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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 456 OF 04 JULY

YOUR TELNO 337: L K JHA

1. I TELEPHONED JHA THIS MORNING TO PASS ON THE SUGGESTIONS IN YOUR TUR. JHA QUITE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT THE CHANCELLOR'S MOVEMENTS AND SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO CALL ON THE CHIEF SECRETARY, AND INDEED TO MEET JEFFREY LITTLER AS WELL IF THAT COULD BE FITTED IN. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO HEARING ABOUT THE GOVERNOR. HE IS NOT (NOT) EXPECTING TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING.
2. JHA THEN ASKED ME TO CALL ROUND AT HIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL ME OF A CONVERSATION HE HAD JUST HAD WITH MRS GANDHI. SHE HAD ASKED IF THE PRIME MINISTER COULD SPARE SOME TIME TO SEE JHA WHILE HE WAS IN LONDON IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN INDIA'S IDEAS ABOUT THE UN SUMMIT PROPOSAL. JHA SAID THE ESSENCE OF THE INDIAN APPROACH WAS THAT THEY WERE NOT RIGID ABOUT THE FORM SUCH A SUMMIT MIGHT TAKE: BUT MRS GANDHI WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL PERSONALLY TO HAVE WHAT JHA CALLED SOME 'FEED BACK' ABOUT THE UK ATTITUDE.
3. THIS IS A TRICKY ONE, GIVEN OUR VIEWS ON THE SUMMIT. BUT MRS GANDHI WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE PLEASED IF JHA, WHO IS ONE OF HER CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, COULD BE RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. WE COULD BE CONFIDENT THAT ANY MESSAGE THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT WISH TO CONVEY TO MRS GANDHI ON OTHER TOPICS WOULD GET THROUGH QUICKLY.
4. JHA WOULD BE AVAILABLE AM ON THURSDAY THE 7TH AND ANY TIME ON FRIDAY OR MONDAY, 8 OR 11 JULY. HE IS FLYING TO LONDON ON THE 6TH.

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