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INFO AMCONSUL TRIESTE PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, YO, IT

SUBJECT: TRIESTE ZONE B DISPUTE

REF: ROME 4821, BELGRADE 1569

1. IN DISCUSSING THE HIGHLY-COMPLEX, EMOTIONALLY CHARGED LEGAL ISSUE OF THE "FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE" WITH GOY AND GOI OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES, EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT RPT NOT GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE OF THE OCTOBER 5, 1954 USG ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FOUR-PARTY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE. US HERE STATED THAT US WILL "GIVE NO SUPPORT TO CLAIMS OF EITHER YUGOSLAVIA OR ITALY TO TERRITORY UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE OTHER". THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR VIEW ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INVOLVED.

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2. THE CITY OF TRIESTE IS INCLUDED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE "FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE" AS DEFINED IN THE 1947 ITALIAN PEACE TREATY. CONSEQUENTLY THE FORMULATION "THE DISPUTE REGARDING THE FORMER FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE, NOT THE CITY" (BELGRADE 1569) IS MISLEADING, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED. IF ASKED TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THIS FORMULATION, EMBASSY BELGRADE SHOULD INDICATE PRESS RELEASE REFERS TO CURRENT ITALY-YUGOSLAV DISPUTE REGARDING THE "AREA OF TRIESTE". THIS LANGUAGE IS SUFFICIENTLY

IMPRECISE NOT RPT NOT TO COMMIT US TO A PUBLIC POSITION CONCERNING THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE, AND DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF ANY QUESTION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE CITY OF TRIESTE.

3. USE OF THE ADJECTIVE "FORMER" TO MODIFY THE PHRASE "FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE" SHOULD BE AVOIDED. BEGIN FYI PERMANENT LEGAL REGIME FOR GOVERNANCE OF FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE CONTEMPLATED BY 1947 TREATY OF PEACE WITH ITALY WAS NEVER FULLY IMPLEMENTED. HOWEVER, 1954 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US, UK, ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT TERMINATE JURIDICAL STATUS OF FREE TERRITORY. 1954 MEMORANDUM PROVIDED FOR TERMINATION OF US-UK MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ZONE A AND SUBSTITUTION OF ITALIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION, AND SIMILAR TERMINATION OF YUGOSLAV MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND SUBSTITUTION OF YUGOSLAV CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN ZONE B. CONTINUING LEGAL CHARACTER OF FREE TERRITORY OF TRIESTE WAS NOT RPT NOT AFFECTED. END FYI.

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