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YOUR TEL NO 176: FALKLANDS: REPORTING ON ARGENTINA

1. ACTION TAKEN WITH GUTMANN, QUAI SECRETARY GENERAL, AND FOUQUET, HEAD OF LATIN AMERICA DEPARTMENT.

2. THE QUAI SAY THEY WILL BE HAPPY TO GIVE US REGULAR ORAL ASSESSMENTS HERE IN PARIS, BUT NOT TEXTS OF THEIR TELEGRAMS FOR REASONS OF CYPHER SECURITY.

3. FOUQUET SAID THAT THE QUAI'S ASSESSMENT OF THE LATEST ROUND OF TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES WAS THAT GALTIERI HAD BEEN READY TO COMPROMISE BUT WAS PREVENTED FROM DOING SO BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA. THE FRENCH THOUGHT THAT GALTIERI, ALTHOUGH HE SEEMED TO HAVE PLANNED THE INVASION EVEN BEFORE HE TOOK OVER THE PRESIDENCY, NOW REALISED HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE IN NOT PREPARING DIPLOMATICALLY FOR IT, ESPECIALLY AT THE UN. FOUQUET ADDED THAT IN THE FRENCH VIEW AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WOULD STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE JUNTA GENERALLY, AND THE HARD-LINERS IN PARTICULAR.

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