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THANKS YOUR MUN 83 OF 21 MARCH. WE AND THOSE WE HAVE CONSULTED ARE VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT ON YOUR OVERALL LINE AND THINKING.

POINT BY POINT COMMENTS WHICH FOLLOW ARE INTENDED SIMPLY TO DEFINE PRECISE APPROACHES AS WE AND CONSULTANTS SEE THEM, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE PRETTY COMPLETELY IN LINE WITH WHAT YOU ARE ALREADY INTENDING:

YOUR FIRST PARA ON ACTION TO DATE: WE FULLY AGREE. ASSUME THAT ALL OF CARDINAL'S STATEMENTS REPORTED SO FAR WILL BE BROADCAST AS SOON AS YOU HAVE MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO INSURE THEY ARE REPORTED IN CONTEXT. ASSUME SCHEDULED FATHER KIRSCHKE TALK WILL INCLUDE THEM.

YOUR SECOND PARA ON TENTATIVE FUTURE TREATMENT: POINT A IS OF COURSE INDICATED, AND WE FEEL YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD ON POINT B (WESTERN PRESS REACTION) IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY DOING SO. IN THIS CONNECTION SEE WASHINGTON STAR EDIT SENT YOU AS P-1 OF MARCH 22, WHICH IS RECOMMENDED. AS TO POINT C, WE FEEL AS WE ASSUME YOU DO THAT "OFFICIAL" TYPE STATEMENTS OF VATICAN SHOULD OF COURSE BE REPORTED, AND THAT "OSSERVATORE ROMANO" COMMENT BELONGS IN PRESS REVIEW, BUT THAT WE SHOULD NOT SPECIALLY EMPHASIZE NOR SEEM TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES ESPECIALLY WITH VATICAN POINT OF VIEW IN LIGHT OF CARDINAL'S REITERATION OF NON-DIRECTION FROM VATICAN. RE POINT D, WILL RELAY AS SEPARATE MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS OF AN EVALUATION JUST SUPPLIED US WHICH SHOULD ACCORD CLOSELY WITH POINTS YOU WOULD MAKE BUT MAY BE HELPFUL AS CROSS-CHECK. POINT E, ASSUME FATHER KIRSCHKE WOULD CONCERN HIMSELF WITH BASIC CHURCH POSITIONS ON BROAD PRINCIPLES INVOKED BY CARDINAL, RATHER THAN WITH ATTEMPTING TO DEFINE POLISH EPISCOPATE'S POINT OF VIEW BEYOND WHAT CARDINAL HAS ALREADY DONE. POINT F: SINCE SUBJECT IS HARD TO TRANSLATE INTO MEANINGFUL TERMS FOR POLAND, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE TEXT OF WHAT YOU WOULD PROPOSE TO SAY ON THIS.

RE YOUR THIRD PARA REFERRING TO OUR SPECIFIC POINTS: APPRECIATE DIFFICULTIES OF (A) BUT HOPE SOME SLANT ON SITUATION WILL FILTER THROUGH SOON. AS TO (C), EVALUATIONS PASSED TO US AGREE IN GENERAL: THEY FORESEE THAT CHURCH SILENCE ON ELECTIONS IN CONTRAST TO 1957 PLUS CARDINAL'S PRESENT AND FUTURE STATEMENTS MAY CAUSE SOME INDIVIDUAL UNORGANIZED ABSTENTIONS FROM VOTING, BUT NOT TO DEGREE THAT WOULD AFFECT ELECTION RESULTS EXCEPT PSYCHOLOGICALLY. RE YOUR PARA ON RFE ROLE, FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR TWO MAIN POINTS, BUT ARE UNCLEAR ON JUST WHAT TYPE OF COMMENTARY BY RFE YOU FEEL SHOULD NOT BE SUPPRESSED. IF YOU REFER MERELY TO PROPOSED TYPES OF TREATMENT A THROUGH F, WE WOULD AGREE. ASSUME FROM OVERALL CONTEXT OF YOUR MESSAGE THAT THIS IS WHAT YOU DO MEAN.

AGREE WITH FORMULA FOR OTHER TARGETS.

THANKS AND REGARDS.

END MSG