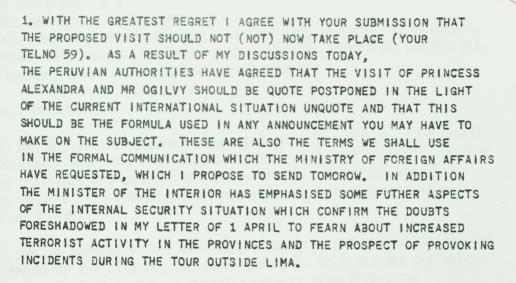
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- 2. ALL CONCERNED HAVE EMPHASISED THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT DISPOSED TO WITHDRAW THE INVITATION SEMI-COLON AND THAT OUR DECISION WILL CAUSE DEEP DISTRESS TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL BUT THAT IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT WAVE OF PUBLIC EMOTION AND PRESS SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE POSTURE IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO AVOID SITUATIONS IN WHICH ILL-DISPOSED ELEMENTS MIGHT CREATE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE VISITORS AND/OR THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY AS BOTH PARLIAMENT AND THE PRESS HAVE CONSISTENTLY FAVOURED THE ARGENTINE POSTURE SEMI-COLON AND, OF COURSE, ENJOY COMPLETE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.
- 3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO CONFIRM THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS ACQUIESCED IN THIS FORMULA AND THAT HIS EARNEST HOPE IS THAT THE VISIT WILL BE POSSIBLE AT SOME FUTURE

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