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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 164 TO ABIDJAN: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. MALLABY SPOKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TUR TO ZELLER (FEDERAL CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE) THIS MORNING AND TO PFEFFER (POLITICAL DIRECTOR MFA) OVER LUNCH. HE ADDED THAT US VOTING INTENTIONS WERE NOT ENTIRELY RELEVANT TO GERMANY'S DECISION, NOT LEAST BECAUSE THE FRG AND THE UK ARE PARTNERS IN POLITICAL COOPERATION.

2. ZELLER CALLED BACK LATER TO SAY THAT THE QUESTION OF THE GERMAN VOTE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE FEDERAL CABINET THIS MORNING. THE NEED FOR SOLIDARITY WITH A PROTECTING POWER IN BERLIN AND A EUROPEAN PARTNER HAD INFLUENCED THE CABINET'S TENDENCY TOWARDS ABSTENTION. THE GERMANS WOULD MAKE KNOWN TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

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3. THE DISCUSSION WITH PFEFFER ABOUT THE FALKLANDS AT THE UN FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY ON ONE ABOUT LAST WEEK'S ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT WHICH PFEFFER AGREED HAD BEEN A NOTABLE SUCCESS. HE ALSO AGREED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BERLIN HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AND HAD EVOKED A VERY POSITIVE RESPONSE IN BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. MALLABY GAVE PFEFFER A SPEAKING NOTE BASED ON TUR WITH AN ANNEX ABOUT MAYOTTE. PFEFFER DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ARGUE THAT THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED. HE SAID THAT GENSCHER WOULD HIMSELF TAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE. THE OUTCOME COULD STILL BE INFLUENCED BY THE VOTING INTENTIONS OF OTHERS. BUT PFEFFER CONTINUED THAT GENSCHER'S PRESENT VIEW WAS THAT THE BRITISH ROLE IN BERLIN, UNDERLINED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT, SHOULD CAUSE GERMANY TO ABSTAIN. PFEFFER DID NOT SEEM TO ASSUME THAT GERMANY WOULD BE ALONE IN ABSTAINING, AND HIMSELF SUGGESTED THAT FRANCE MIGHT YET ABSTAIN FOLLOWING THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS. MALLABY ARGUED THAT THE GERMAN DESIRE TO BE IN GOOD COMPANY IN ABSTAINING POINTED STRONGLY TOWARDS A GERMAN EFFORT TO PERSUADE AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE, NOTABLY AMONG THE TEN, TO ABSTAIN TOO. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT GERMANY'S TENDENCY TOWARDS ABSTENTION SHOULD BE DECLARED TO OTHERS AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE: IT WOULD BY NO MEANS BE GOOD ENOUGH TO SAY THAT GERMANY HAD NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO VOTE.

4. PFEFFER ASKED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO COMPARE NOTES ABOUT OTHERS VOTING INTENTIONS WITH THE FEDERAL MFA RIGHT UP TO THE VOTE. GRATEFUL FOR REPITITION OF RELEVANT TELEGRAMS.

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