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INFO ROUTINE WASHINGTON AND PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR)

WASHINGTON TEL NO 848 ^(AT) ENDERS' VISIT

1. I HAVE NOW BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS THE VISIT WITH MY US COLLEAGUE (HARRY SHLAUDEMANN WHO WAS BEATEN AT THE POST FOR ENDERS' JOB BY THE LATTER) AND SHOWN MR HAIG'S MESSAGE TO YOU OF 13 MARCH. SHLAUDEMANN CONFIRMED THAT ENDERS HAD MENTIONED THE NEED TO CONSIDER THE STRATEGIC AND HUMAN ELEMENTS IN THE FALKLANDS ISSUE, WHICH HAD EVOKED A LENGTHY EXPOSE FROM ROS ON THE REASONS WHY SELF-DETERMINATION WAS NOT RECOGNISED BY THE UN AS APPLYING IN THIS CASE. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT, WHETHER BY OVERSIGHT OR NOT, THE ARGENTINES HAD NOT IN THIS CASE (AS THEY HAD WITH RECENT CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS) DEPLOYED STRATEGIC HEMISPHERIC DEFENSE REASONS FOR SEEKING US SUPPORT OVER THE ISLANDS. NOR HAD THEY TALKED IN TERMS OF THREATS, THOUGH THEY HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WANTED TO REVIEW NEGOTIATING SUCCESS QUOTE AT THE END OF THE YEAR UNQUOTE. FINALLY SHLAUDEMANN WAS FRANK TO SAY THAT, OF COURSE, THE US DID NOT WANT TO GET IN TO THE POSITION OF BEING MESSAGE BEARERS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES ON THIS ISSUE.

2. AS REGARDS THE VISIT IN GENERAL, SHLAUDEMANN REGARDED IT AS THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE IN US/ARGENTINE RELATIONS SO FAR. ON CENTRAL AMERICA, THE ARGENTINES ARE SHOWING GOOD SENSE AND BEING A HELP, PARTICULARLY IN RESISTING MOVES TO BRING THE WHOLE QUESTION INTO THE AMBIT OF THE OAS. BUT THERE WERE SIGNS OF SOME ARGENTINE EMBARRASSMENT ABOUT BEING TOO ALONE IN CAHOOTS WITH THE US. THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRESS OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE REVOCATION OF THE HUMPHREY-KENNEDY AMENDMENT, SO FAR HELD UP BY THE NEED FOR EVEN-HANDEDNESS BETWEEN CHILE AND ARGENTINA, LOOKED AS THOUGH IT MIGHT NOW BE MORE EASILY MET - MAINLY TO ALLOW TRAINING RATHER THAN SUPPLY TO RESTART. SOMEWHAT TO HIS SURPRISE, THE ARGENTINES HAD ASKED FOR A REVISION OF US LEGISLATION AGAINST IMPORTS OF ARGENTINE MEAT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXISTENCE HERE NOW OF FOOT AND MOUTH FREE ZONES - PRESUMABLY TO HELP IN DEALING WITH EUROPE.

3. SHLAUDEMANN FOUND ENDERS LEARNING LATIN AMERICA RAPIDLY, IF WITH A LOT OF BRUISES. ENDERS HAD TOLD HIM CONFIDENTIALLY (PLEASE RESPECT) THAT, HAVING HAD THE APPRENTICESHIP, HE DID NOT WANT TO MOVE JOBS STRAIGHT AWAY AND ANYHOW WAS NOT INTERESTED IN THE JOB OF UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OR OF DEALING WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. HE MIGHT WELL, HOWEVER, MOVE OUT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ALTOGETHER.

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4. MY FEDERAL GERMAN COLLEAGUE HAS JUST TOLD ME THAT HIS MINISTER OF STATE, FRAU HAMM-BRUCHER, IS COMING HERE IN ABOUT 2 WEEKS' TIME. AT HIS REQUEST I HAVE BRIEFED HIM OF THE STATE OF PLAY ON THE FALKLANDS AND YOU MAY CARE TO CONSIDER IF SHE SHOULD BE RECRUITED TO URGE SENSE.

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