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WL 955.

RE UR LW 1029, PARA TWO.

IN CLARIFICATION PACKARDS STATEMENT "AT THAT TIME (LATE AUGUST) SECRETARY DULLES DID NOT CONSIDER FRENCH SITUATION SUFFICIENTLY STABLE TO PROCEED AND FURTHER HE DID NOT WISH UNITED STATES TO PROCEED WITHOUT CHECKING BACK WITH HIM". PACKARD STILL DOUBTS THAT PRELIMINARY WORK WILL BE COMPLETED BY MID NOVEMBER.

SUB PARA 3A. FBI DOES NOT BELIEVE TRUE OF MOST DELEGATIONS, CERTAINLY NOT UNITED STATES. WOULD NOT INVOLVE FULL REVELATION, MERELY TO INFORM THEM "THERE IS A PROBLEM". WOULD THEN CONDUCT LIAISON THROUGH TRIPARTY SECURITY WORKING GROUP TO FIND SECURE GROUP TO GO INTO MATTER FULLY.

SUB PARA 3B. SAME ANSWER AS 3A APPLIES.

SUB PARA 3C. FBI AND STATE SAY NOT TRUE; STATE HAS DISPATCH SAYING FRENCH "HAVE FOUND MEETINGS MOST BENEFICIAL, EAGER FOR UNITED STATES VIEWS ON EARLY RESUMPTION". WE DID NOT ENVISION MEETING OF TSWG BUT MERELY USING THAT GROUP AS LIAISON.

PARA 4. YOU WERE WRONG, BRITISH RIGHT. LAST SENTENCE PARA FOUR. UNITED STATES FEELS MEETING SHOULD BE DEFERRED TILL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR. UNITED STATES ALSO FEELS START SHOULD BE MADE AT TOP, USING TSWG AS A MEANS TO FIND A "SECURE" SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS. IN FURTHER CLARIFICATION, UNITED STATES VISUALIZES 4 STEPS:

1. REACH BRITISH UNITED STATES AGREEMENT AT WORKING GROUP LEVEL (SEE BELOW AFTER STEP FOUR).
2. DIPLOMATIC STEPS.
3. TSWG DETERMINE PROPER FRENCH WORKING GROUP.
4. BRITISH FRENCH UNITED STATES SECURITY PEOPLE CONDUCT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

FOR YOURS AND JOSH COOPERS INFORMATION, WASHINGTON BRITISH UNITED STATES WORKING GROUP HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED STEP 1, EXPECT FORMAL AGREEMENT SOON.