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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR VT SY IS
SUBJECT: VATICAN INTEREST IN SYRIAN-HELD ISRAELI POW'S

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

BEIRUT ALSO PASS DAMASCUS

VATICAN DESK OFFICER FOR MIDDLE EAST INFORMED US JAN. 10 THAT
PAPAL PRO-NUNCIO IN DAMASCUS HAS, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM
ROME, MADE SEVERAL DEMARCHES WITH SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF
OF ISRAELI MILITARY PRISONERS BEING HELD BY SYRIANS. SOURCE
SAID THAT VARIOUS JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ISRAEL, AS WELL
AS ISRAELI EMBASSY ROME, HAD REQUESTED VATICAN TO USE ITS
INFLUENCE ON BEHALF OF ISRAELI POW'S. SYRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE
OFFICIALS WITH WHOM PRO-NUNCIO SPOKE SAID SYRIA WAS UNWILLING
TO PROVIDE LIST OF ISRAELI PRISONERS OR DISCUSS THEIR RELEASE
AS LONG AS ISRAEL REFUSED TO ABIDE BY GENEVA CONVENTION COVERING
CIVILIAN POPULATIONS. PRO-NUNCIO UNDERSTOOD THIS TO REFER TO
ISRAELI TREATMENT SYRIAN NATIONAL FORMERLY RESIDENT IN GOLAN
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AREA. SOURCE SAID THAT PRO-NUNCIO EXPECTED TO MAKE FURTHER

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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO

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