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*We shall receive advice  
- a bad proposal, in my  
view. A.S.C. 9/1*

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PROPOSAL BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A  
SECURITY COUNCIL SUMMIT MEETING

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT REAGAN, MR ANDROPOV AND MRS GANDHI TO PROPOSE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN 1984 IN ORDER TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE DETERIORATING INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE.
2. WE HAVE TRIED, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE LETTERS. THE INDIAN MISSION TOLD US THAT THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO MRS GANDHI IS STILL REGARDED AS CONFIDENTIAL BUT THAT IN IT ILLUECA STRESSED THE DANGER OF THE ESCALATING ARMS RACE AND THE NEED FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER-POWERS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF THE 'INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY' PRESENTED BY INDIA'S CONCURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.
3. THE US MISSION HAVE CONFIRMED THAT ILLUECA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN WAS SENT VIA THEM BUT THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TRACE COPIES. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT WAS HANDLED PERSONALLY BY MRS KIRKPATRICK. THEY HAVE INFORMED THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF OUR INTEREST AND WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO OUR APPROACHING THE STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECT FOR A COPY. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY ASKED HM EMBASSY WASHINGTON IF THEY COULD PURSUE THIS.
4. ILLUECA'S INITIATIVE IS BASED ON HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (MY TELNO 1704) AND IT IS TYPICAL OF HIM NOT TO HAVE WRITTEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A REPLY FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT IT SEEMS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE US - OR THE USSR FOR THAT MATTER - WOULD BE WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH THIS IDEA.

THOMSON  
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No. 10 DOWNING STREET

**THIS TELEGRAM  
WAS NOT  
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