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1. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ON CBS TELEVISION THIS MORNING ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE SOVIETS IN THE FALKLANDS ISSUE I SPOKE MORE OR LESS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINS

THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNISTS, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIETS, IN THIS DISPUTE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. APART FROM THE CONCLUSION LAST WEEK OF FOUR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND ARGENTINA, INCLUDING SOME ON FOOD AND ONE ON THE ENRICHMENT OF NUCLEAR FUEL, WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE SURVEILLANCE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE ATLANTIC. THEY HAVE BASES IN CUBA AND ANGOLA. SOME PEOPLE HAVE SAID TO ME THAT ARGENTINA SHOULD NOT BE PRESSED TOO FAR FOR FEAR OF DRIVING THEM INTO THE SOVIET CAMP, BUT THEY ARE ALREADY IN THE EMBRACE OF THE SOVIET BEAR. SO MUCH FOR THE IDEA OF DRAWING A LINE DOWN THE MIDDLE AND NOT TAKING SIDES.
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