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FLASH MODUK

INFO IMMEDIATE MONTEVIDEO HOLY SEE

CHILE/ARGENTINA

1. SENIOR CHILEAN AIR FORCE GENERAL TELLS US THE PRESIDENT INFORMED THE JUNTA THIS MORNING THAT THE POPE HAS SUMMONED THE CHILEAN AND ARGENTINE AMBASSADORS TO A PRIVATE AUDIENCE TOMORROW (22 APRIL), IN ORDER TO URGE THEM TO REACH A DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THE BEAGLE DISPUTE BY 26/27 APRIL. COLONEL VIDELA, UNDER SECRETARY AT THE MFA HERE WILL BE FLYING TO ROME IMMEDIATELY.
2. CHILEANS DO NOT SEEM TO THINK THAT ARGENTINES WILL SHOW SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO ENABLE SOLUTION TO BE REACHED, BUT ARE NOT RULING OUT POSSIBILITY OF SOME MOVEMENT. IN THE MEANTIME, PINOCHET HAS ASKED THE OTHER COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND NOT TO SANCTION ANY ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS PROVOCATIVE BY ARGENTINA FOR THE TIME BEING. I AM TELEGRAPHING SEPARATELY ON IMPLICATIONS OF THIS FOR US.
3. ON PAST FORM UNLESS POPE ACTUALLY GIVES THEM ULTIMATUM, ARGENTINES CAN BE EXPECTED TO TRY TO KEEP THE CHILEANS AND POPE IN PLAY FOR A WHILE LONGER BY HINTING AT POSSIBILITY OF MINOR CONCESSIONS.
4. GRATEFUL IF MODUK COULD ARRANGE SUITABLE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION (SIC EAA/39F).

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