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TELNO 259 OF 11 JULY

INFO BRASILIA

YOUR TELNO 122: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

1. I CALLED ON STATE SECRETARY AT MIDDAY ON 10 JULY AND SPOKE AS REQUESTED LEAVING A BOUT DE PAPIER. BRUNNER WAS HOPEFUL THAT ON THIS BASIS IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROCEED RAPIDLY WITH THE ISSUE OF THE SWISS GOVERNMENT INVITATIONS THAT DAY.
2. IN THE EVENT HOWEVER BRUNNER HAD HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM KEUSCH OR DELPECHE UP TO A LATE HOUR LAST NIGHT. HE CALLED FIRST THING THIS MORNING TO INFORM ME THAT KEUSCH HAD NOW REPORTED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CAPUTO BUT WAS DUE TO SEE HIM TODAY. KEUSCH HAD SEEN SABATO AND INFORMED HIM OF YOUR POSITION BUT THE LATTER COULD TAKE NO DECISION.
3. KEUSCH REPORTED THAT THE DELAY IN CAPUTO'S RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES AFTER HIS VISIT TO LIMA WAS DUE TO HIS HAVING A SECRET MEETING AT AN UNKNOWN PLACE WITH THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER. BRUNNER THOUGHT THAT PROGRESS IN THE TALKS AT ROME HAD GONE MORE QUICKLY THAN EXPECTED AND THAT AN AGREEMENT ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL MIGHT SHORTLY BE SIGNED.
4. BRUNNER DOES NOT EXPECT TO HEAR ANYTHING FURTHER UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON AFTER KEUSCH HAS SEEN CAPUTO. HE THOUGHT THAT TALKS COULD NOT NOW START BEFORE MONDAY 16 JULY IN THE EVENING. AUBERT WILL NOT THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR THE OPENING DINNER.

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