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E.O. 11652: GDS, DECLAS 12-31-79  
TAGS: MASS BR US  
SUBJ: SALE OF F-5'S AND C-130'S

REF: A. STATE 0675693 B. STATE 040790

1. ON THE BASIS OF AUTHORIZATIONS CONTAINED IN REF B OFFICIALS AT THE AIR MINISTER LEVEL HAVE BEEN ASSURED OF FAVORABLE USG CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF THE F-5 AIRCRAFT AND OF ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF FMS FINANCING. THESE ASSURANCES HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE POSSIBILITY OF A GOB DECISION IN FAVOR OF THE U.S. AIRCRAFT. THEY HAVE ALSO PROVIDED A BASIS FOR PROLONGED DISCUSSIONS INVOLVING A NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS AND AN EVENTUAL DECISION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY. IT APPEARS TO ME THEREFORE THAT IN EVEN DECISION MADE TO PURCHASE THE F-5 AIRCRAFT, IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT USG BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND DECISIVELY AND AFFIRMATIVELY SHOULD THE GOB CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO HANDLE THIS MATTER IN MILITARY CHANNELS AS IT HAS THUS FAR.

2. A REQUIREMENT FOR THE GOB TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE USG WOULD CAST SOME DOUBTS AS TO THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR ESTABLISHED U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

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AS AN INSTRUMENT OF THE CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION, IT  
COULD ALSO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FAB INTEREST AND CONFIDENCE  
WHICH IS NOW BEING ESTABLISHED BY THE MORE FORTHCOMING  
ATTITUDES DEMONSTRATED BY THE USG IN RECENT PAST.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS URGED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION FOR  
MULTI-YEAR FINANCING BE OBTAINED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.  
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