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M. G. G.
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1. AS HAIG WAS UNAVAILABLE I SPOKE TO ONE OF HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANTS. WE HAVE NOW LEARNT FROM HAIG'S STAFF THAT A TELEGRAM OF INSTRUCTIONS IS BEING SENT TO THE US MISSION IN NEW YORK. THIS ASKS THE US AMBASSADOR TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR MISSION TO SEE IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE. IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, THE US AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO JOIN WITH US IN A VETO.

2. CHEYSSON, LIKE HAIG, IS INVOLVED IN THE MITTERRAND/REAGAN TALKS AND LUNCH. I THEREFORE SPOKE TO GUTMANN. HE SAID THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE SPANISH/PANAMANIAN DRAFT. HE AGREED THAT IT WAS UNBALANCED AND WAS SURE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD NOT VOTE FOR IT. I REACTED WITH SURPRISE AT EVEN THE NOTION OF AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE. GUTMANN RESPONDED THAT THE CLIMATE WAS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT: THERE WAS A NEED FOR A POSITIVE UK GESTURE IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE THOUGHT THAT DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK WAS ABOUT TO ENTER THE BARGAINING STAGE. I EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF FRANCE SUPPORTING THE UK IN REJECTING THE RESOLUTION. GUTMANN HEDGED AND SAID IT MIGHT NOT GET 9 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES. I ASKED HIM FOR FRENCH HELP WITH THE TOGOLESE AND WITH ZAIRE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT NOW THAT FRANCE WAS EXERCISING ITS PRESIDENTIAL FUNCTION IN THE COUNCIL. IN FURTHER ARGUMENT GUTMANN ACCEPTED THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS "DEMAGOGIC", BUT REFUSED TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO OPPOSE IT. HE SAID HE WOULD CALL BACK AS SOON AS HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION WITH CHEYSSON. I WILL REPORT AS SOON AS HE DOES.

3. FRENCH BRIEFING TO THE PRESS THIS MORNING SEEMS TO HAVE EXPRESSED NERVOUSNESS ABOUT THE APPARENT RELUCTANCE OF THE UK TO NEGOTIATE AND TO HAVE EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR AN EARLY CEASEFIRE. THERE WERE ALSO SUGGESTIONS THAT FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES WERE NOW ACTING TOGETHER IN RELATION TO THE FALKLANDS.

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