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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. SUMMARY. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE REACTION HERE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. MEANWHILE, THE VENEZUELAN REMAIN DETERMINED TO DO THEIR BIT IN RE-ESTABLISHING DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA. ALFONSIN, DUE HERE TODAY, WILL BE WARMLY RECEIVED.
 2. DETAIL. MEDIA REACTION HAS BEEN MUTED WITH AS MANY REPORTS FROM LONDON AND THE US BEING PUBLISHED AS THOSE REFLECTING ARGENTINE OPINION. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN A ROUTINE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS MERELY SUPPORTED THE LATIN AMERICAN POSITION ON SOVEREIGNTY. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME HE WENT NO FURTHER THAN TO REMARK THAT HE FOUND THE JOURNEY QUOTE UNNECESSARY UNQUOTE.
 3. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AGGRESSIVE AND OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALLS BUT OTHERWISE THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO ANTI-BRITISH ACTIVITY.
 4. BOTH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION REMAIN COMMITTED TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA. THE ARGENTINE RADICAL PARTY LEADER, ALFONSIN, IS DUE HERE TODAY AS THE GUEST OF THE OPPOSITION BUT WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND GIVEN POLITICAL AND PERHAPS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
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