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MY TELNO 320: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. WE DEBRIEFED THE ACTING HEAD OF THE MFA SOUTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, WHO HAD BEEN PRESENT, ABOUT THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HERR GENSCHER YESTERDAY.

2. EDERER SAID THAT GENSCHER HAD SPOKEN STRONGLY ON PREDICTABLE LINES, AND HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC MEASURES WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE ARGENTINES VACATED THE ISLANDS. THE AMBASSADOR HAD REPLIED INTER ALIA THAT ARGENTINA FELT ITSELF ETHNICALLY AND POLITICALLY A PART OF THE WESTERN WORLD, AND WAS DEEPLY HURT BY THE COMMUNITY'S MEASURES. IF EUROPE MAINTAINED ITS ATTITUDE ARGENTINA MIGHT BE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO LOOK FOR HELP ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY FROM THE SOVIET UNION. (EDERER SEEMED CONCERNED ABOUT THIS THREAT, AND COMMENTED THAT IF THE SOVIET UNION ACQUIRED FURTHER PURCHASE ON ARGENTINA THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF ARMS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE WEST TO EXTRICATE ARGENTINA AGAIN).

3. STATE SECRETARY VON STADEN, TO WHOM I SPOKE SEPARATELY, HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT AT THE MEETING BUT HAD SEEN THE RECORD. HE SEEMED LESS WORRIED ABOUT THE SOVIET POINT, AND INDEED GUYER MAY SIMPLY HAVE BEEN PLAYING ON KNOWN GERMAN FEARS (SEE GENSCHER'S PUBLIC REMARKS REFERRED TO IN MY TELNO 325, AS WELL AS HIS REMARKS TO ME REPORTED IN PARA 4 OF TUR). BUT VON STADEN QUOTED GUYER AS HAVING SAID THAT TIME WAS ON ARGENTINA'S SIDE.

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