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N.Y. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

1. RUSK PRESS CONFERENCE. WE WILL RELY ON FULL TEXT, WHICH WON'T BE AVAILABLE UNTIL EIGHT THIRTY OR LATER THIS EVENING HERE. BELIEVE NY DESKS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MAKE SOME COMMENTARY TOMORROW. AS YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF TIME DIFFERENTIAL AND NEED TO MEET TDR SCHEDULES, WRITERS USUALLY MUST BEGIN THEIR WORK BEFORE DAILY GUIDANCE ARRIVES. I THINK WE SHOULD WORK OUT SOME AGREEMENT SO THAT NY DESKS CAN GO AHEAD WITH THEIR COMMENTS IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TIMELINESS AND MAXIMUM IMPACT. DON'T BELIEVE WE ARE LIKELY TO FIND OURSELVES IN ANY DISAGREEMENT ON INTERPRETATION OF RUSK CONFERENCE. I HAVE TOLD DESKS THAT IF CONFERENCE TURNS UP SOMETHING WHICH MAY POSE UNIQUELY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS, WE CAN HAVE SPECIAL EARLY MORNING MEETING HERE TO GO OVER IT.

2. BIZERTE. UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON WILL BE COVERED BY ALL DESKS, THROUGH UNSCHEDULED PROGRAMMING SATURDAY MORNING IF NECESSARY. SESSION IS LIKELY TO BE DIFFICULT WITH PROBABILITY OF FRENCH VETO TO ANY ACTION RECOMMENDED.

3. RANGER LAUNCH. THIS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 0500 TOMORROW MORNING. IF SUCCESSFUL, WILL REPRESENT LAUNCHING OF ELECTRONICALLY MOST COMPLEX SPACE VEHICLE TO DATE. WE WILL TRY TO COVER HERE.

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