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YOUR TEL NO 49 TO ABIDJAN AND MIPT: FALKLANDS: QUOTABLE GERMAN

1. IN AN INTERVIEW FUBLISHED IN THIS WEEK'S DIE ZEIT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT SAYS: QUOTE ARGENTINA'S OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BY FORCE IS WITHOUT DOUBT A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. AND A BREACH OF THE UN CHARTER. IT WAS THEREFORE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD TO CONDEMN THIS ACT. WE SHARED THE OPINION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMON RESOLUTION OF THE 10 MEMBERS OF THE EC. WE STAND HERE QUITE UNEQUIVOCALLY ON THE SIDE OF OUR ENGLISH ALLIES. FOR VERY RATIONAL REASONS - BECAUSE OF THE ALLIANCE, BECAUSE OF THE BRITISH POSITION AS GUARANTOR IN BERLIN, BUT ALSO FOR EMOTIONAL REASONS TOWARDS OUR BRITISH FRIENDS. MOREOVER WE CANNOT OVERLOOK THE FACT THAT A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN ARGENTINA IS OPENLY READY TO BRUSH ASIDE INTERNATIONAL LAW. REGARDLESS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE AND OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE POLISH PEOPLE. SUCH FRIENDSHIPS AND SYMPATHIES CANNOT LEAD US TO RECOGNISE, OR TO COVER WITH A BLANKET OF CHARITY, INFRINGEMENTS OF LAW BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES UNQUOTE.

2. SEE ALSO THE EDITORIAL BY FACK (FAZ 15 APRIL) MENTIONED IN
MY MIPT, PASSIM.

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