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FM DAR ES SALAAM
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 173
OF 301030Z JUNE 86
INFO PRIORITY LUSAKA, HARARE.

YOUR TELNO 150 TO ACCRA AND 197 TO LUSAKA

SOUTH AFRICA

1. MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER PASSED TO PRESIDENT MWINYI JUST BEFORE HE LEFT FOR STATE VISIT TO BURUNDI AND RWANDA. HE NOTED THE CONTENTS. HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA WILL RETURN ON 5 JULY.

2. I SPOKE TO DIRECTOR AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST MFA AS IN YOUR TELNO 150 TO ACCRA. HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO STUDY EUROPEAN COUNCIL STATEMENT BUT MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:-

(A) HE DID NOT NEED TO REHEARSE VIEWS OF GOT. I KNEW THEM WELL ENOUGH. FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA HAD ALREADY PUBLICLY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT BRITAIN AND EC COULD NOT BRING THEMSELVES TO AGREE TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, PARTICULARLY AFTER THE GOOD WORK OF THE CEPG.

(B) GOT ARE CONCERNED THAT THE THREE MONTHS PERIOD FOR CONSULTATIONS IS SIMPLY BUYING TIME WHILE THERE IS A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND PEOPLE ARE BEING KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA. GOT IS CONVINCED THAT SAG WILL NOT CHANGE ITS POLICIES. THEY HOPE THAT SIR GEOFFREY HOWE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO REPORT ON HIS MISSION BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH MEETING IN LONDON. THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF THE OAU WILL MEET IN ARUSHA ON 16 JULY AND ANY INFORMATION BEFORE THEN WOULD BE HELPFUL.

(C) THIS DECISION BY EUROPEAN COUNCIL ONLY STRENGTHENED THE POSITION OF LEADERS LIKE KAUNDA WHO CLAIM THAT IT IS RACIALLY MOTIVATED. THERE IS A DANGER THAT MORE WILL COME TO BELIEVE THIS.

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(D) SAG HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. THE PEOPLE THERE ARE DESPERATE, THEIR SUPPORTERS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY INCREASINGLY FRUSTRATED. THE EC DECISION PROVOKES MORE FRUSTRATION, MORE DESPERATION. THE ONLY OPTIONS NOW ARE SANCTIONS. BRITAIN AND THE EUROPEANS SHOULD ACT NOW, OR RUN THE RISK OF ENCOURAGING THE RACIALIST INTERPRETATION OF THEIR POSITION.

3. THE PRESS HAVE STRONGLY ATTACKED THE DECISION, AND BRITAIN'S ROLE IN IT. DETAILS FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

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