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INFO ROUTINE PRETORIA, WASHINGTON

MY TELNO 956 : INDIA : SOUTH AFRICA

1. I CALLED ON SHUNKER (ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, MEA) TODAY TO GO OVER THE GROUND ON SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION (RECORD BY BAG) SHUNKER SET OUT WELL KNOWN INDIAN VIEWS ON SANCTIONS AND I REPLIED APPROPRIATELY.

2. SHUNKER LET DROP, HOWEVER, THAT RAJIV GANDHI HIMSELF FELT SO STRONGLY THAT HE WAS SENDING A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER. SHUNKER ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND SHOULD BE TREATED WITH DISCRETION. NEVERTHELESS, THE FACT THAT THE ISSUE HAD BEEN RAISED TO THE LEVEL OF A DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTERS INDICATED THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO IT

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ON THE INDIAN SIDE. SHUNKER CONFIRMED THAT THE INDIANS WOULD BE
MAKING SANCTIONS A MAJOR POINT FOR DISCUSSION AT CHOGM.

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