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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
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YOUR TELNO 885: WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT: INF

1. PLEASE SEE MY TELNO 1466 (PARA 9), WHICH CROSSED WITH YOURS. BURT SAW THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY. THE AMERICANS HAVE DROPPED THE IDEA OF ANY PRE-NEGOTIATED STATEMENT ON INF. IF THERE IS A CONSENSUS, FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION AT DINNER ON SATURDAY, THAT A SHORT POLITICAL STATEMENT SHOULD BE ISSUED EMPHASISING SERIOUSNESS ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND SERIOUSNESS TOO ABOUT DEPLOYMENT IF THESE SHOULD FAIL, THE AMERICANS WOULD WELCOME THIS. THEY HOPE THAT WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS, BUT ARE NOT GOING TO PRESS THE IDEA IF, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, THERE SHOULD BE A LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR IT ON THE PART OF OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

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