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 MR LITTLER }  
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- MY TELNO 610 (NOT REPEATED) : FALKLANDS: FRENCH ATTITUDE
1. IN THE COURSE OF MY CALL ON HIM YESTERDAY (11 JUNE) GUTMANN, SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE QUAI, REITERATED FRENCH VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR THE UK TO SHOW MAGNANIMITY AFTER THE RECAPTURE OF PORT STANLEY.
  2. WHEN I WARNED HIM A PROPOS OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE ARMS EMBARGO THAT THE ARGENTINES WERE TALKING IN TERMS OF CONTINUING HOSTILITIES AFTER PORT STANLEY, GUTMANN SAID THE FRENCH REALISED THIS. HOWEVER HE HAD TO TELL ME THAT A MOMENT WOULD COME WHEN BRITAIN MIGHT NO LONGER FIND THE SAME FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE UK ATTITUDE WOULD BE AFTER PORT STANLEY. HE REFERRED TO MITTERRAND'S STATEMENT (MY TELNO 610) THAT THE ARGENTINES SHOULD NOT BE HUMILIATED.
  3. I SAID WE HAD NO INTENTION OF HUMILIATING THE ARGENTINES: IT WAS SIMPLY A MATTER OF RECOVERING THE WHOLE OF THE FALKLANDS AND PREVENTING FURTHER ATTACKS ON OUR FORCES. THE QUESTION WAS



7. COMMENT, THE DEPUTY DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT THE ELYSEE HAD SPOKEN TO US IN SIMILAR TERMS ON 16 JUNE. THERE IS CLEARLY A FEELING ABROAD, WHICH IS NOT LIMITED TO THE QUAI, THAT BRITAIN SHOULD CALL A HALT TO THE FIGHTING AFTER PORT STANLEY AND THEN INITIATE SOME FORM OF NEGOTIATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE CONCESSIONS ON SOVEREIGNTY. THERE IS ALSO A DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT THE ARGENTINE CASE ON SOVEREIGNTY AND TO REGARD AN EVENTUAL TRANSFER EVEN NOW AS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME. THE POINTS I PUT TO GUTMANN SHOULD HAVE MADE SOME IMPRESSION ON HIM BUT WE MUST EXPECT THE FRENCH TO CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR EARLY FACE-SAVING CONCESSIONS.

8. I DO NOT THINK WE CAN AVOID DETAILED ARGUMENT ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY FOR MUCH LONGER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE IN RESERVE A COMPREHENSIVE HISTORICAL DOSSIER WHICH WE CAN DRAW ON AS NECESSARY TO REFUTE ARGENTINE ARGUMENTS WHICH EVIDENTLY COMMAND SOME FRENCH SYMPATHY. WE CAN MAKE THE OBVIOUS DEBATING POINTS ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO FRENCH AND OTHER FRONTIERS IF THE HISTORY OF THE LAST 150 YEARS WERE BRUSHED ASIDE, BUT DOCUMENTATION FOR THE PERIOD PRIOR TO 1833 MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.

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TO PARA 5. PSE KKK

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WERE SIGNS THAT EVEN SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE TAKING THEIR DISTANCE NOW ARGENTINA'S DEFEAT LOOKED  
2 LIKELY.

5. DORIN, DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT ASKED

ETC ETC OK K

THATS GREAT TA KK