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FM PARIS 121115Z JUN82  
 TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
 TELEGRAM NUMBER 620 OF 12 JUN82  
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- MY TELNO 610 (NOT REPEATED) : FALKLANDS: FRENCH ATTITUDE
1. IN THE COURSE OF MY CALL ON HIM YESTERDAY (11 JUNE) GUTMANN, SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE QUAI, REITERATED FRENCH VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR THE UK TO SHOW MAGNANIMITY AFTER THE RECAPTURE OF PORT STANLEY.
  2. WHEN I WARNED HIM A PROPOS OF THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE ARMS EMBARGO THAT THE ARGENTINES WERE TALKING IN TERMS OF CONTINUING HOSTILITIES AFTER PORT STANLEY, GUTMANN SAID THE FRENCH REALISED THIS. HOWEVER HE HAD TO TELL ME THAT A MOMENT WOULD COME WHEN BRITAIN MIGHT NO LONGER FIND THE SAME FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE UK ATTITUDE WOULD BE AFTER PORT STANLEY. HE REFERRED TO MITTERRAND'S STATEMENT (MY TELNO 610) THAT THE ARGENTINES SHOULD NOT BE HUMILIATED.

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RATHER ONE OF WHETHER THE ARGENTINES WOULD TRY TO KEEP UP THEIR  
ATTACKS.

4. GUTMANN QUERIED THIS. IT OUGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR BRITAIN TO COME  
TO SOME ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ARGENTINES WITHOUT DRIVING THEM BY  
FORCE OFF THE LAST SQUARE METRE OF THE ISLANDS. THE ATMOSPHERE  
BETWEEN EUROPE AND LATIN AMERICAN COULD BE POISONED FOR YEARS  
IF BRITAIN DID NOT SEIZE THE RIGHT POLITICAL MOMENT TO BEGIN  
WORKING TOWARDS A SOLUTION. THE ARGENTINES WOULD OBTAIN INCREASING  
SUPPORT. LATIN AMERICA AND THE THIRD WORLD WOULD PROGRESSIVELY  
RALLY BEHIND THEM AND THE UK WOULD IN THE END BE TOTALLY  
ISOLATED. I SAID THIS WAS A MISREADING OF THE SITUATION. THERE  
WERE NO REASONS TO BELIEVE THAT THE ARGENTINE LEADERS WERE DOING THIS

\* 5. DORIN, DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, ASKED  
WHETHER WE WOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE  
FALKLANDS, OR DID WE NOW INTEND TO KEEP THEM FOREVER? I  
REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE NOW  
THAT WE HAD PAID A HEAVY PRICE TO END THE ARGENTINE OCCUPATION.  
WE WOULD ULTIMATELY WANT A MODUS VIVENDI IN THE REGION BUT I  
COULD NOT FORESEE THE FORM OR CONTENT OF AN EVENTUAL NEGOTIATION.  
GUTMANN COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO DECIDE IN  
ADVANCE WHAT WOULD EMERGE FROM A NEGOTIATION; THE IMPORTANT THING  
WAS TO START TALKING. DORIN ALLUDED TO OUR INTENTION TO HOLD ARGENTINE  
PRISONERS UNTIL A CEASE-FIRE AND ASKED IF WE DID NOT FEAR THAT THE  
ARGENTINES WOULD RETALIATE BY HOLDING BRITISH SUBJECTS IN  
ARGENTINA. I SAID THAT I HOPED THE REGIME WOULD STILL HAVE  
SUFFICIENT CONCERN FOR ITS INTERNATIONAL POPULATION TO REFRAIN  
FROM TAKING CIVILIAN HOSTAGES.

6. GUTMANN REPEATED THAT THE UK MUST NOT HUMILIATE THE ARGENTINES.  
WHAT BRITAIN SAID AND DID AFTER RECOVERING PORT STANLEY WOULD BE  
CRUCIAL.

7. COMMENT. THE DEPUTY DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT THE ELYSEE HAD  
SPOKEN TO US IN SIMILAR TERMS ON 16 JUNE. THERE IS CLEARLY A  
FEELING ABROAD, WHICH IS NOT LIMITED TO THE QUAI, THAT BRITAIN  
SHOULD CALL A HALT TO THE FIGHTING AFTER PORT STANLEY AND THEN  
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ON SOVERIEGNTY. THERE IS ALSO A DISPOSITION TO ACCEPT THE ARGENTINE  
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7. COMMENT, THE DEPUTY DIPLOMATIC ADVISER AT THE ELYSEE HAD  
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SHOULD HAVE MADE SOME IMPRESSION ON HIM BUT WE MUST EXPECT  
THE FRENCH TO CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR EARLY FACE-SAVING CONCESSIONS.

8. I DO NOT THINK WE CAN AVOID DETAILED ARGUMENT ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY  
FOR MUCH LONGER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE IN RESERVE A  
COMPREHENSIVE HISTORICAL DOSSIER WHICH WE CAN DRAW ON AS NECESSARY  
TO REFUTE ARGENTINE ARGUMENTS WHICH EVIDENTLY COMMAND SOME FRENCH  
SYMPATHY. WE CAN MAKE THE OBVIOUS DEBATING POINTS ABOUT WHAT  
WOULD HAPPEN TO FRENCH AND OTHER FRONTIERS IF THE HISTORY  
OF THE LAST 150 YEARS WERE BRUSHED ASIDE, BUT DOCUMENTATION  
FOR THE PERIOD PRIOR TO 1833 MAY ALSO BE REQUIRED.

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WERE SIGNS THAT EVEN SOME OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE TAKING  
THEIR DISTANCE NOW ARGENTINA'S DEFEAT LOOKED  
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LIKELY.

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