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MY TELNO 393: SECURITY COUNCIL; FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE FOLLOWING COULD BE CLOSELY PROTECTED.
2. AN ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT REASON FOR KEEPING THE ACTION AWAY FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS JEANE KIRKPATRICK. SHE HAS VERY CLOSE AND SYMPATHETIC RELATIONS WITH THE ARGENTINE LEADERSHIP. I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT, WHEN ROCA (ARGENTINE) ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO TAKE UP HIS POST A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO, HE WENT STRAIGHT FROM THE AIRPORT TO HER OFFICE. HE EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE, THE BRITISH, MIGHT CALL THE SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE FALKLANDS. MRS KIRKPATRICK GAVE HIM AN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT I WOULD NEVER DO ANYTHING OF THE KIND. THIS NEWS MUST HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WITH GRATIFICATION IN BUENOS AIRES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FINAL DECISION TO INVADE. IT ALSO EXPLAINS TO SOME EXTENT HER WILD OUTBURST WHEN I TOLD HER THAT I WAS CALLING THE COUNCIL ON 1 APRIL TO GET A PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT. ROCA HAD PROBABLY ACCUSED HER OF MISLEADING HIM.
3. I ALSO HAVE SOME EVIDENCE THAT, PROBABLY ON THE SAME OCCASION, SHE GAVE ROCA TO UNDERSTAND THAT, IF ARGENTINA WOULD SUPPORT THE US OVER NICARAGUA, SHE WOULD RETURN THE COMPLIMENT OVER THE FALKLANDS.
4. MRS KIRKPATRICK ABSENTED HERSELF FROM THE WHOLE OF LAST WEEK'S DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL, BUT I KNOW THAT LICHENSTEIN (US) WATERED DOWN THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT IN OUR SUPPORT WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO DELIVER IN THE COUNCIL.
5. GIVEN HER SYMPATHY WITH THE ARGENTINE REGIME, HER ESTIMATION OF HERSELF AS A SUPREME EXPERT ON LATIN AMERICA, AND HER MAVERICK IRRESPONSIBILITY, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, IF AND WHEN WE COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL, SHE WILL NOT BE ACTIVELY HELPFUL TO US WHATEVER HER INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT, BEHIND THE SCENES, SHE MAY WELL WORK AGAINST US.

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