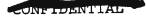
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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY AMB. M. R. LINO FOR REASONS 1.5 (B) AND (D).

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2. (C) FOR ERIC FROM AMB.: I MET 4/20 WITH CARLOS ELBIRT RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EBRD/WORLD BANK WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FRIDAY. HE SAID JOHN KING, RESREP FOR THE IMF WAS ALSO RETURNING MONDAY. WE WILL MEET WITH KING AS SOON AS WE CAN. SEE ALSO OUR REPORT ON THE CONVERSATION WITH ELBIRT WHICH WE WILL GET OUT ONCE WE

TIRANA 00866 211029Z FINISH UP WITH CONGRESSMAN BONO TODAY. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS ELBIRT'S THOUGHTS ON PUTTING SOME OF THEIR MONEY THROUGH THE BANK TO BE SET UP BY THE AAEF. WE ALSO NEED TO SEE WHETHER IT IS NOW TIME TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE AAEF'S PROPOSED BANK.

STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

3. (C) AFTER THE GAZIDEDE SHOW AND TELL IN THE PARLIAMENT TOSSING OUT ACCUSATIONS RIGHT AND LEFT, I DID MAKE A VERY GENERAL STATEMENT (ALSO READ OUT ON VOA

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ALBANIAN SERVICE) WHICH DID NOT/NOT DIRECTLY RESPOND TO GAZIDEDE'S INSINUATIONS BUT FOCUSSED ON THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF U.S.-ALBANIAN RELATIONS STARTING WITH WOODROW WILSON. IN THAT CONTEXT I SAID THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ALBANIA (GAZIDEDE HAD IMPLIED THE U.S. GREEK LOBBY - GREEK CONSPIRACY WERE AIMING TO SPLIT UP ALBANIA). IF YOU NEED THE FULL TEXT GIVE US A CALL AND WE WILL FAX IT TO YOU.

CODEL BONO

4. (C) AS WE ARE HALF AN HOUR FROM THE BONO ARRIVAL, HERE'S THE LATEST SCHEDULE:

1215 - ARRIVE BY HELO AT RILINDJA RIDGE HLZ

1230 - MEETING WITH SELECTED COUNTRY TEAM AT RESIDENCE

1300 - MEETING WITH NRG MINDEF VUCAJ AT RESIDENCE

1330 - DRIVE TO EMBASSY (WITH HIS ACCOMPANYING PRESS)

1340 - MEET WITH MARINES AT EMBASSY (PHOTO OPS)

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1410 - DRIVE BACK TO RILINDJA RIDGE

1420 - MEET WITH MARINES AT HOUSING COMPOUND (MORE PHOTO OPS)

1450 - DEPART FOR RETURN TO USS NASHVILLE

WE WILL, OF COURSE, REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH VUCAJ.

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