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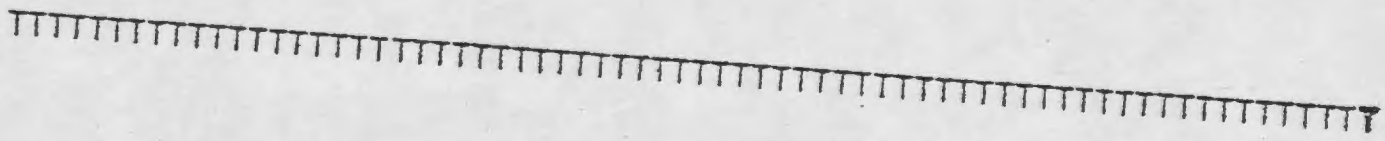
1. ASA SARASIN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT MFA, GAVE ME BRIEF ADVANCE NOTICE BY TELEPHONE OF THE TERMS OF THIS STATEMENT. I TOLD HIM THAT, WHILE THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE STATEMENT WITH WHICH WE DISAGREED, WE HAD GREATLY HOPED THAT ALL OUR FRIENDS WOULD ISSUE A CLEAR CONDEMNATION OF THE ARGENTINE INVASION; I REFERRED HIM TO THE EXAMPLE OF SINGAPORE (SINGAPORE TEL NO 81, WHICH WE HAD DRAWN TO THE MFA'S ATTENTION ON 7 APRIL). I THOUGHT THEREFORE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME DISAPPOINTMENT IN LONDON WITH THE TERMS OF THE THAI STATEMENT BUT THAT, SPEAKING FOR MYSELF, IT WAS CERTAINLY PREFERABLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW FOR THE THAI GOVERNMENT TO ISSUE SUCH A STATEMENT RATHER THAN NONE AT ALL.

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2. ASA REPLIED THAT IN THE MFA THEY WERE WELL AWARE OF OUR FEELINGS FROM MY CALL ON THE MINISTER. HOWEVER, FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE HAD NOT FELT ABLE TO GO BEYOND THE TEXT HE HAD READ ME. THEY FELT THAT THE SITUATION WAS STILL FLUID, WITH THE PROSPECT OF A U.S. INITIATIVE, AND THEY HAD INDEED DECIDED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT AT ALL ONLY BECAUSE OF OUR LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP. AS FOR THE SINGAPORE EXAMPLE, THERE WAS THE COMMONWEALTH CONNEXION, WHICH DID NOT APPLY HERE, AND HE NOTED ALSO THAT SO FAR MALAYSIA AND THE OTHER ASEANS HAD ISSUED NOTHING.

3. I SAID THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL POINT REMAINED THAT THE ARGENTINE INVASION WAS CONTRARY TO ALL RECOGNISED INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPLES AND DESERVED TO BE STRONGLY CONDEMNED. WE HAD HOPED FOR SUCH CONDEMNATION FROM OUR FRIENDS.

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MY TELNO 206: FALKLAND ISLANDS.

THE THAI FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS AT 1000 AM BRIEFING THIS MORNING. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT:

QUOTE

1. GREAT BRITAIN AND ARGENTINA ARE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THAILAND HAS LONG ENJOYED FRIENDLY RELATIONS.
2. THE THAI GOVERNMENT STRONGLY DEPLORES AND DISAPPROVES THE USE OF FORCE IN DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONS, INCLUDING THE DISPUTE OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.
3. THAILAND CALLS ON THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO EXERCISE THE UTMOST RESTRAINT AND TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO SEEK A SOLUTION BY A PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE, CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

UNQUOTE.

4. SEE ALSO MIFT.

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