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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

REF: ROME 0383

1. VATICAN DESK OFFICER FOR MIDDLE EAST TOLD US JAN. 22 THAT VATICAN WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE FURTHER ITS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ISRAELI POW'S IN SYRIA. HE ASKED WHETHER USG COULD PROVIDE VATICAN WITH INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE WHICH MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THIS EFFORT.

2. COMMENT: VATICAN'S PRINCIPAL CONTACT ON THIS MATTER IN ISRAELI EMBASSY TO ITALY IS COUNSELLOR MEIR MENDES. MENDES, OF ITALIAN JEWISH ORIGIN, WAS PERMANENTLY TRANSFERRED BACK TO
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ISRAEL EARLIER LAST YEAR. FACT THAT HE RECENTLY REASSIGNED

TO ROME PROBABLY INDICATES HEIGHTENED ISRAELI CONCERN FOR
MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH VATICAN. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USINT CAIRO.

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