED ARE THE BEST WAY TO DO THIS.

OUR POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS REMAINS THE SAME AS IT WAS BEFORE THE EXCHANGE AT OTTAWA. WHILE THE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY USEFUL, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE AT LEAST UNTIL THE 36TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY-- AFTER THE CANCUN SUMMIT. WE APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE YOU AND OTHERS ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE, AND THEREFORE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE A FINAL JUDGMENT BEFORE

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WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REFLECT ON THE OVERALL DISCUSSION AT CANCUN. IN LINE WITH THIS POSITION, WE STRONGLY FAVOR THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS AND PURELY PROCEDURAL DEFERRAL OF GLOBAL NEGOTIATIONS FROM THE 35TH TO THE 36TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A FURTHER MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE SUBJECT WOULD BE EITHER NECESSARY OR PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE. OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR THE DEFERRAL BEING HANDLED THROUGH A PRESIDENTIAL PROCEDURAL INITIATIVE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH YOU DURING YOUR PRESIDENCY ON THIS AND OTHER ISSUES.
SINCERELY, ALEXANDER M HAIG, JR.

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