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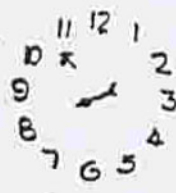
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FRANCE/ARGENTINA

1. AS REPORTED IN TELECON GROWCOTT/ARBUTHNOTT THE QUAI TOLD ARBUTHNOTT THIS EVENING THAT, AS A REPROVAL AGAINST FRANCE'S SUPPORT FOR THE UK OVER THE FALKLANDS, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WAS WITHDRAWING THEIR AMBASSADOR FROM PARIS. THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN BUT WAS NOT YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED: THE QUAI DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE AMBASSADOR HAD LEFT PARIS YET. THE ARGENTINE'S WERE SAYING THAT OTHER MEASURES MIGHT BE TAKEN, BUT THE ONLY ONE THEY HAD MENTIONED WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING THE ARGENTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU IN PARIS.

2. THE ARGENTINES HAD NOT ASKED THE FRENCH TO RECALL THEIR AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES, NOR WOULD THE FRENCH DO SO UNLESS ASKED TO.

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