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MY TELNO 1107: FALKLANDS

1. I SPOKE TO STOESSEL LAST NIGHT. I MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF THE AMERICANS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF FURTHER POLITICAL INITIATIVES, THEY MUST BE CLEAR THAT ANY SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO ENTAIL WITHDRAWAL OF THE ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS.

2. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND WITH LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THE QUESTION OF ARMS SUPPLIES. NO US ARMS ARE AT PRESENT BEING SUPPLIED TO ARGENTINA. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE BAN IMPOSED IN CONGRESS IN 1978 BECAUSE OF ARGENTINE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. CONGRESS RECENTLY LIFTED THAT BAN AT THE ADMINISTRATIONS REQUEST AND A RESUMPTION OF SUPPLIES WAS LIKELY ONCE THE ADMINISTRATION HAD CERTIFIED THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. THE ADMINISTRATION NOW APPEARS TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO RESUME SUPPLIES AND THERE WOULD, I BELIEVE, BE STRONG OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS IF THERE WAS A DISPOSITION TO DO SO.

3. WE SHALL NOT, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE AMERICANS TO WITHDRAW THEIR AMBASSADOR AND, ALTHOUGH WE SHALL PRESS THEM ON THIS, THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON CREDITS.

4. THE NSC STAFF TELL US THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOW BEGINNING TO CONSIDER THE OPTIONS FOR FURTHER US DIPLOMATIC ACTION. THEY ASSUMED THAT NO MEDIATORY EFFORT WHICH DID NOT GET THE ARGENTINE FORCES WITHDRAWN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US. WE CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD NOT.

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