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TAGS: PREL, ECON, AL, UK, FR, US
SUBJECT: ALBANIAN GOLD AND U.S. CLAIMS

REFS: (A) 92 TIRANA 2424
(B) 92 LONDON 8633

(C) WE ADVISED THE FCO EASTERN ADRIATIC UNIT JANUARY 4 OF THE ALBANIAN REQUEST TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SETTLEMENT OF U.S. CLAIMS AGAINST ALBANIA AND THE RETURN OF GOLD HELD BY THE TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION (REF A). RECALLING THE MAY 1992 UK-ALBANIAN AGREEMENT ON A GOLD AND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT (REF B), THE EASTERN ADRIATIC UNIT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AN EARLY U.S.-ALBANIAN AGREEMENT, SO THAT THE CLAIMS COULD BE PAID OUT AND GOLD RETURNED.
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