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YOUR TELNO 345: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

1. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS REPORT FROM BRUNNER, AND
LOOK FORWARD TO AUBERT'S ACCOUNT OF HIS TALKS WITH THE ARGENTINES.

2. CAPUTO'S REMARK THAT IT IS UP TO THE ARGENTINES TO TAKE THE
NEXT INITIATIVE MAY BE SOME INDICATION THAT HE ACCEPTS THAT THEY
WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEADLOCK IN OUR PREVIOUS DIALOGUE. FOR
OUR PART, AS I SAID IN MY SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WE
REMAIN READY TO WORK FOR MORE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA.
BUT, ESPECIALLY WITH THE UNGA PROCEEDINGS ON THE FALKLANDS STILL
PENDING, THE TIME HAS NOT YET COME TO END OUR 'PAUSE FOR
REFLECTION'. YOU WERE RIGHT TO REMIND BRUNNER THAT WE THINK IT
BEST TO AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS, AND THAT WE ARE NOT (NOT) LOOKING FOR
NEW INITIATIVES FROM OUR FRIENDS (YOUR PARA 6). I NOTE THAT
BRUNNER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I DO NOT WANT SECRET TALKS, BUT
CAPUTO'S IDEAS COULD CARRY US TOO FAR IN THIS
DIRECTION UNLESS WE HANDLE THEM WITH THE GREATEST CARE. THERE
WOULD IN ANY CASE BE NO POINT IN TRANSMITTING ANY FURTHER
MESSAGE TO THE ARGENTINES ABOUT A NEW DIALOGUE UNTIL THE UNGA
DEBATE IS OVER.

3. IN THANKING BRUNNER FOR HIS REPORT, YOU SHOULD THEREFORE BE
CAREFUL NOT TO RAISE HIS HOPES THAT ANY OF THE IDEAS FLOATED
BY CAPUTO APPEAL TO US OR THAT THERE IS ANY ROLE IN THIS FOR THE
SWISS AT PRESENT. YOU MAY REMIND BRUNNER OF MY REMARKS IN NEW
YORK ABOUT OUR READINESS IN PRINCIPLE TO PURSUE NORMALISATION.
BUT THE UNGA DEBATE IS THE NEXT EVENT. I SHALL WANT TO CONSIDER
THE SITUATION AFTER THAT. YOU SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE SWISS
ARE UNDER NO (NO) ILLUSION THAT THE TIME MIGHT BE RIPE FOR A

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