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REF: CARACAS' 1678 AND 1695

SUBJ: 12TH MFM AND UN

1. RE WIRE SSWVICE STORIES THAT THE SECRETARY TOLD BOLIVIAN
AMBASSADOR HE WOULD NOT FAVOR TAKING VENEZUELAN CASE AGAINST
CUBA TO UNITED NATIONS SINCE THIS WAS PROBLEM FOR OAS RATHER
THAN UN, YOU MAY IN YOUR DISCRETION ANSWER PUBLIC QUERIES AS
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE SECRETARY EIS COMMENTING ON A REPORT THAT HE HAD HEARD
THAT THE OAS SHOULD YIELD JURISDICTION ON THIS PROBLEM TO THE
UNITED NATIONS. THE SECRETARY FELT THAT THE OAS MUST RETAIN
JURISDICTION IN HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT MIGHT
OR MIGHT NOT BE DONE IN THE UNITED NATIONS. UNQUOTE
DEPT GIVPJG SAME EXPLANATION TO WIRE SERVICES.

2. IN POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS YOU
SHOULD OF COURSE TAKE SAME LINE, EXPLAINING THAT U.S. POSITION
REMAINS AS STATED STATE CIRCULAR 36225.

3. OTHER POSTS IN THEIR DISCRETION MAY TAKE SAME LINE IF
SITUATION DEMANDS.

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