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YOUR TELNO 930: CHOGM: SOUTH AFRICA

1. I AM SEEING MR GEOFFREY YEEND, SECRETARY TO THE CABINET,
 ON 8 OCTOBER TO GO OVER THE GROUND ONCE MORE.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER, MR HAWKE, RECORDED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE
 BBC'S 'WORLD AT ONE' ON 3 OCTOBER. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE
 INTERVIEW HAS ALREADY BEEN BROADCAST IN BRITAIN, BUT THE
 TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN RELEASED AND THE INTERVIEW HAS ALREADY
 BEEN GIVEN WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE HERE.

3. THE FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY FAX TO REEVE, SAFD. THE POINTS WHICH
 HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED HERE ARE: A) MR HAWKE'S REMARK, IN RESPONSE
 TO THE SUGGESTION THAT BRITAIN WOULD STAND OUT AGAINST MANDATORY
 SANCTIONS, THAT 'BRITAIN MAY HAVE TO COME TO THE REALISATION
 THAT WE LIVE IN 1985 - BRITAIN NO LONGER RULES THE WORLD';
 B) HIS ALLEGATION THAT 'THE BRITISH ATTITUDE IS DETERMINED TO A
 VERY CONSIDERABLE EXTENT BY HIS PERCEPTIONS OF HIS ECONOMIC
 INTERESTS IN TERMS OF THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT IT HAS
 IN SOUTH AFRICA,' AND (C) HIS ASSERTION THAT 'WE ARE HERE DEALING
 WITH ISSUES WHICH TRANSCEND AN ASSESSMENT OF A COMMERCIAL
 BALANCE SHEET.'

4. MR HAWKE ENDS THE INTERVIEW BY SAYING THAT HE DOES NOT INTEND
 TO 'PAIN BRITAIN INTO A CORNER,' BUT THAT HE WILL BE TRYING TO
 EXPLAIN TO THE MEETING, PARTICULARLY TO BRITAIN, THAT 'THERE
 ARE CERTAIN MORAL CONSIDERATIONS HERE WHICH TRANSCEND EVERYTHING
 ELSE. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE BRITAIN THAT 'IT IS MUCH MORE
 LIKELY THAT THE WHOLE OF THE REST OF THE COMMONWEALTH IS RIGHT
 AND THAT THEY ARE NOT.'

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