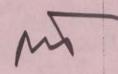
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1. HAIG'S COMMENTS IN YOUR TELNO 1678 ARE PUZZLING TO SAY THE

LEAST (AS WAS HIS EARLIER REFERENCE IN PARA 5 OF YOUR TELNO 1651

TO GROWING ARGENTINE CONCERN ABOUT 'THEIR PLACE IN HISTORY').

THE SCENARIO OF ARGENTINE MODERATES ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING BRITISH

PUNITIVE MILITARY ACTION SEEMS, AS YOU SUGGEST, HIGHLY IMPROBABLE.

IF YOU GET AN OPPORTUNITY, WE SHOULD BE

GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD PHOBE FURTHER ON WHO EXACTLY THESE
MODERATES MIGHT BE, WHAT FORCES THEY REPRESENT (INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE THE ARMED FORCES) AND WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR
THE JUNTA'S POSITION AND FOR THE ARGENTINE NEGOTIATING STANCE.
IF THERE ARE SERIOUS CRACKS IN THE ARGENTINE STRUCTURE IT IS
OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT: BUT IT IS HARD TO DRAW ANY SERIOUS
CONCLUSIONS FROM SUCH THROW-AWAY COMMENTS.

2. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GENERAL WALTER'S CLOAK-AND-DAGGER ACTIVITIES. WE APPRECIATE HAIG'S INTEREST IN KEEPING IN ON THE ACT. BUT WE WONDER ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACTIVITY AT THIS MOMENT WHICH COULD CUT ACROSS THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S NEGOTIATONS.

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