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PANAMA TELNO 76: REAGAN'S LETTER ABOUT THE FALKLANDS

1. WE EXPRESSED SOME SURPRISE TO THE US EMBASSY HERE ABOUT THE QUOTED PASSAGE IN REAGAN'S LETTER AND ASKED THEM IF THEY COULD LET US HAVE A FULL TEXT.
2. THE EMBASSY SAID, AFTER CHECKING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT A TEXT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO CRABBIE.
3. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS BEFORE WE CONSIDER WHETHER ANY FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF SURPRISE ARE REQUIRED.
4. MCCORMACK, POLITICAL COUNSELLOR AT US EMBASSY (PLEASE PROTECT), COMMENTED THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT 'THIS TEXT CAME DOWN FROM ON HIGH AND HE WOULD BE ILL-ADVISED TO COMMENT CRITICALLY ON IT IN HIS OWN NAME'. MCCORMACK ADDED THAT IF WE HAD ANY COMMENTS, THE EMBASSY WOULD, OF COURSE, IN NO WAY FEEL INHIBITED ABOUT PASSING THESE ON.

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