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FALKLANDS/PERUVIAN AID TO ARGENTINA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT PERU HAS OFFERED ARGENTINA A PERUVIAN AIR FORCE BUFFALO TO HELP EVACUATE ARGENTINE WOUNDED FROM GOOSE GREEN SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO YOUR GIVING PERMISSION FOR THE AIRCRAFT TO LAND THERE. DR ARIAS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE LARGER HERCULES AIRCRAFT (C.F. PARA 2 OF MY TELNO 207) CANNOT LAND AT GOOSE GREEN AND THAT PERU WISHED TO MAKE THIS GESTURE TOWARDS ARGENTINA EVEN THOUGH, AS I EXPLAINED AND HE KNEW, THE ARGENTINE WOUNDED WERE BEING EVACUATED ON THE BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIPS IN THE SAME WAY AS THE BRITISH WOUNDED. DR ARIAS ADDED THAT THE PERUVIAN OFFER WAS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE ARGENTINES AND THAT HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH ME AGAIN IF AND WHEN IT WAS ACCEPTED.
2. IT RATHER LOOKS AS THOUGH THE MILITARY PRESSURES FOR MORE PRACTICAL AID TO ARGENTINA ARE MOUNTING AND THAT THIS MAY BE A HALF-WAY PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEING TAKEN BOTH AS A SOP TO THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THE ADOPTION OF MORE RADICAL MEASURES FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL OF THE OAS RESOLUTION AND IN ORDER TO BLUR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MILITARY AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.
3. I REALISE THE HORRENDOUS COMPLICATIONS THIS FLIGHT IS LIKELY TO POSE IF THE ARGENTINES ACCEPT AND THE PERUVIANS PERSIST IN GOING THROUGH WITH THIS IDEA. ON THE OTHER HAND, I NEED NOT SPELL OUT THE EFFECT ON LOCAL OPINION OF A BRITISH REFUSAL TO ALLOW PERU TO UNDERTAKE A MISSION OF THIS NATURE.

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