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YOUR TELNO 63 TO ANKARA: PARA 5B : PROPOSED FRG ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINIAN NAVY

1. AS ALREADY REPORTED TO THE MOD (MY NAIS SIGNAL 040841Z TO MODUK NAVY) THE FIRST OF THE FRIGATES CURRENTLY BEING BUILT FOR

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ARGENTINA IN THE FRG IS NOT DUE FOR COMPLETION UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. BUT THE TOTAL GERMAN PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE ARGENTINIAN NAVY IS SUBSTANTIAL AND, ACCORDING TO A CONTACT IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT, AMOUNTS TO ABOUT DM 3.5 MILLIARDS! WORTH OF SHIPS. OUR INITIAL ENQUIRIES REVEAL THAT THE VESSELS CONCERNED INCLUDE:  
(A) FOUR MEKO 360 FRIGATES TO BE BUILT BY BLOHM AND VOSS OF HAMBURG, THE LEAD SHIP DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1982  
(B) SIX MEKO 140 FRIGATES TO BE BUILT IN ARGENTINA UNDER LICENCE FROM BLOHM AND VOSS  
(C) FOUR TR 1700 SUBMARINES, TWO UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THYSSSEN NORDSEEWERKE IN EMDEN, TWO TO BE BUILT UNDER LICENCE IN ARGENTINA (ONE LAID DOWN)  
(D) TWO TR 1400 SUBMARINES TO BE BUILT IN ARGENTINA UNDER LICENCE FROM THYSSSEN NORDSEEWERKE  
(E) DIESELS FOR FIVE CORVETTES FOR COAST GUARD DUTIES UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN ARGENTINA.

2. OUR AUSWAERTIGES AMT CONTACT COMMENTED THAT WHILE QUOTE CONSTRUCTION PERMISSION UNQUOTE HAD BEEN GIVEN FOR ALL THESE SHIPS, HR E

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DID NOT THINK THAT ANY OF THE COMPANIES CONCERNED HAD YET REQUESTED

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AN EXPORT LICENCE FOR THEM.  
 IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW SUCH LICENCES WOULD NOT BE GRANTED IN THE  
 CURRENT SITUATION AS ARGENTINA NOW FELL PRETTY CLEARLY WITHIN A  
 QUOTE AREA OF TENSION UNQUOTE. WE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL  
 IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD SAY THIS PUBLICLY AND I WOULD  
 PROPOSE TO REVERT TO THIS WITH VON STADEN WHEN I SEE HIM THIS  
 AFTERNOON TO CARRY OUT THE INSTRUCTION IN TUR.

3. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORTS, GERMAN ASSISTANCE IN THIS  
 SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE PRESENCE OF CIVIL AND NAVAL  
 ADVISERS IN ARGENTINA, AS WELL AS TRAINING FACILITIES FOR ARGENTINES  
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 IN BUNDESMARINE UNITS. WE ARE SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF THIS, AND OF  
 OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT SALES AGREED BETWEEN THE FRG AND ARGENTINA.

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