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1. DISCUSSED WITH JOHN RAE SEVERAL OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE PENDING FROM THE LAST BBC-FBIS COORDINATION MEETING AS REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES. THESE ITEMS WERE ALSO REFLECTED IN YOUR ADVANCE WORK PLAN OF NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND IN MY CURRENT ONE. SUMMATION OF POINTS FOLLOW.

A. MUTUAL OPERATION WITH ALL-INDIA RADIO. NOT BEING PURSUED AT MOMENT ON FCO ADVICE. BELIEF STILL IS THAT INDIA WILL HAVE NONE OF IT. ISLAMABAD MAKES IT, IN ADDITION, A LESS URGENT MATTER. RAE TOOK MY POINT THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTH PURSUING IF ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF GETTING ANOTHER COOPERATIVE EFFORT ON OUR BOOKS BUT REMAINS CONVINCED NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DO IT.

B. RECORDING OPERATION IN TURKEY. THE FCO, IN ADDITION TO RULING OUT ANY RECORDING OPERATION IN TEHRAN, ALSO RULED OUT ANYTHING IN TURKEY. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT EVEN LET A SURVEY BE CONDUCTED. "WHAT IS THE POINT? EVEN IF THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE PROMISING, I WON'T LET YOU SEND ANYBODY HERE."

C. EMERGENCY NORTH AFRICAN COVERAGE. RAE HAS PURSUED THIS WITH MOD AND HAS IDENTIFIED SITE FROM WHICH AN EMERGENCY MONITORING OPERATION COULD BE MOUNTED IN GIBRALTER.

D. BRUSSELS AUDIO FEEDS. STILL IN THE MILL AND TO BE CONDUCTED ON PLANNED SCHEDULE. HAVING ENOUGH STAFF TO DO THE JOB PROMPTLY IS A CONCERN, HOWEVER. (MY COMMENT: PERHAPS WE CAN HELP IN THIS WHEN THE TIME COMES, TO SUMMARIZE THE MATERIAL ON THE FEEDS.)

E. SALISBURY OPERATION. I PUT OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT SALISBURY TO RAE, AND THIS TIME GOT A MORE RECEPTIVE RESPONSE THAN LAST. HE WILL DEFINITELY TAKE IT UP WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND LET

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US KNOW. THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE

ALONG THE LINES BROACHED IN THE EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH BRONSON AND ME, A JOINT VENTURE WITH THE LILONGWE COSTS OFF-SETTING SOME OF THE SALISBURY COSTS.

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