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FALKLANDS: VISIT OF BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT

1. HAIG HAD A SESSION THIS MORNING WITH THE BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, GUERREIRO, AND ENDERS HAS GIVEN US A BRIEF READ-OUT. THE BRAZILIAN POSITION ON THE FALKLANDS, WHILE BASICALLY MAINTAINING THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH ARGENTINA, WAS RATHER HELPFUL TO US. GUERREIRO SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO URGE THE ARGENTINIANS TO DROP THEIR INSISTENCE THAT THE DEPENDENCIES SHOULD BE COVERED IN ANY UN SETTLEMENT. THEY BELIEVED THIS WAS PREJUDICIAL TO ARGENTINA'S CASE.
2. THE BRAZILIANS WOULD ALSO TELL THEM THAT THEY THOUGHT THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION SHOULD INCLUDE SOME REPRESENTATION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS WAS DESIRABLE ON GROUNDS OF SIMPLE HUMANITY.
3. ON THE DISTANCE TO WHICH THE FORCES OF BOTH SIDES SHOULD WITHDRAW, THEY WOULD URGE THE ARGENTINIANS TO BE FLEXIBLE.
4. GUERREIRO WOULD ALSO PUT IT TO THE ARGENTINIANS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT INSIST ON OBTAINING FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE ISLANDS FOR ARGENTINIAN CITIZENS AS PART OF THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. THE BRAZILIAN VIEW WAS THAT THIS WAS A REASONABLE OBJECTIVE FOR THE FINAL OUTCOME, BUT THE ARGENTINIANS SHOULD NOT TRY TO SECURE IT BEFOREHAND.
5. ENDERS UNDERSTOOD THAT GUERREIRO WOULD TRY TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ROS IN NEW YORK TODAY TO PUT THESE BRAZILIAN VIEWS ACROSS TO HIM.

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