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MY TELNO 257: ARGENTINE ELECTIONS

1. BRUNNER (DEPUTY TO STATE SECRETARY) INVITED ME TO CALL THIS AFTERNOON AT THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND READ OVER A TELEGRAM FROM SWISS AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES REPORTING STATE SECRETARY PROBST'S MEETINGS WITH ALPHONSIAN AND OTHERS ON 08 DECEMBER.

2. PROBST WAS FIRST RECEIVED BY THE NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT MISSING SWISS PERSONS AND OBTAINED ASSURANCES THAT PROBLEM WOULD BE PURSUED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE WAS ALSO RECEIVED BY NEW MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY, GRINSPUN WITH WHOM HE HAD A WIDE DISCUSSION ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.

3. AT BOTH THESE MEETINGS PROBST SAID THAT HE HAD A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER WITH THE RESULT THAT HE WAS INVITED TO AN IMMEDIATE AUDIENCE THE SAME EVENING WITH ALPHONSIAN, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CAPUTO.

4. PROBST HANDED OVER THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO DR ALPHONSIAN AND AT THE SAME TIME GAVE CAPUTO THE NOTE AS REQUESTED IN YOUR TELEGRAM NO 137.

5. SWISS TELEGRAM REPORTED THAT ALPHONSIAN WAS EVIDENTLY MUCH AFFECTED (MANIFESTEMENT EMU) BY THE GESTURE WHICH MRS THATCHER HAD SEEN FIT TO MAKE ON HIS INAUGURATION. PROBST'S ASSESSMENT WAS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON THE POLICY OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

6. ALPHONSIAN'S COMMENT ON THE SECOND DOCUMENT IE FCO NOTE CONCENTRATED PARTICULARLY ON THE SENTENCE IN PRIME MINISTER'S DAILY MAIL INTERVIEW: " I AM NOT ENTERING INTO TALKS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY". HE SAID IN THIS RESPECT THAT HE HOPED TO BE IN A POSITION TO COUNT ON THE SOLIDARITY OF OTHER DEMOCRATIC STATES TO HELP ARGENTINA INTRODUCE ALSO THIS ELEMENT (SOVEREIGNTY) IN ANY FUTURE TALKS.

7. PROBST WAS ALSO RECEIVED SEPARATELY BY STATE SECRETARIES AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TRADE DEPARTMENT. NO DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WERE GIVEN.

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