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TELEGRAM NUMBER 575 OF 17 JUNE

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MY TELNO 575: FALKLANDS

SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BULLARD TODAY, I HAVE HAD A LONG TALK WITH STATE SECRETARY VON STADEN. I TOLD HIM THAT THE INEXPLICABLE FRANCO-GERMAN INITIATIVE ON AN IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF SANCTIONS (TELECON FISCHER/BRIDGES) WAS LIKELY TO DO GRAVE DAMAGE TO NATO, EC AND ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS. I THINK THAT I MADE A STRONG IMPRESSION. I THINK VON STADEN WAS SHAKEN, AND AGREED THAT I SHOULD TRY TO TALK WITH GENSCHER: I HAVE A PROMISE OF A MEETING WITH HIM TOMORROW.

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3. VON STADEN DID NOT HAVE A LOT TO SAY IN REPLY. HE REPEATED ARGUMENTS ABOUT THE NEED TO REPAIR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA. I REPLIED THAT WE ALSO WISHED TO REPAIR RELATIONS THERE. BUT THE LATIN AMERICANS WERE DEEPLY ENGAGED WITH WESTERN EUROPE AND THE US. THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT REPLACE US.

4. I ALSO EXPLAINED THAT CONCESSIONS WE HAD EARLIER OFFERED TO ARGENTINA WERE NOT NOW ON THE TABLE.

5. VON STADEN SAID THAT THE CABINET HAD FELT UPSET BY OUR REFERENCE IN OUR MESSAGE TO THE JUNTA TO ASKING OUR PARTNERS TO LIFT SANCTIONS. BUT HE MADE NO GREAT THING OF THIS. I TOOK HIM THROUGH THE TEXT TO SHOW THAT WE WERE NOT PRE-EMPTING THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT OTHERS WERE PROVING STAUNCHER THAN THE GERMANS.

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