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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BONN 13659, SENT SECSTATE 22 AUG:

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NODIS CHEROKEE

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOUTH AFRICAN WEAPONS PROGRAM

REF: PRETORIA 4239

1. CHARGE INFORMED VAN WELL THE MORNING OF AUGUST 22
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THAT WE HAD RECEIVED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM SAG
TO OUR REQUEST FOR ASSURANCES. VAN WELL WAS INTERESTED
IN LEARNING SPECIFICS BUT CHARGE CONFINED HIMSELF TO
SAYING THE SAG RESPONSE WAS POSITIVE WITHOUT GOING
INTO DETAIL. WHEN VAN WELL ASKED IF THE ASSURANCES
WERE LIMITED IN TIME, CHARGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THEY
WERE NOT BUT RATHER IN THE NATURE OF A BROAD,
CONTINUING COMMITMENT.

2. VAN WELL SAID HE WAS INCLINED TO THINK IT WAS NOT NECESSARY NOW, IN THE LIGHT OF THE SAG’S ASSURANCES TO US, FOR THE FRG ITSELF TO MAKE ANY DEMARCHE, AND THE FRG EMBASSY IN PRETORIA WOULD SO BE INSTRUCTED.

MEEEHAN UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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