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YOUR TELNO 845 (NOT TO ALL): MULTINATIONAL FORCE

1. MOD ARE PLANNING DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCE PARTY OF MNF  
CONTINGENT ON 1/2 FEBRUARY WITH MAIN PARTY TO FOLLOW ON  
8/9 FEBRUARY. TIMING IS SLOWER THAN WE WOULD IDEALLY HAVE  
WISHED. BUT APART FROM THE PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE  
DISCUSSED BY THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM, FITTING IN WITH ROULEMENT  
OF ARMoured RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON IN UNFICYP IS A MAJOR FACTOR.  
EARLIER DEPLOYMENT WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS.
2. NO (NO) DETAILS OF DATE OF DEPLOYMENT OR COMPOSITION OF  
CONTINGENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL AFTER THE RECONNAISSANCE  
TEAM HAS RETURNED TO THE UK. IF ASKED NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL  
CONFIRM THAT THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM IS VISITING LEBANON TO  
DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE UK CONTINGENT,  
THAT THIS CONTINGENT WILL CONSIST OF A UNIT OF ABOUT 80 MEN  
DRAWN FROM UK FORCES CURRENTLY SERVING IN CYPRUS AND THAT IT  
WILL BE DEPLOYED IN LEBANON AS SOON AS THE NECESSARY ARRANGE-  
MENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES AND OTHER  
CONTRIBUTORS TO THE .MNF.

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