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[Redacted] IDEALIST TACKLE

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REF [Redacted] 1814, PARA 6

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1. ON 2 AUGUST WE AGAIN RAISED WITH [Redacted] THE QUESTION OF AN AGREED [Redacted] PUBLIC STATEMENT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT DURING TRAINING MISSION. [Redacted] WAS REMINDED THAT AT THE 1 JULY DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT, HE HAD SAID THEN THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP THE QUESTION WITH [Redacted]

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2. [Redacted] RESPONDED BY INDICATING HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE REFERRING TO, SAYING THAT [Redacted] REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM, ONLY ASKING HIM WHY HE WANTED TO TALK ABOUT ACCIDENTS. [Redacted] DID NOT WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEM BECAUSE IT MADE HIS HEAD HURT.

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[Redacted] PROMPTLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE ASSURED US THAT IN THE EVENT OF A FUTURE ACCIDENT (HE MADE CLEAR HE WAS SPEAKING OF [Redacted]), HE WOULD TAKE PROMPT ACTION TO ASSURE THAT

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AUTHORITY WAS OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED] OR DEFENSE MINISTER.

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[REDACTED] FOR THE RELEASE OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT. HE

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SAID, IN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION, THAT HE WOULD USE THE TEXT

OF THE 22 JUNE 66 STATEMENT WE PREPARED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OF THE 313RD AIR DIVISION THAT EVENING AS THE

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BASIS FOR FUTURE STATEMENTS. HE DID NOTE THAT [REDACTED]

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ACTUAL STATEMENT DID NOT EXACTLY FOLLOW THE LINES OF THE AGREED

STATEMENT BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON THAT FACT. ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED]

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3. AS WE LEFT, WE ASKED [REDACTED] TO SEND OUR OFFICE

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A COPY OF THE STATEMENT WHICH HE INTENDED TO USE AS THE BASIS

FOR ANY FUTURE RELEASES. WE DID THIS JUST TO BE SURE WE KNEW

EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD IN HAND. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED IT.

4. WE APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS ONLY ONE INTERIM STEP IN

ACHIEVING MORE FORTHCOMING [REDACTED] BEHAVIOR THIS REGARD, BUT IT IS

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AT LEAST SOME ADVANCE. IN A PINCH, [REDACTED] MAY NOT BE ABLE

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TO CARRY THE DAY WITH [REDACTED] BUT HOPEFULLY [REDACTED] WILL BE

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ADDING HIS VOICE TO OURS IN ELICITING A CONSTRUCTIVE [REDACTED]

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STATEMENT AS EARLY IN THE GAME AS THE SITUATION MERITS.

5. WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT [REDACTED] BASIC DRAFT STATEMENT

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(PARA 3 ABOVE) WILL NOT FIT ALL SITUATIONS, BUT WE WILL STAY

ON THIS AND FASHION AS GOOD AND AS FIRM AN AGREED PROCEDURE

AS WE CAN WITH [REDACTED] IN THE ACTUAL EVENT, HOWEVER, THE

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OPERATIVE QUESTION WILL DOUBTLESS BE WHETHER THE SITUATION

NECESSITATES ANY STATEMENT WHEREIN [REDACTED] HAS TO ADMIT A PLANE

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LOSS. [REDACTED] AT THAT TIME WILL THUS CONTINUE

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TO HANG IN LARGE MEASURE ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS AT THE

LOCALE OF THE PLANE LOSS -- AND HOW WELL INFORMED [REDACTED]

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HAS BEEN ABLE KEEP [REDACTED]

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