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YOUR TELNO 131 TO BRUSSELS: GERMAN REPORTING ON ARGENTINA.

1. IT HAS PROVED DIFFICULT TO EXTRACT FROM THE GERMANS DETAILS OF THEIR REPORTING FROM BUENOS AIRES WORTH PASSING ON TO YOU. THE REASON MAY BE THE ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN SENIOR OFFICIALS IN THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED SEPERATELY TO THE DEPARTMENT. IT TOOK AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO BULLARD'S REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION (PARA 3 OF TUR) TO PRODUCE A LITTLE MORE TODAY.

2. EDERER, READING FROM TELEGRAMS RECEIVED TODAY AND YESTERDAY, SAID THAT THE TWO MAIN ITEMS IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS WERE THE MEETING OF THE IRIO PACT, AND THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE POPE TO ARGENTINA. OFFICIAL ARGENTINE REPORTS WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE DEFENCE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, BUT THE GERMAN EMBASSY THOUGHT THAT THE MILITARY LEADERS WERE WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES FACING ARGENTINE TROOPS, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT ADMIT SO PUBLICLY. THE EMBASSY HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ARGENTINE FORCES WOULD RATHER BE DESTROYED THAN SUBMIT TO THE BRITISH WILL. THEY JUDGED THAT ARGENTINA WAS STILL PREPARED TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE, BUT MADE NO REFERENCE IN THEIR REPORTING TELEGRAM TO OUR CONDITION OF ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL.

3. IN A SEPERATE TELEGRAM THE EMBASSY REPORTED THAT ARGENTINE FOREIGN POLICY WAS INCREASINGLY TAKING ON A THIRD WORLD ANTI-WESTERN ACCENT. THE IMFA IN BUENOS AIRES IS PRESENTING THE EC SANCTIONS AS A NORTH/SOUTH ISSUE, AND HAS CONDEMNED THEIR INDEFINITE EXTENSION AS A MOVE IN SUPPORT OF AN AGGRESSIVE MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT SINCE IT COINCIDED WITH THE BRITISH LANDING ON EAST FALKLAND. THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT IF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT WERE TO FALL A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PERONISTS, AND SUCH A GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AN EVEN STRONGER THIRD WORLD FLAVOUR.
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