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1. JUDGE CLARK TOLD ME TODAY THAT HE HAD HAD AN APPROACH FROM SENATOR STEVENS WHO WAS THINKING OF PUTTING DOWN A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE BRITISH NOT TO ATTACK THE ARGENTINE MAINLAND. THE SENATOR HAD ASKED JUDGE CLARK FOR HIS REACTION. CLARK HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS GOING TO BE SEEING ME SHORTLY AND WOULD OBTAIN MY VIEW.
2. I TOLD CLARK THAT SENATOR STEVENS SHOULD BE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED. IF SUCH A RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED OR EVEN TABLED IN THE SENATE IT COULD ONLY HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT IN THE UK. THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT MIGHT IN RETURN CONSIDER SOME RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE US SENATE NOT TO INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS, OR TO PUT IT LESS MILDLY, TO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS. BUT IN ANY CASE IT COULD DO NO GOOD. JUDGE CLARK UNDERTOOK TO SPEAK TO SENATOR STEVENS ACCORDINGLY.
3. I HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED SENATOR PERCY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS JUST LEAVING THE COUNTRY FOR 3 OR 4 DAYS BUT HE WOULD GIVE INSTRUCTIONS THAT A COMPLETE BLOCK SHOULD BE PUT ON ANY ATTEMPT BY SENATOR STEVENS TO TABLE SUCH A MOTION. HE REALISED IT WOULD ONLY DO HARM. THE MAIN EFFORT FOR EVERYBODY NOWADAYS SHOULD BE TO EXERT THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE ON THE ARGENTINIANS.

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