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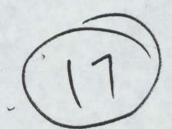
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INFO PRIORITY MOD DIC (FOR ARGENTINE ARMS SUPPLY CELL).

MY TELNO 298: ARMS DELIVERIES TO ARGENTINA.

1. SAHHAF OF MFA SUMMONED ME TODAY, 16 MAY, ON INSTRUCTIONS,
TO SAY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI WANTED TO RECONFIRM THE OFFICIAL
ASSURANCE GIVEN ME BY SAHHAF THE PREVIOUS DAY, TO THE EFFECT THAT
IRAQ HAD NOT, AND WOULD NOT SUPPLY EXOCET OR ANY OTHER WARLIKE
MATERIEL TO ARGENTINA, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR THE DURATION OF

THE FALKLANDS EMERGENCY.

- 2. I SAID I WAS SURE YOU WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASSURANCES.
- 3. COMMENT. I HAVE THE UNCHIVALROUS THOUGHT THAT THE IRAQIS

WILL CONNECT FORWARD THEIR GESTURE OVER EXOCET TO ANY LETHAL ITEM WE MAY INTEND TO SUPPLY TO IRAN DURING THE REMAINDER OF HOSTILITIES IN THIS REGIONAL WAR. THE SPEED OF DR HAMMADI'S RECONFIRMATION OF YESTERDAY'S CATEGORIC ASSURANCE BY SAHHAF SUGGESTS SOME TYPICALLY IRAQI INWARDNESS. WE SHALL SEE.

EGERTON

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