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MY TELNO 283: MEETING OF MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND REGIS DEBRAY  
1. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR GAVE ME AN ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING BETWEEN  
THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER CASTANEDA AND REGIS DEBRAY(ELYSEE)  
THIS MORNING. THE MEETING LASTED OVER AN HOUR. THE TONE OF THE  
MEETING WAS, THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED, REMARKABLE FOR TWO MEN  
OF THE LEFT.

FALKLANDS

2. CASTANEDA CONDEMNED THE ARGENTINE ACTION IN ROBUST TERMS.  
HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE ARGENTINIANS WOULD GET VERY  
FAR IN THE OAS; BUT IF THEY DID MEXICO WOULD HAVE NO TRUCK  
WITH SANCTIONS AGAINST BRITAIN. WHEN DEBRAY ASKED WHETHER THE  
MEXICANS WOULD FEEL THE SAME WAY IF THE BRITISH HAD TO USE FORCE,  
CASTANEDA REPLIED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN HIS GOVERNMENT'S  
POSITION, NOR WOULD THERE BE ANY REAL TROUBLE OVER IT IN MEXICO.  
BUT HE DID NOT DENY THAT THERE WOULD BE ADVERSE REACTIONS IN  
OTHER PARTS OF LATIN AMERICA.

NICARAGUA

3. CASTANEDA EXPRESSED CHAGRIN ABOUT THE RECENT PERFORMANCE OF  
THE NICARAGUANS. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE MEXICANS HAD THOROUGHLY  
DISAPPROVED OF THE NICARAGUAN PERFORMANCE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.  
THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT CASTANEDA NEVER SAID A CROSS WORD ABOUT  
THE UNITED STATES; RATHER THE CONTRARY.

SALVADOR

4. CASTANEDA ADMITTED THAT THE MEXICANS, AMONG MANY OTHER COUNTRIES  
AND POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE WORLD, HAD MISJUDGED THE  
ELECTIONS IN EL SALVADOR. THE TURN OUT HAD BEEN HIGHER THAN  
HE EVER THOUGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, AND THE RESULT FAIRER. THE  
PROBLEM WAS NOW OVER THE NEW GOVERNMENT. HE FEARED THAT THE  
CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WOULD BE SUBMERGED BY THE OTHERS IN ANY CO-  
ALITION.

GUATEMALA

5. CASTANEDA SAID THAT GENERAL RIOS MONTT HAD SO FAR BEEN A  
GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON HIS PREDECESSOR. RELATIONS BETWEEN GUATEMALA  
AND MEXICO WERE ALREADY MUCH EASIER. GENERAL RIOS MONTT'S POSITION  
WAS OF COURSE PRECARIOUS BUT THE MEXICANS HOPED HE WOULD LAST.  
FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR MANY YEARS THEY HAD SOME HOPES FOR THE  
FUTURE.

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