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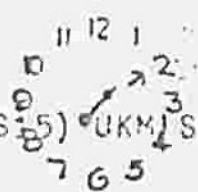
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INFO BRAZILIA TRIPOLI WASHINGTON MODUK (DS11 AND DS 5) UKM'S GENEVA STOCKHOLM



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YOUR TELNO 151 TO BRAZILIA AND MY TELNO 562 (NOT TO ALL):
FALKLANDS

1. GUTMANN, SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE QUAI, TELEPHONED THIS MORNING TO MAKE TWO POINTS.

2. HE SAID THAT IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHE ON 31 MAY (MY TELNO 566) ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF LIBYAN ARMS TO ARGENTINA CHEYSSON HAD SPOKEN FORCEFULLY TO GADHAFI WHO HAD CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ARMS WERE BEING SUPPLIED BY LIBYA.

3. GUTMANN WENT ON THAT HE HAD BEEN GLAD TO BE ABLE TO GIVE US THIS POSITIVE RESPONSE, BUT WE WOULD FIND HIS SECOND POINT LESS AGREEABLE. HE HAD BEEN FRANKLY SHOCKED TO FIND THAT BRITAIN WAS BEING SO DILATORY IN THE MATTER OF CAPTAIN ASTIZ. THIS WAS NOW A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. THEY DID NOT CONSIDER THAT OUR LEGAL ARGUMENTS HELD WATER. IT SEEMED TO THEM THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE NOT BEING TREATED SERIOUSLY. THE MATTER WAS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE TO THEM. I RECALLED TO HIM MY CONVERSATION WITH DUFOURCQ ON 29 MAY AND SAID THAT THE POINTS RAISED ON THAT OCCASION WERE NO DOUBT BEING CONSIDERED IN LONDON. THERE WOULD BE ^{AS} ~~BE~~ ³ ~~3~~ ⁹⁴ ~~94~~ ¹⁹ ~~19~~ BEFORE ASTIZ REACHED THE UK. HOWEVER I WOULD SEE THAT HIS RESTATEMENT OF FRENCH CONCERN WAS TRANSMITTED TO LONDON.

4. GUTMANN CAME CLOSE TO MAKING A DIRECT AND OVERT LINK BETWEEN THE SORT OF HELP WE ARE SEEKING FROM THE FRENCH ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE SUPPLY OF APMS BY THIRD PARTIES AND THE COOPERATION WHICH THEY ARE SEEKING FROM US ON ASTIZ.

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