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TELNOS 1553 AND 1554 US MILITARY EXPORTS TO ARGENTINA

1. MINISTER HAS DRAWN THESE POTENTIAL LOOPHOLES TO THE ATTENTION OF EAGLEBURGER. THOMAS SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE MUNITIONS CONTROL PEOPLE IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT THEY HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THAT ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES FOR EXPORT TO MILITARY END-USERS IN ARGENTINA MUST BE PASSED TO STATE DEPARTMENT BEFORE APPROVAL. HE ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION WAS TO HOLD UP ALL DUAL USE EQUIPMENT THAT HAD A SERIOUS MILITARY APPLICATION, SUCH AS AERO-ENGINES. BUT THE POSITION SEEMED LESS CLEAR ABOUT APPARENTLY MORE INNOCENT-LOOKING ITEMS, SUCH AS GENERAL PURPOSE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

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2. THOMAS TOLD EAGLEBURGER THAT IF ANYTHING WAS ALLOWED TO GO TO MILITARY END-USERS IN ARGENTINA IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS WOULD BE REGARDED BY US AS A STAB IN THE BACK. EAGLEBURGER FULLY UNDERSTOOD. EAGLEBURGER HAS NOW GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL SUCH CASES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO HIM PERSONALLY.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE TO URGE ON THE AMERICANS THAT THEY SHOULD FIND A MORE SATISFACTORY WAY OF DEALING WITH SUCH EXPORTS. AS SUGGESTED IN MY TELEGRAM NO 1538 THIS IS SOMETHING YOU MAY LIKE TO RAISE WITH HAIG WHEN YOU ARE HERE.

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