



Prime Minister

Manuel Ulloa will remain in Helsinki for some days. You may well ask why, particularly when the generals in Peru are said to be becoming restless. The explanation seems to be that he wishes, from the best motives as well as his own political ones, to be available to play a part in the Falklands' crisis. He seems to spend a great deal of time on the telephone: it is unfortunately a typically surrealist characteristic of Latin American politics that even so sane a man as Señor Ulloa should find Helsinki the best place to speak to from which to speak to New York, Buenos Aires etc. He talked last night, it seems, to Roberto Alemán & to Señor Pérez de Cuellar. From the latter he appears to have had a discouraging report. Señor Ulloa gave the impression that he thought that he himself & Mr Trudeau might be called on to play a part in the near future.

Manuel Ulloa hopes eventually to succeed President Belaunde as president of Peru. A success in international negotiation which puts Peru in the public mind throughout the world would help him to achieve this ambition. His remarks from time to time, reported in our press, usually following a tightening of our pressure on Argentina should probably be looked on in that context. He wd. in my judgement be a president generally sympathetic to our interests & the West's interests too.

I have mentioned before I think that Manuel Ulloa knows Argentina well. He has lived there & both his first & second wives were Argentinian.

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