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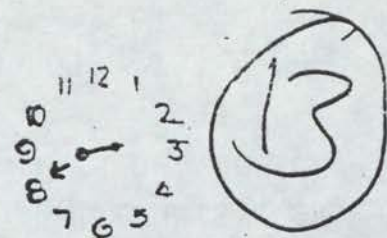
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YOUR TELNO 68 TO ASUNCION; FALKLANDS; RIO TREATY MEETING

1. I SPOKE ACCORDINGLY TO ROSENZWEIG DIAZ (ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER) AND TELLO (DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER) TODAY.
2. ROSENZWEIG DIAZ SAID THAT THE SITUATION WAS DETERIORATING. THERE WERE INCREASING PRESSURES FOR SOME FORM OF ACTION AGAINST BRITAIN IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. MOREOVER THE POLITICAL MAP WAS CHANGING IN UNPREDICTABLE FASHION WITH SUCH COUNTRIES AS CUBA AND NICARAGUA COMING TO THE AID OF ARGENTINA. HE WAS MORE WORRIED THAN HE HAD EVER BEEN. UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 505 WOULD SCARCELY ADVANCE THINGS. HE SYMPATHIZED WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REACTION.
3. ROSENZWEIG BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED THE MEXICAN POSITION AS SET OUT IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT OF 21 MAY (MY TELNO 423). THE LACK OF A SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR FULFILMENT OF ALL ASPECTS OF UNSCR 502. HE REPLIED THAT THIS WENT WITHOUT SAYING. A KEY POINT FOR MEXICO WAS THAT THE OPERATIVE CLAUSES IN UNSCR 502 TAKE EFFECT SIMILTANEOUSLY; IN OTHER WORDS AN IMMEDIATE END TO HOSTILITIES SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES. HE MENTIONED THIS POINT BECAUSE HA HAD GAINED THE IMPRESSION FROM REMARKS MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT THE BRITISH WERE NOW INSISTING THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE FORCES MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE HOSTILITIES COULD END. HE ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE REASSURANCE ON THIS POINT, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE RIO TREATY MEETING.
4. I SAID THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES FORGOT THAT WE WERE THE VICTIMS RATHER THAN AGGRESSORS. WE WERE STANDING UP FOR THE SAME PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT AS THEMSELVES: RESPECT FOR LAW, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND SELF-DETERMINATION. WE HAD NOW ASSUMED OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND LOOKED FOR SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY. ROSENZWEIG REPEATED THAT THE MEXICAN POSITION AS STATED IN THE MINISTER'S DECLARATION OF 6 APRIL (MY TELNO 256) HAD NOT CHANGED.
5. ON THE PANAMANIAN DECLARATION ABOUT THE RIVER PLATE, I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED IN YOUR GUIDANCE TELNO 108. ROSENZWEIG WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED. I LEFT HIM THE TEXT OF SIR ANTHONY PARSON'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.



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