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EMBASSY POL/MIL OFFICER INFORMED MOD SEC GEN STEPHANSEN JULY 20 THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTION TO GON CITING USG OPINION AGAINST DECLASSIFICATION OF SCHEI REPORT IN ITS MEMORANDUM TO STORTING (STATE 162909). STEPHANSEN ASKED IF OUR AUTHORIZATION EXTENDED TO USE WITH PUBLIC. EMBOFF PROMISED TO OBTAIN AN ANSWER FOR HIM ASAP.

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MAKING OUR POSITION PUBLIC COULD ATTRACT SOME CRITICAL COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT USG IS PRESSURING FOR COVERUP, WE THINK ON BALANCE THAT PUBLICATION OF OUR FULL POSITION EMPHASIZING PRIVILEGED NATURE OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NATO GOVERNMENTS, POSSIBLE DAMAGING PRECEDENT, ETC (AS PER STATE 154237) WOULD ADEQUATELY MEET THAT CONTINGENCY. FURTHERMORE, ACQUIESCENCE IN GON'S PUBLIC USE OF OUR OPINION WOULD PROVIDE GOVERNMENT WITH PALPABLE EVIDENCE OF OUR SUPPORT AND AT THE SAME TIME MAKE SOME USEFUL PUBLIC POINTS ABOUT RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALLIANCE MEMBERS.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL STEPHANSEN HE MAY MAKE ANY USE HE WISHES--PUBLIC OR PRIVATE-- OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT DRAWN FROM STATE 154237: THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF NORWAY AND OF THE
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UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INSTALLATION OF LORAN C FACILITIES WERE CONDUCTED IN THE CONTEXT OF PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS. SUCH COMMUNICATIONS ENTAIL NO OBLIGATION FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PROJECTS WHICH ARE PROPER SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN NATO ALLIES. THEREFORE, GOVERNMENTAL RELEASE OF SUCH DOCUMENTS AS THE SCHEI REPORT WOULD STRIKE DIRECTLY AT THE PRINCIPLE OF MAINTAINING SECURE

EXCHANGES AND COULD ESTABLISH AN UNFORTUNATE PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE
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