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SUBJECT: IRISH ITEM - NUCLEAR WEAPONS

UK HAS INQUIRED HERE ABOUT US VIEWS ON TEXT IRISH DRAFT RESOLUTION TRANSMITTED OURTEL 928. UKDEL SAID IRISH HAD PRESSED THEM FOR COMMENTS, BUT THAT LONDON DID NOT WANT RESPOND BEFORE HEARING US VIEWS. NEED COMMENTS SOONEST ON IRISH TEXT AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON DEALING WITH IRISH ITEM ITSELF.

WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS WHETHER IRISH WILL ACCEPT REFERRAL PROCEDURE THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBILITY THERE MAY BE NO AGREEMENT ON FORUM TO WHICH IRISH ITEM MIGHT BE REFERRED AT TIME IRISH ITEM COMES UP. THIS POSSIBILITY ENHANCED IN LIGHT KHRUSHCHEV STATEMENT YESTERDAY. FACT THAT THRUST OF IRISH DRAFT IS CALL FOR TEMPORARY VOLUNTARY POLICY OF NON-TRANSFER OF "CONTROL" OF WEAPONS THEMSELVES PENDING NEGOTIATION OF INSPECTED AGREEMENTS, WHEN COMBINED WITH POSSIBLE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC AGREED FORUM FOR REFERRAL AND KHRUSHCHEV'S EMPHASIS IN HIS EXTEMPORANEOUS STATEMENT OCTOBER 12 ON DANGER OF SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, RAISES STRONG DOUBTS OF FEASIBILITY REFERRAL PROCEDURE IN PRESENT ASSEMBLY. THEREFORE NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS URGENTLY SINCE WE SEE REAL DANGER WE MAY BE PUT IN POSITION OF APPEARING TO OPPOSE EFFORTS PREVENT SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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