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RE EICHMANN CASE (DEPTEL 986)

1. WE CALLED ORTIZ DE ROZA (ARGENTINA) EARLY THIS EVENING TO INFORM ARGENTINE DEL OF DEPT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED DEPTEL 986 RE ENCOURAGING "THIRD PARTY" INITIATIVE (WE DID NOT SAY WHO) AND INFO WE HAD RE FRONDIZI ATTITUDE FROM PARIS: TO DEPT 5966. WE NOTED WE TRYING TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH AND TO BE HELPFUL TO ARGENTINA, AND THEREFORE WANTED TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT OUR CURRENT INFO AND INSTRUCTIONS WERE.

2. HE IMMEDIATELY CHECKED WITH AMADEO AND CONVEYED REPLY THAT AMADEO HAD RECEIVED DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM FRONDIZI IN ANOTHER TELECON AT 6 PM THIS EVENING TO GO AHEAD WITH SC MEETING. AMADEO SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO US TONIGHT ABOUT RESOLUTION. ORTIZ DE ROZA ADDED THAT THERE MUST HAVE BEEN MIX-UP IN PARIS. HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION BASED ON US APPROACH IN PARIS BETWEEN FRONDIZI AND ARGENTINA EMBASSY IN PARIS ALONG LINES OUR INFO BUT THAT FRONDIZI TOLD EMB HE WANTED TO CONSULT ARGENTINE DEL IN NEW YORK BEFORE FINAL REPLY. AMADEO'S NEW INSTRUCTIONS, RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO OUR INFO FROM AMEMBASSY PARIS, WERE TO PROCEED WITH SC. WE TOLD HIM WE WOULD HAVE TO REPORT THIS INFO TO WASHINGTON TO SEE WHAT DEPT WANTED TO DO.

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3. WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH ORTONA (LATER STATED (FRENCH) TO ARGENTINA IN THE MEETING. WE HAD HAD FRIENDS WHO HAD EXPECTED SOMETHING FROM PARIS ABOUT MEETING BUT HAD RECEIVED NOTHING BY END OF DAY. HE THOUGHT BEST THING WOULD BE TO HOLD UP APPROACH TO ITALIANS UNTIL REAL POSITION OF ARGENTINA CLARIFIED. WAR. RTA SAID LATEST UK INFO (FROM ORTONA) WAS THAT ARGENTINA WANTED SC TO GO ON AND THAT BG-FRONDIZI MEETING WAS EXCLUDED. SHE AGREED APPROACH TO ITALIANS PROBABLY SHOULD BE POSTPONED.

4. IN LIGHT THESE CONVERSATIONS WE EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS BY TELECON TO DEPT ABOUT GOING AHEAD WITH APPROACH TO ITALIANS UNTIL DISCREPANCIES IN ARGENTINE POSITION AS REPORTED IN PARIS AND NEW YORK WERE CLARIFIED.

5. UPON RECEIPT FURTHER TELECON INSTRUCTIONS TO RECHECK WITH UK AND FRENCH TO SAY WE WANTED TO GO AHEAD UNLESS THEY OBJECTED AND TO PUT QUESTION TO ITALIANS INCLUDING FULL STORY OF CONFLICTING INFO, WE CALLED FRENCH AND UK AGAIN. THEY AGREED TO US GOING AHEAD WITH APPROACH TO ITALIAN DEL AND WARBURTON SAID ON BASIS REVIEW TELS SINCE LAST CONVERATION THAT UK AMB IN ROME WAS RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE APPROACH TO FONOFF IN CONCERT WITH US AMB. SHE WOULD NOW REPORT US MAKING APPROACH HERE, BUT US AMB IN ROME MIGHT STILL HEAR FROM UK.

6. WE WERE UNABLE REACH ORTONA, BUT MADE APPOINTMENT WITH HIS ASSISTANT AT 11 PM. WE GAVE HIM COMPLETE FILL-IN OF INFO FROM PARIS 5966 TO DEPT AND AMADEO'S COMMENTS TO US REPORTED ABOVE, AND MADE SUGGESTION THAT ITALIANS APPROACH FRONDIZI AS THIRD PARTY TO PROPOSE BEN GURTON-FRONDIZI MEETING AND SC POSTPONEMENT, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE TUESDAY IF AGREEMENT REACHED. WE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE INFO ON FRONDIZI'S POSITION WAS CONFLICTING, THIS REQUEST BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS BY DEPT IN KNOWLEDGE AMADEO'S COMMENTS TO ORTONA AND TO US THIS EVENING. ASSISTANT PROMISED HE WOULD SPEAK TO ORTONA LATER TONIGHT AND SEND DETAILED TEL TO ROME. HE HAD SOME PERSONAL DOUBT, HOWEVER, WHETHER NECESSARY DECISIONS COULD BE TAKEN BY ROME IN TIME.

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7. SUBSEQUENT TO ABOVE ORTONA TELEPHONED. WE WENT OVER POSITION AGAIN WITH HIM. HE ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS FORMAL PROPOSAL OF US. WE REPLIED WE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY DEPT TO URGE ITALY TO MAKE FORMAL PROPOSAL TO FRONDIKI ALONG THESE LINES AND THAT THIS INSTRUCTION TOOK INTO ACCOUNT AMADEO'S REPORT TO HIM (ORTONA) AND TO US THIS EVENING ABOUT ARGENTINE POSITION. HE SAID IN THAT CASE HE WOULD BOTH TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE IT TO ROME. HE STRESSED IT PUT THEM ON DIFFICULT SPOT, HOWEVER, AS THEY HAD NO DIRECT INFO THAT BEN GURION HAD OFFERED TO MEET FRONDIKI THEY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO APPROACH BEN GURION FIRST IN BELGIUM AND THEN FRONDIKI AFTERWARD. AS ONLY 30 HOURS REMAINED BEFORE MEETING THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT.

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