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GOA LIKELY TO SUPPORT COMMUNIQUE REFLECTING STRONGEST POSSIBLE COMMITMENT OF SEATO MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, TO DEFENCE SVN BUT NOT SO STRONG AS TO FRIGHTEN OFF POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR SVN FROM COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA AND CEYLON OR TO GIVE IMPRESSION DEFENCE OF SVN PRIMARILY SEATO RESPONSIBILITY, THUS CURTAILING VALUE OF CONTRIBUTION BY ROK, ROC AND HOPEFULLY GOJ.

IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS BEARING ON PROBLEM WITH SEC EXTAFF JAMES PLIMSOLL, LATTER HOPEFUL WE MAY BE ABLE GAIN AT LEAST MORAL SUPPORT FOR SVN FROM INDIA AND CEYLON ALTHOUGH UNLIKELY EITHER WOULD PUT UP MORE TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT EVEN THIS DEGREE OF SUPPORT, IN PLIMSOLLS' ESTIMATION WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE THE POSITION OF SVN. PLIMSOLL ALSO UNWILLING NEEDLESSLY ALIENATE CERTAIN SEATO MEMBERS.

THUS, ON BALANCE, BELIEVE GOA WOULD FAVOR ALTERNATIVE B. IF NECESSARY FALL BACK TO ALTERNATIVE A, GOA WOULD LIKE IT BETTER IF IT COULD BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL STARCH BY INSERTING AFTER "---SEATO MEMBERS" PHRASE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TREATY OBLIGATIONS". GP-3. LYDMAN

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