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MY TELNO 1166 AND TELECONS NIXON/FORD: LEBANON: MNF CONSULTATIONS

1. AS INSTRUCTED BY TELEPHONE, WE PUT TO THE QUAI THE PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING AT DIRECTOR LEVEL IN LONDON ON 19 OR 20 DECEMBER. PAVEC, HEAD OF NEAR EAST DEPARTMENT AT THE QUAI, TOLD US AFTER SUBMITTING THE PROPOSAL, THAT CHEYSSON CONSIDERED THAT A MEETING OF THE FOUR SO SOON AFTER THE BRUSSELS MEETING WOULD BE TOO EARLY, WHATEVER THE LEVEL AT WHICH IT WERE HELD. EXPECTATIONS MIGHT BE AROUSED, LEAKS MIGHT OCCUR (SUCH AS THAT IN LE MONDE REPORTED IN MY TELNO 1170 - NOT TO ALL) AND AN EXTREMELY DELICATE SITUATION MIGHT BE UPSET.

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION, PAVEC SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WHAT THE FRENCH ATTITUDE MIGHT BE TO A MEETING AFTER THE HOLIDAY BREAK. HIS TONE, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ENCOURAGING.

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