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MY TELNO 79 : FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ICRC (*And Cross*)

1. AS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE, WE TOOK ACTION WITH HOCHE OF ICRC AT NOON LOCAL TIME ON 6 APRIL. HE TOOK NOTE, MADE NO COMMENT, AND UNDERTOOK TO MAKE ENQUIRIES. HE CONFIRMED TO US ON THE MORNING OF 8 APRIL THAT ENQUIRIES HAD BEEN INITIATED.
2. HOCHE ADDED THAT AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE THIS MORNING ICRC HAD TAKEN THE DECISION TO PROCEED FORTHWITH WITH A FORMAL APPROACH TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO ASK FOR THEIR AGREEMENT TO ICRC REPRESENTATIVES TRAVELLING URGENTLY TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND THEIR COOPERATION TO THIS END. QUESTIONED ABOUT THE LEGAL BASIS FOR THIS APPROACH, HOCHE SAID THAT IT WAS COMPLEX AND DID NOT (NOT) REST SOLELY ON ARTICLE 6 OF THE ICRC STATUTES. HE UNDERTOOK TO EXPLAIN IT TO US IN DETAIL LATER TODAY.
3. MEANWHILE HOCHE WAS PERTURBED TO HEAR BOTH FROM US AND THROUGH THE BRITISH RED CROSS THAT AIR COMMODORE BRIAN FROW INTENDED IN A RADIO BROADCAST ON THE WORLD AT ONE TODAY TO CALL PUBLICLY FOR AN EARLY ICRC APPROACH TO THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE LINES INDICATED ABOVE. HOCHE SAID THAT THEY HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO DO THIS, AND THAT IF THEIR DEMARCHE TO THE ARGENTINIANS COINCIDED WITH NEWS OF SUCH A BROADCAST BY FROW IT MIGHT WELL BE TURNED DOWN FLAT. HE STRONGLY URGED US TO INTERVENE WITH FROW TO PERSUADE HIM NOT (NOT) TO MENTION THIS ASPECT, AND IF IT

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POSSIBLE NOT TO HIGHLIGHT RED CROSS ASPECTS.

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