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FOR PS/PRIME MINISTER

FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW REPEATED TO YOU AT REQUEST OF PRIVE SECRETARY WAS RECEIVED FROM UKMIS NEW YORK TELEGRAM NUMBER 1329 OF 22 SEPTEMBER

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FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH DR WALDHEIM: MIPTS (NOT TO ALL): ARAB/ISRAEL.

1. DR WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD HEARD FROM M. FRANCOIS-PONCET THAT THE NINE MIGHT BE PLAYING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ARAB/ESRAEL QUESTION NEXT YEAR. HE THOUGHT IT VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE EUROPEANS TO TAKE ACTION, AND THAT THIS SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED WITH THE AMERICANS.

2. LORD CARRINGTON WARNED DR WALDHEIM NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM THE NINE. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO TAKE ANY DECISIONS BEFORE THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. BUT THE VENICE DECLARATION HAD RAISED ARAB EXPECTATIONS: IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE ARABS SHOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED. THE NINE WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO PRODUCE SOMETHING. LORD CARRINGTON DID NOT THINK THAT THE MODERATE ARABS EXPECTED THE NINE TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION: THEY WERE AWARE OF EUROPE'S LIMITATIONS: BUT THEY HOPED THAT THE EUROPEANS COULD INFLUENCE THE AMERICANS.

3. DR WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD BEEN WORRIED BY REPORTS THAT THE SAUDI ARABIANS WERE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. LORD CARRINGTON REPLIED THAT, DURING HIS VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA IN AUGUST, HE HAD FOUND PRINCE FAHD AND PRINCE SAUD SENSIBLE AND MODERATE IN PRIVATE.

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