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INFO ROUTINE PARIS AND ROME

YOUR TELNO 176 TO PARIS: FALKLANDS: GERMAN REPORTING ON ARGENTINA

1. EDERER (MFA) HAS PROMISED US ACCESS TO DETAILED GERMAN REPORTING TOMORROW, AND REGULARLY THEREAFTER. IN THE MEANTIME HE SUMMARISED THE ASSESSMENT OF THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES AS FOLLOWS:  
(A) ARGENTINE PUBLIC OPINION IS AT PRESENT SOLIDLY BEHIND GALTIERI ACROSS THE WHOLE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SPECTRUM. GALTIERI HAS HOWEVER PLAYED HIS HAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE HAS VIRTUALLY NO ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE. IF HIS POLICY FAILS HE WILL BE RUINED. THE TWO ENSUING POSSIBILITIES OF A TAKEOVER BY SECOND RANK MILITARY OFFICERS OR A RETURN OF POWER TO THE CIVILIAN POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD BOTH BE DISASTROUS FOR ARGENTINA:

(B) THE STATE OF THE ARGENTINE ECONOMY WAS ALREADY SO PRECARIOUS BEFORE THE CRISIS THAT IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS

... AND FINANCIAL MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST



BEFORE THE CRISIS THAT IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS THE EXACT IMPACT OF ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST ARGENTINA BY BRITAIN AND HER PARTNERS. WHATEVER SOLUTION IS EVENTUALLY FOUND TO THE FALKLANDS CRISIS, IT IS CLEAR THAT ALEMANN'S PLANS FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY HAVE BEEN RUINED.

(C) THE ARGENTINE PRESS IS CONCENTRATING ITS CRITICISM ON THE EC AND ITS SANCTIONS. THERE IS AT PRESENT NO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF ANIMOSITY AGAINST EC NATIONALS IN ARGENTINA, BUT THE MOOD COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY IF A SHOOTING WAR STARTS. THE GERMAN EMBASSY IS TAKING SECURITY MEASURES ACCORDINGLY.

2. IN A TELEGRAPHIC ROUND-UP OF THE ARGENTINE PRESS SENT TODAY THE GERMAN EMBASSY COMMENTS QUOTE WHILE POLITICAL OBSERVERS IN SPITE OF THE PRESENT DEADLOCK IN NEGOTIATIONS TEND TOWARDS CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM, THE MOOD OF THE ARGENTINE PRESS IS MORE PESSIMISTIC THAN OPTIMISTIC. BUT NO DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE LEAKING TO THE PRESS AT THE MOMENT UNQUOTE.

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