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ROUTINE KAMPALA
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SUBJ: USG AND ASIAN EXPULSION
REF: KAMPALA 2695 [NOTAL] - POL 23-10 UGANDA
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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEWSOM REF ASIA

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1. DEPT CONCURS YOUR VIEW WE SHOULD AT THIS TIME MINIMIZE OUR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN ISSUE OF AMIN'S OUSTER OF ASIANS AND SHOULD NOT TAKE LEAD IN RAISING SUBJECT IN UN OR ELSEWHERE.

2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT INTEND TO INITIATE A STATEMENT ON ASIANS, BUT IF ASKED ABOUT IT, WE BELIEVE OUR RESPONSE CALLS FOR SOME SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT. WE WOULD WISH TO REFLECT YOUR CONCERN AND REGRET ABOUT ANY SITUATION WHERE HUMAN BEINGS ARE SUDDENLY UPROOTED AND DISPLACED. THIS WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER THE UN CHARTER AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WE MIGHT ALSO TAKE NOTE OF THE ENCOURAGING STEPS AMIN HAS TAKEN IN RESCINDING HIS ORDER TO EXPEL ASIAN CITIZENS OF UGANDA AND IN MODIFYING HIS POSITION ON NON-CITIZENS. SUCH A STATEMENT FREE OF INVECTIVE WHICH EXPRESSES OUR GENERAL CONCERN WHILE STRESSING POSITIVE ASPECTS FLOWING FROM AMINS HAVING MODIFIED HIS PREVIOUS POSITION COULD ALSO, WE WOULD HOPE, ENCOURAGE HIM TO EASE PRESURES FURTHER.

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