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INFO SAVING BERNE WASHINGTON UKMIS NEW YORK

UKMIS GENEVA TELNO 170 : FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ICRC

1. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT ICRC ASKED HEAD OF CHANCERY TO CALL THIS AFTERNOON.
2. HOCKE SAID THAT THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAD NOW GIVEN THE ICRC A FORMAL REPLY TO THEIR WRITTEN APPROACH OF 7 APRIL. THE ARGENTINES HAD WELCOMED THE OFFER AND RECOGNISED THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT WAS MADE, BUT SINCE THEY STILL HOPED FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CRISIS, SAW NO (NO) NEED FOR THE ICRC TO CARRY OUT A ROLE OF PROTECTION, AND DID NOT (NOT) THEREFORE PROPOSE TO INVITE THEM TO VISIT THE ISLANDS.
3. HOCKE POINTED OUT THAT THIS LINE IMPLIED THAT THE ARGENTINES SOUGHT TO ARGUE THAT THEY WERE STILL AT PEACE AND THAT THEY WERE THEMSELVES READY TO PROVIDE THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.
4. HOCKE SAID THAT THIS DEFINITIVE REPLY TO THEIR FIRST DEMARCHE POSED THE QUESTION OF WHAT ICRC SHOULD DO NEXT. ON THIS QUESTION THEY HAD CLEAR IDEAS, WHICH HE PROPOSED TO MENTION TO US, BUT WITH A RENEWED PLEA THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE GREAT CARE TO RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL IF ICRC

WITH A RENEWED PLEA THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE GREAT CARE TO RESPECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL IF ICRC WAS TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE. HE SAID THAT THE ICRC WOULD CONFIRM THE FACT OF ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THE PRESS BRIEFLY AND IN GENERAL TERMS. BUT AS REGARDS THEIR OWN FUTURE PLANS, AND HERE HE WAS SPEAKING IN CONFIDENCE, THE ICRC DID NOT (NOT) INTEND TO LEAVE IT AT THAT, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO WATCH DEVELOPMENTS VERY CLOSELY AND RENEW THEIR DEMARCHES AS THEY SAW THE NEED. IN PARTICULAR THEY INTENDED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE AND TO RENEW THEIR SPECIFIC REQUEST TO VISIT THE ISLANDS, THIS TIME CITING ARTICLE 14 OF THE 4TH GENEVA CONVENTION. THE FIRST APPROACH TO THE ARGENTINES HAD BEEN BASED ON ICRC'S HUMANITARIAN ROLE AND NOT SPECIFICALLY ON THIS ARTICLE WHICH HAD HOWEVER BEEN MENTIONED IN AN EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM. THE ICRC NOW INTENDED TO BASE THEIR NEW APPROACH SQUARELY ON IT. IT COVERS THE MAKING OF ARRANGEMENTS IN PEACETIME FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SECURE ZONES IN TIMES OF CONFLICT WHETHER ON THE TERRITORY OF A STATE PARTY TO THE CONVENTION OR ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF ANOTHER PARTY. THERE WOULD BE NO (NO) NEED TO SPECIFY UNDER WHICH PART OF THE ARTICLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURE ZONES WERE BEING MADE. THE ICRC WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

5. HOCKE RENEWED HIS REQUEST THAT WE SHOULD SAY NOTHING TO THE PRESS ABOUT ICRC'S FURTHER PLANS, AND THAT IF THEY BECAME KNOWN WE SHOULD CONFINE OURSELVES TO STRESSING THAT THE ICRC WERE ACTING ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE.

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