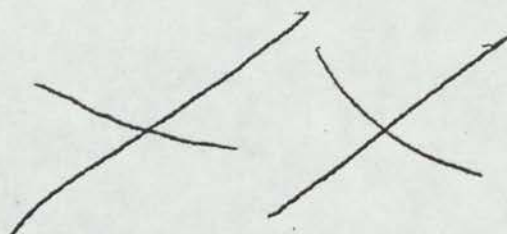
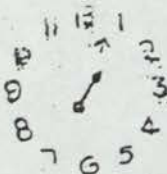


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YOUR TEL 106: FALKLANDS/ANDEAN PACT

1. PRESIDENT GRANTED ME SHORT INTERVIEW IN ANTEROOM AFTER CEREMONY.

I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED. IN RESPONSE HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) HE LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING REPLY TO HIS MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER. PRESIDENT GALTIERI HAD RESPONDED ALREADY (SEE MIFT).

B) HE HOPED THAT ARMED CONFLICT COULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY WITH MINIMUM FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE.

C) ANDEAN PACT MEETING IS TO BE POSTPONED AS ACTION HAS NOW MOVED TO UN. CONSULTATIONS AT OFFICIAL LEVEL ARE TAKING PLACE TODAY ON TIME/VENUE OF THE POSTPONED MEETING. (LIMA NOW SEEMS FAVOURITE BUT NO DATE FIXED. BUENOS AIRES HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BUT NOT ACCEPTABLE. PRESIDENT MADE THE POINT THAT ARGENTINA WAS NOT MEMBER OF PACT.)

2. PRESIDENT ENDED BY SAYING HE UNDERSTOOD PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY WOULD BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH ME AND ASKED ME TO CALL ON HIM AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

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