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FROM: AMON THE GEN LONDON  
TO: MILID WASHINGTON  
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CORDERMAN'S 7 3 SIX EIGHT FIVE CMA ANSWERING TAYLOR'S FOUR EIGHT FOUR EIGHT  
CMA WHICH IS AN UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF THE QUESTION ASKED IN MY FOUR  
EIGHT FOUR CMA CMA DOES NOT ANSWER UNDERLYING QUESTION IN MY MESSAGE CMA  
NAMELY CMA WHETHER WE ARE SATISFIED WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENT CMA UNDER  
WHICH WE GET NOTHING THAT BRITISH PICK UP AT THEIR CABLE INTERCEPT POINTS  
CMA EITHER AS TO THE OR AS INTELLIGENCE PD I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT CABLES  
GOING OUT OF AND INTO WASHINGTON BY CIPHER CABLES GOING OUT OF CMA WHICH  
WOULD OFTEN INVOLVE MATTERS WITH OUR STATE DEPARTMENT CMA WILL BE OF SORT  
WHERE IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO WITHHOLD THEM FROM BRITISH PD TO STRONG  
FOR CLARKE AND CORDERMAN FROM WASHINGTON PD LET US NOT THINK TOO MUCH  
OF THIS ADVANTAGE CMA HOWEVER CMA SINCE BRITISH CONTROL PRINCIPAL  
CABLES OF WORLD CMA HOWEVER CMA SINCE BRITISH CONTROL PRINCIPAL  
CABLES OF WORLD AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE CABLE TRAFFIC INTO OR OUT  
OF WASHINGTON THAT BRITISH CANNOT GET IF THEY WANT IT PD ALL CABLE  
COMMUNICATIONS TO AND FROM MADRID AND LISBON CMA FOR EXAMPLE CMA  
PASS THROUGH GERMANYSHIP AT GIBRALTAR CMA AND LONDON CMA ADMITS  
THAT EVEN IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC CMA WHERE BRITISH DO  
NOT GET ON ALL CABLE LINES CMA IT IS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE TO GET WHAT  
THEY WANT CMA BY HIDING FOOT OFFICIALS WHO ARE INDIVIDUALLY  
REMUNERATED FOR THEIR SERVICES TO THEIR COUNTRY PD THEREFORE IT WOULD

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SEEK THAT FROM THIS ASPECT THE EXCLUSION OF CABLE TRAFFIC IS SOMEWHAT ONE SIDED DE L PD ANOTHER POINT IS THAT THERE IS ONE TECHNICAL FLAW IN PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS CMA IN THAT IF BRITISH HAPPEN TO PICK UP MESSAGE AT CABLE POINT WE DO NOT GET IT CMA EVEN THOUGH IT MAY GO ON VIA A RADIO LINE AND MIGHT BE INTERCEPTED BY US CMA IN WHICH CASE CMA IF LISTENING SPHERE OR EXCHANGE TO THIS CMA WE WOULD PASS IT TO BRITISH PD ANOTHER POINT IS THAT IF THE OPENING OF MEDITERRANEAN CMA CABLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST ENDS OF MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD BE RESTORED CMA CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF TRAFFIC NOW FORCED ON RADIO MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED TO CABLE PD IT SEEMS TO BOTH TAYLOR AND MYSELF THAT WE SHOULD MODIFY PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS IN TWO RESPECTS CMA FIRST CMA IN CASES WHERE ARLINGTON WANTS TRAFFIC OF A PARTICULAR COUNTRY FOR CRYPT PURPOSES CMA AND IT IS AVAILABLE ONLY OR LARGELY FROM CABLE SOURCES CMA BRITISH SHOULD FURNISH IT SINCE SECOND CMA THAT CMA EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES INVOLVING LONDON CMA WE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO PROCESSED MATERIAL FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES PD DO YOU AGREE SINCE THIS WOULD INVOLVE COMMITMENT ON OUR PART TO GIVE CABLE TRAFFIC OR FINISHED INTELLIGENCE IF ASKED FOR CMA EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES INVOLVING WASHINGTON CMA BUT IT IS PROBABLE THAT UNDER THAT COMMITMENT WE WOULD NEVER HAVE TO GIVE ANYTHING THAT BRITISH ARE NOT

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NOW REGULARLY TITTING BY THEIR OWN HANDS IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH DENNISTON CMA WILL STILL IN EXPLORATORY STAGE. OUR WORK IS PROGRESSING FAVORABLY AND WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN WORK OUT HERE ANY REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT THAT YOU MAY DESIRE FOR EXCHANGE OF BASIC INFORMATION CMA ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC AND INTELLIGENCE PD THERE ARE CERTAIN SPECIFIC MATTERS ALONG THIS LINE THAT WE ARE WORKING ON CMA AND ON WHICH WE WILL REPORT TO YOU L-TR PD MEANWHILE CMA IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC CMA PLEASE PASS THEM ON

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