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FALKLANDS: MY TEL NO 75 (NOT TO WASHINGTON)

1. A LOCAL TV NEWS ITEM LAST NIGHT SHOWED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUST AFTER HE HAD RECEIVED THE ARGENTINE AMEASSADOR YESTERDAY MORNING. WHEN BOTH WERE ASKED ABOUT THE PERUVIAN INITIATIVE, THE LATTER MADE NO COMMENT OF SUBSTANCE BUT THE FORMER REITERATED QUOTE PERU'S PACIFIST VOCATION UNQUOTE AND ADDED THAT HE WAS QUOTE IN CONVERSATION UNQUOTE WITH BOTH SIDES.
2. THE SAME PROGRAMME CARRIED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PERUVIAN MINISTER OF WAR (IN AYACUCHO) WHO AGAIN STATED THAT PERU WAS DISPOSED TO LEND MILITARY SUPPORT TO ARGENTINA IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES BUT THAT THE DECISION TO DO SO WOULD DEPEND ON THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS. IN THE TALK REPORTED IN MY TEL NO 74, DR. ARIAS TOLD ME THAT GENERAL CISNEROS IS A MILITARY ACADEMY CLASSMATE OF THE ARGENTINE PRESIDENT AND THAT HIS EARLIER REMARKS (MY TEL NO 72) HAD DISPLEASED THE PRESIDENT AND HAD BEEN MADE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH EITHER HIM OR THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
3. PLEASE SEE MIFT.

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