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PARIS TELS. NOS. 421 (TO FCO ONLY) AND 428: FRANCE/ CUBA

1. ACCORDING TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE THE CUBAN VICE-PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND FOR OVER AN HOUR DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 5 MAY. THE CALL WAS UNSCHEDULED AND REPLACED ONE ON BEREGOVOY, THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE ELYSEE.

2. THE AFP REPORT SAYS THAT THE ELYSEE WAS TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT THE CALL, BUT ADDS A REMINDER THAT MITTERRAND SAID ON 4 MAY THAT HE MIGHT INTERVENE IN THE FALKLANDS CRISIS "WITH OTHERS" WHEN THE TIME SEEMED RIPE (MY TELNO 421). THE DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT THE ELYSEE ASSURES US THAT THE FALKLANDS WAS NOT THE MAIN ITEM OF DISCUSSION. RODRIGUEZ OUTLINED THE CUBAN POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE (AS OPPOSED TO THEIR GOVERNMENT) ON THE SAME LINES AS IN HIS INTERVIEW WITH LE MONDE (MY TELNO 428, PARA 3). MITTERRAND HAD MERELY RESTATED THE FRENCH POSITION AND IN NO WAY SUGGESTED INTERVENING, LEAST OF ALL VIA THE CUBANS

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