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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM BRITISH MP ON RAUFF CASE: REQUEST
FOR GUIDANCE
REF: A) STATE 75269 B) LONDON 5864
1. (S) SUMMARY. DESPITE OUR CAUTIONARY REQUEST (REF
B), FCO REVEALED, IN A MARCH 14 WRITTEN REPLY TO LABOR
MP DAVID WINNICK, AN AMERICAN ROLE IN APPEALS TO CHILE
FOR THE EXPULSION OF WALTER RAUFF. ON MARCH 12 WINNICK
QUERIED THE US AMBASSADOR OVER THE US ROLE. ACTION
REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW MUCH OF
THE US ROLE IN THE AFFAIR MAY BE REVEALED IN OUR
REPLY TO WINNICK. END SUMMARY.
2. (U) THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE 14 MARCH PAR-
LIAMENTARY QUESTION AND PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY, AS
REQUESTED IN REF A:
BEGIN TEXT.

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MR WINNICK ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SECURING THE EXTRADITION OR EXPULSION FROM CHILE OF THE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL, RAUFF; AND IF SHE WILL MAKE A STATEMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER: AS THE HON. MEMBER WILL KNOW, THE CHILEANS HAVE PUBLICLY REJECTED THE DEMAND OF THE ISRAELI MINISTER OF JUSTICE ON 24 JANUARY FOR RAUFF TO BE EXTRADITED TO STAND TRIAL. BUT OUR AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE SEPARATE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE LATEST REQUESTS BY THE AMERICANS AND GERMANS FOR RAUFF TO BE EXPELLED FROM CHILE.

END TEXT.

3. (U) THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF WINNICK'S 12 MARCH LETTER TO THE AMBASSADOR:

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR AMBASSADOR,

FOR THE PAST YEAR I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE COMMONS IN RAISING THE CASE OF THE NOTORIOUS NAZI WAR CRIMINAL, RAUFF; I AM ENCLOSING ARTICLES WHICH HAVE APPEARED ABOUT HIM IN THE BRITISH PRESS. AS YOU WILL SEE, RAUFF LIVES FREELY IN CHILE AND, INDEED, UNDER HIS OWN NAME. LIKE MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES IN PARLIAMENT I STRONGLY TAKE THE VIEW THAT HE SHOULD BE EXTRADITED OR EXPELLED FROM CHILE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WHO HAVE APPARENTLY MADE REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO SECURE HIS EXTRADITION TO THEIR COUNTRY.

I AM ALSO ENCLOSING THE LATEST REPLY I HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, AS WELL AS AN EARLIER LETTER FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY. I AM OF COURSE PLEASED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS NOW ASKED THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO SUPPORT THEIR REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OR EXPULSION OF RAUFF. I ACCORDINGLY WROTE AGAIN TO SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AFTER I RECEIVED BARON VON WECHMAR'S LETTER.

I DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE THE WISH OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO DO ITS UTMOST TO HAVE RAUFF BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, AND PARTICULARLY BEARING IN MIND THE NATURE OF HIS CRIMES AND ATROCITIES AGAINST CIVILIANS AND OF THE PLEDGE THAT WAS GIVEN BY THE WARTIME ALLIES THAT THOSE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY WOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE ONCE THE WAR HAD ENDED.

IT WAS, OF COURSE, ENCOURAGING THAT BARBIE WAS EXPELLED FROM BOLIVIA TO FRANCE, AND ONE TRUSTS THAT AT LONG LAST SUCH A NOTORIOUS MASS MURDERER WILL AT LAST BE APPREHENDED BY THOSE WHO WISH TO PUT HIM ON TRIAL.

I WOULD THEREFORE BE PLEASED IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW IF IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE SUPPORT OVER THIS MATTER.

YOURS SINCERELY,

DAVID WINNICK

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END TEXT.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE. PRICE
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