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SIR PHILIP MOORE TOLD ME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD SOME OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MR TRUDEAU DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT. MR TRUDEAU HAD BEEN ROBUST AND CLEAR THAT WE MUST BE SUPPORTED.

2. MR TRUDEAU HAD EXPRESSED TO SIR PHILIP MOORE GREAT CONCERN ABOUT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S ATTITUDE. IF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION DID NOT SOON COME OFF THE FENCE AND START PUTTING REAL PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINE HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE WIDESPREAD DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER THE AMERICANS COULD BE RELIED ON IN A CRISIS AND SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WESTERN ALLIANCE.

3. YOU WILL BE AWARE FROM MY PREVIOUS REPORTS THAT MR TRUDEAU HAS FOR LONG BEEN PRIVATELY VERY CRITICAL OF THE AMERICANS IN GENERAL AND THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IN PARTICULAR. I AM SURE THAT HE AND MOST CANADIANS HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE REAGAN

THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION IN PARTICULAR. I AM SURE THAT HE AND MOST CANADIANS HAVE GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S LATIN AMERICAN POLICIES. AT THE PRESENT TIME, WITH SUCH THINGS AS REAGAN'S "WE ARE GOOD FRIENDS WITH BOTH SIDES" REMARK, THE NOTORIOUS ARGENTINE DINNER ATTENDED BY SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS AND THE EQUIVOCAL AMERICAN ATTITUDE ABOUT INTELLIGENCE HE CAN HARDLY FAIL TO WISH TO POINT OUT PRIVATELY THE CONTRAST BETWEEN CANADA'S WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR US AND AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WHICH APPARENTLY SEEKS TO BE EVEN HANDED AS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE ARGENTINE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.

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