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- 1. CHEYSSON TELEPHONED ME AT 0845 ON 27 MAY. HE SAID THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE FRENCH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT SIR A PARSONS'S REPLY TO HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR TERMS FOR A CEASEFIRE. DE CUELLAR HAD SAID THAT WE WERE INSISTING THAT THERE COULD BE NO CEASEFIRE WITHOUT AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. HE HAD PRESSED VERY HARD FOR CHEYSSON, HAIG AND GENSCHER TO RING ME UP TO MAKE CLEAR HOW DIFFICULT THIS MADE HIS POSITION AND TO PUT PRESSURE ON ME. 2. I SAID THAT DE CUELLAR'S UNDERSTANDING OF OUR POSITION WAS CORRECT. AS CHEYSSON WOULD KNOW, WE HAD THROUGHOUT MADE CLEAR THAT A CEASEFIRE HAD TO BE LINKED TO AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT THE AGGRESSOR AND THE VICTIM SHOULD BE TREATED IN THE SAME WAY AS FAR AS WITHDRAWAL WAS CONCERNED. CHEYSSON SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PERFECLY AND DID NOT TAKE THE CONVERSATION FURTHER.
- 3. CHEYSSON WAS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS PUTTING PRESSURE ON ME.HE IMPLIED THAT HE WAS SIMPLY TELEPHONING FOR THE RECORD, TO MEET DE CUELLAR'S REQUEST.

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