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TELNO 227 OF 25 JUNE

INFO ROUTINE BRASILIA

YOUR TELNO 104: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTIANA

SUMMARY

1. CONSTRUCTIVE AND DETAILED RESPONSE BY BRUNNER ON BEING INFORMED OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF FORMULA OF 04 JUNE REGARDING SOVEREIGNTY.

DETAIL

2. I INFORMED STATE SECRETARY ON 23 JUNE THAT I HAD RECEIVED NEW AND POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS. HE INVITED ME TO CALL AT HIS HOUSE THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON WHEN I CONVEYED ORALLY ALL THE POINTS IN YOUR TUR AND LEFT WITH HIM A BOUT DE PAPIER.

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BRUNNER SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LOSE NO TIME. CAPUTO WAS DUE BACK FROM CARTAGENA THAT SAME DAY, 24 JUNE, AND DELPECHE WOULD BE RETURNING TO ROME SHORTLY AFTERWARDS PROBABLY ON 27 JUNE. HE HAD THEREFORE ON RECEIVING MY MESSAGE ON 22 JUNE THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE ON THE WAY INSTRUCTED THE SWISS CHARGE D'AFFAIRS TO DO HIS BEST TO HOLD THE SITUATION OVER THE WEEKEND. HE WOULD NOW BE IN TOUCH WITH DELPECHE TODAY AND EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO GIVE ME ARGENTINE REACTION THIS AFTERNOON.

4. BRUNNER THOUGHT IT WAS ALSO DESIRABLE TO LOSE NO TIME IN GETTING TALKS GOING AND SUGGESTED THAT WE SHOULD AIM TO HOLD THEM IN WEEK BEGINNING 02 JULY. EARLY PROGRESS WOULD HAVE A WHOLESOME EFFECT ON ARGENTINE APPROACH TO UNITED NATIONS PROCEEDINGS.

5. ON REPRESENTATION BRUNNER SAID HE WOULD HOPE TO LET ME KNOW LATER TODAY THE COMPOSITION OF ARGENTINE DELEGATION. THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IS NOW AWAY OWING TO CRITICAL ILLNESS OF HIS MOTHER. BRUNNER THOUGHT THIS INCREASED THE LIKELIHOOD THAT DELPECHE WOULD LEAD SUPPORTED BY TETTAMENTI. HE ASKED IF I HAD ANY INDICATIONS ABOUT OUR OWN REPRESENTATION. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NOT. (MY PERSONAL TELNO 147 RECOMMENDED THAT WE SHOULD GET OUR OWN POSITION CLEAR AND PUT TO THE SWISS IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE ARGENTINES WOULD CONFORM TO IT BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE BEYOND PARA 4 OF YOUR TELNO 85.) BRUNNER REMARKED THAT ON THE ARGENTINE AS IN THE SWISS VIEW THIS WAS ENTIRELY A MATTER FOR US TO DECIDE AND THAT DELPECHE'S PRESENCE IF CONFIRMED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS DICTATING OUR OWN REPRESENTATION.

6. TURNING TO YOUR THREE PROVISOS, BRUNNER AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A CLEAR PROCEDURE AGREED IN ADVANCE. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR DELEGATIONS TO HAVE SEPARATE CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF MODALITIES BEFORE THE FEDERAL COUNCILLOR'S OPENING DINNER. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO START OR END PROCEEDINGS WITH THE EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS ON SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE MORNING FOLLOWING THE DINNER SHOULD OPEN WITH A MORE PROMISING SUBJECT. HE THOUGHT THAT AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERSONAL CONTACTS AT THE DINNER THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS COULD BE COMPLETED IN THE FOLLOWING ONE OR POSSIBLY TWO DAYS.

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7. ON CONDITION B BRUNNER RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS ON THE RECORD THE HEAD OF THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO CONVEY IN THE CORRIDOR OR DURING A COFFEE BREAK A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE EFFECT THAT NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS UNLESS THE SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE CAN BE ADDRESSED THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. I SAID I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNDESIRABLE THAT ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT SHOULD BE ENVISAGED IN HIS DISCUSSIONS OR GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT. I WARNED HIM THAT SUCH A SECOND STATEMENT ALTHOUGH OFF THE RECORD MIGHT VERY WELL BE CONSIDERED IN LONDON AS GROUNDS FOR THE TALKS TO CEASE. I ALSO REMINDED HIM OF YOUR ADVERSE VIEW ABOUT THE WALK IN THE PARK IDEA (YOUR TELNO 91, PARA 9) . BRUNNER THEN ACCEPTED THAT THE ARGENTINES MUST BE BROUGHT TO AGREE THAT EVERYTHING THEY HAVE TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT OF SOVEREIGNTY MUST BE INCLUDED IN THEIR ONE AND ONLY STATEMENT.

8. BRUNNER WENT ON TO SAY , COMMENTING ON YOUR CONDITION C, THAT THE GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT WHICH HE WOULD AIM TO ESTABLISH OVER THE COMING DAYS WOULD COVER THE SITUATION AT THE TALKS SO LONG AS THE SWISS CHAIRMAN WAS IN CONTROL. IF THE ARGENTNES TRIED TO RAISE IT IN THE CORRIDOR IT WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR OWN DELEGATION TO HEAD THEM OFF AND EACH OF OUR PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THAT EVENT. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE ARGENTINES WOULD BE LIKELY TO BREAK A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT BUT AFTER SOME PRESSING HE VENTUALLY GAVE ME THE ASSURANCE YOU SOUGHT THAT THE SWISS WOULD MAKE IT CLEAR OF NECESSARY IN PUBLIC THAT ARGENTINA WAS RESPONSIBLE IF THAT SITUATION AROSE, THOUGH HOPING VERY MUCH THAT IT WOULD NOT.

9. BRUNNER SUGGESTED THAT AS CHAIRMAN HE SHOULD AIM AT THE TALKS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT TO HOLD A SECOND MEETING IN SEPTEMBER PLUS AGREEMENTS ON AT LEAST ONE MINOR MATTER SUCH AS THE NEXT OF KIN POINT. HE HAD IN MIND A FINAL STATEMENT RECORDING THAT AN EXPLORATION OF ALL PATHS TOWARDS NORMALISATION WOULD CONTINUE.

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10. BRUNNER DID NOT MENTION THE BRASILIAN ELEMENT. (NOR OF COURSE DID I SINCE IT IS NO INTEREST OF OURS). HE CONFIRMED THAT THE PROPOSAL OF A SIMPLIFIED FORM OF INVITATION INCLUDING THE FORM OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE IN THE THREE CAPITALS WOULD BE THE NEXT STAGE SUBJECT TO HIS TALKS WITH DELPECHE TODAY. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF LANGUAGE IN THE TALKS. DELPECHE HAD SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONDUCT THE WHOLE MEETING IN FRENCH. I DID NOT DEMUR IN THE CASE THAT I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE BUT AFTER SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION BRUNNER'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT SUBJECT OF COURSE TO YOUR VIEW EACH DELEGATION SHOULD SPEAK THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE THEIR OWN INTERPRETERS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DELEGATIONS WOULD SO FAR AS POSSIBLE BE COMPOSED OF PERSONS ABLE TO FOLLOW THE OTHER'S LANGUAGE.

11. SEPARATE REPORT FOLLOWS BY LETTER ON MY CONVERSATION WITH KEUSCH ON 22 JUNE.

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