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YOUR TELNO 936 TO UKMIS NEW YORK: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. AT THE COMMUNITY PRESIDENCY'S LUNCH FOR SHULTZ TODAY, I HAD UNFORTUNATELY ONLY A BRIEF OPPORTUNITY FOR A WORD WITH EAGLEBURGER. HE ASKED ME WHETHER I HAD SEEN THE PRIME MINISTER'S LATEST MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT REAGAN. I SAID I HAD. HE THEN ASKED ME TO SPEAK CANDIDLY AND PERSONALLY ABOUT THE AMERICAN DECISION. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT IT TOTALLY INCOMPREHENSIBLE. OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS KNEW PERFECTLY WELL THE REASONS WHY WE COULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE ARGENTINIANS. THEY KNEW EQUALLY WELL, SINCE IT HAD BEEN CONFIRMED BY THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE, THAT THERE WAS NO ONE EFFECTIVE IN BUENOS AIRES FOR US TO NEGOTIATE WITH, EVEN IF WE HAD A MIND TO DO SO. THE AMERICANS THEREFORE WERE APPARENTLY READY TO VOTE FOR A CHARADE AND EXPECTED US, AS A RELIABLE FRIEND AND ALLY, TO TAKE PART IN THAT CHARADE. I THOUGHT IT WAS INTOLERABLE.

2. UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE INTERRUPTED AT THIS POINT SO I WAS CUT SHORT IN FULL FLOW. BUT I THINK EAGLEBURGER GOT THE VIBES.

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