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TELEGRAM NUMBER 472 DATED 15 APRIL 82

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON (PERSONAL FOR SIR N HENDERSON).

WASHINGTON TELNO 1278: HAIG'S STATEMENT

1. CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, HAIG'S STATEMENT WAS HELPFUL TO US HERE IN INFLUENCING DELEGATIONS NOT TO FOLLOW THE LEAD GIVEN BY THE PANAMANIAN FOR A RESUMED ROUND IN THE COUNCIL. IF HIS STATEMENT HAD BEEN LESS EVEN HANDED, IE MORE HEAVILY TILTED TOWARDS US, THIS EFFECT WOULD HAVE BEEN DIMINISHED. SUCH IS THE UN.

2. MEANWHILE MRS KIRKPATRICK HAS BEEN SMOTHERING ME WITH OLIVE BRANCHES. SHE HAS BEEN OSTENTATIOUSLY SEEKING MY ADVICE ON THE JERUSALEM DEBATE. YESTERDAY EVENING, SHE BROUGHT UP HER ATTENDANCE AT THE ARGENTINE DINNER. USING HER BEST CLASS ROOM MANNER, PUNCTUATED BY EXPRESSIONS OF AFFECTION FOR MYSELF AND BRITAIN, SHE EXPLAINED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS BUSY DISMANTLING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. THE U S HAD TO HOLD THIS SYSTEM TOGETHER AT ALL COSTS. ARGENTINA WAS A KEY ELEMENT IN IT. HENCE, THE SHORT TERM INTERESTS OF THE US WERE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM OURS, ALTHOUGH SUCCESSFUL U S PROTECTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WOULD BE IN OUR LONG TERM INTERESTS. AFTER A LOT MORE IN THIS VEIN I SUGGESTED THAT THERE WAS NO PARTICULAR POINT IN HOLDING A POST MORTEM OVER HER ATTENDANCE AT THE DINNER. IT WAS NOT MY HABIT TO HARP ON WHAT WAS PAST.

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