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YOUR TELNO 808 TO UKMIS NEW YORK : EL SALVADOR

1. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO FOLLOW THE DETAILED TO-ING AND FRO-ING ON DRAFT RESOLUTION L62 FROM HERE WITHOUT HAVING ALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS ETC.

2. BUT I MUST EMPHASISE THAT IF THE OUTCOME TURNS OUT TO BE THAT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5 AND WE DECIDE TO VOTE WITH THE TEN, THE ADMINISTRATION'S REACTION WOULD BE ONE OF SOME INDIGNATION. WE HAVE HEARD FROM VICE PRESIDENT BUSH'S STAFF THAT APPARENT EUROPEAN INTENTIONS ON THE RESOLUTION HAD AROUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. THE AMERICANS CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY HMG IN PARTICULAR DO NOT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT DUARTE'S INTENTION TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN MARCH, PROVIDED A TOLERABLE DEGREE OF LAW AND ORDER CAN BE ACHIEVED, SOMETHING WHICH THEY BELIEVE THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO ENSURE. IN PARTICULAR THEY CANNOT SEE WHY WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE ARGUMENT OF THE LEFTIST PARTIES THAT THEIR REFUSAL TO TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS SHOULD PREVENT ELECTIONS BEING HELD AT ALL. THERE IS ALSO A FEELING THAT DIRECT EUROPEAN INTEREST IN EL SALVADOR IS MINISCULE AND THAT IF EUROPE IS NOT GOING TO HELP THE US TO RESTORE STABILITY BY SUPPORTING THE CENTRE, IE THE DUARTE GOVERNMENT, FOR ALL ITS FAULTS, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST REFRAIN FROM MAKING THE US TASK MORE DIFFICULT.

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