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TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM NUMBER 701 OF 13 APRIL

AND TO IMMEDIATE BRASILIA

INFO ROUTINE HAVANA AND MOSCOW

YOUR TELEGRAM 1235 : FALKLANDS AND ARGENTINE/CUBAN COLLUSION

1. WE ARE WATCHING CAREFULLY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INCIDENT.
2. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER WE COULD USE IT EFFECTIVELY TO LEND WEIGHT TO THE ALLEGATION OF ARGENTINE/ SOVIET OR ARGENTINE/CUBAN COLLUSION. IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER WE COULD REVEAL PUBLICLY WHAT THE CUBAN JET FORCED DOWN IN BRASILIA WAS CARRYING. NOR DOES IT SEEM THAT WE COULD ARGUE CONVINCINGLY THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF THE EQUIPMENT WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE BEEN PASSED TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.
3. WE SHALL BE GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING WHICH BRASILIA ARE ABLE TO ADD, ESPECIALLY ON ASPECTS COVERED ABOVE. WE SHOULD PREFER TO HAVE THEIR FURTHER COMMENTS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO MAKE USE OF THIS INCIDENT FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES IN THE WAY YOU SUGGEST, ALARMING THOUGH IT IS.

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