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MIPT: FALKLANDS

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 PROBE 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 NEGOTIATIONS.

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