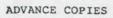
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MY TELNO 277 & TALKS WITH ARGENTINA

- 1. THE THIRD AND FINAL MEETING WAS HELD AT A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY NEAR FRIBOURG ON THE EVENING OF 19 JULY. IT BEGAN AT 6.00 PM AND CONTINUED INTO THE EARLY HOURS. THE MEETING WAS OF AN INFORMAL CHARACTER.
- 2. THE SWISS AND BRAZILIANS PUT FORWARD A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WHICH HAD BEEN AGREED BY BOTH DELEGATIONS WITH MINOR CHANGES WHEN IT WAS OVERTAKEN BY MEDIA REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES OF STATEMENTS BY CAPUTO CLAIMING THAT THE TALKS HAD BROKEN OFF BY ARGENTINE SIDE OWING TO BRITISH INTRANSIGENCE. REPORTS WERE MANIFESTLY UNTRUE SINCE THE DELEGATIONS WERE IN FACT STILL MEETING. DELPECHE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH STATEMENTS BY HIS MINISTER AND KEUSCH REPORTED AFTER COMMITTING CAPUTO HIMSELF THAT THEY WERE MISLEADING AND DID NOT REPRESENT THE MINISTER'S POSITION. IT WAS THEN HOWEVER TOO LATE TO PREVENT THE ISSUE OF YOUR COUNTER-STATEMENT.
- 3. THEREAFTER DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATED ON PRODUCING A SHORTENED COMMUNIQUE. THESE WERE CONDUCTED BY OUR DELEGATION WITH THE SWISS AND BY THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION WITH THE BRAZILIANS IN SEPARATE ROOMS. OUR OWN PREFERENCE FOR OMITTING ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS RAISED WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE ARGENTINE DELEGATION AND UNPOPULAR WITH THE SWISS. THE ALTERNATIVE OF HAVING NO. COMMUNIQUE WAS ALSO RAISED ON OUR SIDE BUT REJECTED BY THE OTHER DELEGATION.
- 4. THE EVENTUAL OUTCOME (IN MY TUR) OMITTED PASSAGES ORIGINALLY PROPOSED COVERING FUTURE DIALOGUE, UTILITY OF THE TALKS AND NEXT-OF-KIN VISIT. SEE MIFT.

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