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AND TO IMMEDIATE MODUK (FOR PS/SOFS: DUL (POL): AUS D STAFF AND DS11)

MIPT: MR HESELTINE'S MEETING WITH SHULTZ:
BELIZE AND THE FALKLANDS

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS MEETING WITH MR HESELTINE, SHULTZ SAID THAT HE HAD ONE REQUEST: PLEASE HANG ON IN BELIZE. MR HESELTINE SAID THAT WE WERE ONLY THERE NOW BECAUSE OF THE U.S. REQUEST TO US TO STAY. HE HAD A COUNTER REQUEST: WE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD NOT SELL ARMS TO ARGENTINA. SHULTZ SAID THAT THE AMERICANS HAD HELD OFF CERTIFICATION. BUT IF THE ARGENTINIANS HAD A REASONABLE ELECTION AND A DECENT GOVERNMENT EMERGED FROM IT, THIS WOULD POSE A PROBLEM. HE COULD PROMISE THAT THERE WOULD BE VERY CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH US. MR HESELTINE SAID THAT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WITH THE ARGENTINIANS REFUSING TO DECLARE AN END TO HOSTILITIES, A RESUMPTION OF ARMS SUPPLIES WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD IN PARLIAMENT.

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