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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

DEMARCHE IN NEAR FUTURE. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO

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