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YOUR TELNO 333 TO ATHENS: FALKLANDS

SUMMARY

1. MY MEETING WITH GENSCHER POSTPONED. GENSCHER WILL PERSONALLY DECIDE HOW FRG VOTES AT LAST MINUTE. CURRENT INDICATIONS FROM HIS OFFICIALS RATHER FAVOURABLE. SUGGESTIONS ON FURTHER ACTION.

DETAIL

2. GENSCHER, VERY CHARACTERISTICALLY, HAS POSTPONED MY MEETING WITH HIM THAT WAS DUE THIS AFTERNOON, AND I SHALL BE ABSENT IN STUTTGART FOR 48 HOURS FROM TONIGHT. MALLABY YESTERDAY TOOK KULLAK-UBLICK, THE UNDER-SECRETARY CONCERNED WITH THE FALKLANDS IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT, THROUGH THE BRITISH POSITION ON 22 OCTOBER.

3. MALLABY POINTED OUT THAT THE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY, WHICH IN ARGENTINA'S DECLARED VIEW MEANT NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT A TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY WITHIN A FEW YEARS. THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS REPEATED ARGENTINA'S PREFERRED MEANS OF AVOIDING MENTION OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THE LATTER WAS A PRINCIPLE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. THE QUOTATION FROM THE ANGLO-GERMAN STATEMENT OF MAY 1984, WHICH YOU HAD USED IN PUBLIC DURING THE ANDREOTTI AFFAIR

1984, WHICH YOU HAD USED IN PUBLIC DURING THE ANDREOTTI AFFAIR AND IN YOUR SPEECH IN BONN LAST WEEK, WAS AN EXPRESSION OF BRIT SUPPORT FOR GERMAN SELF-DETERMINATION. THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLANDS PRESENTED A STRAIGHT CHOICE BETWEEN SELF-DETERMINATION ON THE ONE HAND AND THE ARGENTINE WISH TO OBTAIN SOVEREIGNTY ON THE OTHER. SURELY THE GERMANS WOULD ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE DIRECTLY AGAINST SELF-DETERMINATION? MALLABY ALSO MADE THE FOUR POINTS IN PARA 3 OF YOUR TELNO 564 ABOUT THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST GERMAN SUBMARINE FOR ARGENTINA, STRESSING THAT THE PUBLIC HANDLING IN THE UK OF THIS LATTER QUESTION WOULD BE MUCH HARDER IF THE FRG AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME VOTED DIAMETRICALLY AGAINST US ON THE UN RESOLUTION IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. (WE HAVE ALSO MADE POINTS (II) AND (III) IN YOUR TELNO 564 TO THOSE CONCERNED WITH ARMS EXPORTS IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT.)

4. KULLAK-UBLICK SAID HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT WE WERE STRESSING THE REFERENCES IN THE RESOLUTION TO SOVEREIGNTY AND TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS. YOUR REMARK ABOUT THE GERMAN QUESTION HAD BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED IN BONN AND ITS RELEVANCE TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN THE FALKLANDS CONTEXT HAD BEEN RECOGNISED. HE HIMSELF WAS PARTICULARLY GLAD THAT MALLABY HAD MADE THIS POINT. OUR POINT ABOUT THE SUBMARINE WAS ALSO WELL TAKEN. AS LAST YEAR, GENSCHER WOULD PERSONALLY TAKE THE DECISION ON GERMANY'S VOTE, AND PROBABLY ON THE DAY OF THE VOTE. GENSCHER'S PRINCIPLE IN THE MATTER WOULD BE "IF IN DOUBT, FOR THE BRITISH". MALLABY SAID THERE WOULD OF COURSE BE DOUBT: THE ARGUMENTS COULD NOT POSSIBLY ALL BE FOR VOTING WITH ARGENTINA. KULLAK-UBLICK SAID THAT THE VOTE OF FRANCE WOULD BE CRUCIAL AND THE DECISION WOULD NO DOUBT BE TAKEN BY MITTERRAND. MALLABY POINTED OUT THAT THE LATTER WAS ABOUT TO VISIT LONDON. KULLAK-UBLICK SAID HIS ADVICE TO GENSCHER HAD BEEN THAT FRG/ARGENTINE RELATIONS WERE NOW SUFFICIENTLY GOOD FOR A GERMAN ABSTENTION, EVEN IF ALMOST ISOLATED AMONG THE TEN, NOT SERIOUSLY TO HARM THE RELATIONSHIP.

COMMENT

5. I JUDGE FROM KULLAK-UBLICK'S RATHER FORTHCOMING LINE THAT HE EXPECTS GENSCHER TO DECIDE THAT GERMANY SHOULD ABSTAIN. A FRENCH DECISION TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION MIGHT, HOWEVER, TURN THE TIDE AGAINST US. I WELCOME THE IDEA OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO KOHL. SUBJECT TO WHAT MITTERRAND SAYS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UK, I AM INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD ONLY MAKE FURTHER HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIONS IN BONN IF THE PICTURE IN ANY WAY CHANGES, FOR INSTANCE THROUGH THE APPEARANCE OF A FURTHER REVISE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. WE SHALL KEEP OUR EARS VERY CLOSELY TO THE GROUND.

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