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TELEGRAM NUMBER 903 OF 22 OCTOBER

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YOUR TELNO 564 TO PARIS: FALKLANDS AT THE UNITED NATIONS.

1. BY THE TIME TUR ARRIVED HERR GENSCHER HAD ALREADY GIVEN YOU HIMSELF, IN LONDON ON 19 OCTOBER (YOUR TELNO 458 TO BONN, PARA 1(E)), A REACTION TO YOUR REMARKS ON THE FALKLANDS AND A STATEMENT ON THE GERMAN POSITION.

2. HEAD OF CHANCERY SOUGHT TODAY FROM SCHAAD (HEAD OF RELEVANT UN DEPARTMENT, MFA) AN ELABORATION OF THE POSITION EXPLAINED BY HERR GENSCHER. BUT SCHAAD HAD LITTLE TO ADD. THE GERMANS HAD NOT YET DECIDED HOW THEY WOULD VOTE, AND HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD DECIDE - PROBABLY NOT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

3. HUNTER POINTED OUT THE STRENGTH OF FEELING IN THE UK OVER NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE UNACCEPTABLE PASSAGES IN THE ARGENTINE DRAFT RESOLUTION. SURELY THE LATTER GAVE THE GERMANS GROUNDS AT LEAST TO ABSTAIN. SCHAAD SAID HE PERSONALLY HOPED THE NINE WOULD AGREE TO ABSTAIN, AND THAT OUR ALLIES WOULD DO THE SAME. BUT ABSTENTIONS WOULD NOT BE POPULAR WITH THE LATIN AMERICANS, AND THE GERMANS WOULD NOT BE HAPPY ABOUT ABSTAINING IF OTHERS DID NOT. THE FRENCH HAD ALREADY SAID THEY WOULD VOTE FOR, AND THE AMERICANS SEEMED STILL UNDECIDED (SCHAAD HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN WASHINGTON, AND FOUND THEM IN THE SAME DILEMMA AS THE GERMANS).

4. SCHAAD THOUGHT THE ANSWER MIGHT LIE IN AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT - REMOVAL OF OFFENSIVE CLAUSES (EG ON COLONIAL STATUS) AND INSERTION OF A REFERENCE TO NON-USE OF FORCE. HE HAD WANTED TO PROPOSE THE LATTER AT AN EARLIER STAGE, BUT HAD BEEN INHIBITED BY OUR SAYING THAT WE WOULD NOT WELCOME AMENDMENTS. HUNTER SAID SUCH AMENDMENTS WOULD HELP, BUT WOULD BE NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH. IT WOULD BE BETTER IF OUR ALLIES WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE EXISTING RESOLUTION.

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5. AS SO OFTEN, THE GERMANS' CHIEF CONCERN IS TO STAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PACK. THEY SEEM LIKELY TO BE SWAYED BY THE EVENTUAL AMERICAN POSITION (AS WELL AS, OF COURSE, BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY THE FRENCH). IT WOULD HELP OUR CONTINUED LOBBYING IF WE COULD BE KEPT AS CLOSELY INFORMED AS POSSIBLE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN AMERICAN THINKING.

FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING UKREP BRUSSELS.

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