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1. FONMIN CALLED IN AMB EVENING JAN 20. STRESSING "GREAT SERIOUSNESS" WITH WHICH GOS REGARDED THIRD COUNTRY ACTIONS WITH REGARD GIBRALTAR, HE DELIVERED NOTE, STATING HE WAS LIKEWISE CALLING IN AMBASSADORS OTHER NATO COUNTRIES BEGINNING WITH PROTUGAL. NOTE, AFTER BREIFLY REHEARSING GOS EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE WITH UK ON GIBRALTAR, MAKES FOLLOWING TWO MAIN POINTS:

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A. SPAIN DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER GIBRALTAR AS NATO BASE AND WILL NOT CONSSENT TO USE ANY SPANISH FACILITY BY MEMBERS OF NATO, AND HENCEFORTH HAS FULL RESERVATIONS ABOUT ANY ACTION OF NATO WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED AS SUPPORT TO GIBRALTAR.

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B. SPAIN HOPES FOR US UNDERSTANDING, AND WOULD THANK US NOT MAKE USE OF CERTAIN RIGHTS GRANTED BY 1953 AND 1963 AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE TODAY CLEARLY CONTRARY TO SPANISH INTERESTS IN CONNECTION WITH GIBRALTAR PROBLEM. (COMMENT: NOT IMMEDIATELY CLEAR TO EMBASSY WHAT GOS DRIVING AT SPECIFICALLY IN THIS STATEMENT.)

2. FONMIN ALSO HANDED AMBASSADOR

A. MEMO LISTING (BY DATE AND HOUR) TWENTY-SIX USAF AND USN PLANES WHICH LANDED AT GIBRALTAR BETWEEN DEC 9 AND JANS. HE SAID ORALLY PLANES CAME FROM JOINT BASE AT ROTA AND DESCRIBED THEIR LANDING AT GIBRALTAR AS "AN UNFREINDLY ACT".

B. MEMO STATING DUTCH EMBASSY MADRID HAD ASKED JAN 10 FOR FUTURE PERMISSION AT PALMA DE MALLORCA FOR A DUTCH NAVY PLANE GOING TO GIBRALTAR ON FEB 11 AND ANOTHER COMMING FROM GIBRALTAR FEB 18, AND ALSO REQUESTED ON JAN 18 PERMISSION FOR TWO DUTCH AIR FORCE OFFICERS, ALLEGEDLY INVITED BY US TO

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ATTEND TRAINING COURSE WITH 32ND FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON,
TO LAND IN SPAIN. MEMO STATES FONOFF TURNED DOWN BOTH DUTCH
REQUESTS ON GROUNDS SPANISH-US BILATERAL AGREEMENTS DO NOT
INPOSE ANY OBLIGATION ON SPAIN TOWARD THIRD COUNTRIES ALLIED
TO US, AS NETHERLANDS AND OTHERS ARE IN NATO FRAMEWORK.

(COMMENT: EMBASSY HAD INFORMED FONOFF JAN 8 IN REPLY TO
TELEPHONE QUERY THAT DECISION AS TO WETHER GOS AUTHORIZED
DUTCH AIR FORCE OFFICERS TO LAND AT TORREJON WAS ENTIRELY
THEIRS TO MAKE AS THEY SAW FIT. FONOFF SAID IT WAS REFUSING
REQUEST, WHICH WE UNDERSTOOD AT TIME WAS NADE IN THE HAGUE,
NOT MADRID.)

3. ATMOSPHERE DURING MEETING WAS VERY SERIOUS AND DELIBERATE ON FONMINS PART. HE WAS VERY DEFINITE AND EXPLICIT ABOUT NOT PERMITTING ANY "NATO ACTIVITY" AT ANY BASE ON SPANISH SOIL.

4. TRANSLATIONS OF DOCUMENTS AND EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

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