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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1780 OF 16 MAY

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 117 TO BRUSSELS: ARGENTINE NATIONAL DAY

I TOOK AN OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO ASK STOESSEL INFORMALLY WHETHER HE HAD YET THOUGHT ABOUT THIS. HIS REPLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO IDEA ARGENTINE NATIONAL DAY WAS COMING UP. HE SAID IT WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFULLY THOUGHT ABOUT.

2. THE AMERICANS WILL NOT WANT TO BITE THIS BULLET UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT. THERE WILL BE STRONG PRESSURE FROM THE KIRKPATRICK/ENDERS FACTION TO BEHAVE AS NORMAL (WHICH WOULD IMPLY GOOD OFFICERS) ON THE GROUNDS

ENDERS FACTION TO BEHAVE AS NORMAL (WHICH WOULD IMPLY GOOD ATTENDANCE BY OFFICIALS AND SOME CABINET OFFICERS) ON THE GROUNDS THAT ANYTHING LESS WOULD DO FURTHER GRATUITOUS DAMAGE TO U.S./ ARGENTINE RELATIONS AND U.S. RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA GENERALLY WITH THE PRESENT RESURGENCE OF CONCERN ON THIS SCORE, THIS PRESSURE WOULD BE LIKELY TO WIN THE DAY IF THE DECISION HAD TO BE MADE NOW, BUT MUCH WILL DEPEND ON HOW CIRCUMSTANCES DEVELOP NEARER THE TIME.

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