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TO ROUTINE MOSCOW

TELEGRAM NUMBER 14 OF 7 JANUARY

AND TO CERTAIN OTHER POSTS AND MISSIONS

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SOVIET INTERVENTION IN AFGHANISTAN

1. WE WISH TO BRING HOME TO THE RUSSIANS BY EVERY MEANS AVAILABLE OUT STRONG DISAPPROVAL OF THEIR ACTIONS. ONE METHOD IS RESTRICTION OF CONTACTS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS.
2. MOSCOW ONLY. WHILE ESSENTIAL BUSINESS (INCLUDING COMMERCIAL WORK) MUST OF COURSE CONTINUE, YOU SHOULD FOR THE TIME BEING AVOID UNNECESSARY CALLS ON AND SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS.
3. ALL OTHER POSTS. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE SOCIAL CONTACTS WITH SOVIET EMBASSIES SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND OTHER CONTACTS REDUCED TO A MINIMUM.
4. SIMILAR ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN LONDON.
5. PLEASE INFORM SUBORDINATE POSTS AS NECESSARY.
6. WE DO NOT AT PRESENT WISH TO REDUCE CONTACTS WITH OTHER WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY ENDORSE THE SOVIET INTERVENTION, WE MAY ISSUE A SEPARATE INSTRUCTION ON THIS.

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