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TO FLASH FCO  
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FALKLANDS/CHILE/ARGENTINA

1. Passage deleted and retained under Section 3(4).  
*W Wayland, 11 Sept 2012* TELLS  
ME THAT CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO DAS, CURRENTLY IN MADRID, HAS BEEN  
URGENTLY SUMMONED TO GENEVA TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS  
FOR NEW DAS SECRETARY GENERAL. PRESENT INCUMBERENT SR. ORFILA IS SAID  
TO HAVE BEEN APPROACHED BY ARGENTINE JUNTA AND TO HAVE ACCEPTED  
THEIR INVITATION TO REPLACE GALTIERI AS " INTERIM PRESIDENT".  
CHILEANS EXPECT THIS MOVE TO TAKE PLACE ALMOST AT ONCE AND SAY  
GALTIERI IS UNLIKELY TO LAST THE WEEK (THEY EXPECT HIM TO COMMIT  
SUICIDE (EXCLAM)) IN STRICT CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) RODRIGUEZ  
AIDE ADDED "OUR NEIGHBOURS WILL BE REPLACING A DRUNKARD WITH A  
HOMOSEXUAL". ORFILA IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE HIS ACCEPTANCE

SHOULD BE (EXCLAM) IN STRICT CONFIDENCE (PLEASE PROTECT) ...  
SIDE ADISEL "OUR NEIGHBOURS WILL BE REPLACING A DRUNKARD WITH A  
HOMOSEXUAL". OFFICER IS ALLEGED TO HAVE MADE HIS ACCEPTANCE  
CONDITIONAL ON BEING GIVEN A COMPLETELY FREE HAND TO RESOLVE  
THE FALKLANDS CRISIS. CHILEANS CONSIDER THAT HIS INTERNATIONAL  
RESPECTABILITY SHOULD GREATLY ASSIST ARGENTINA IN THIS TASK.

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2. AS THIS REPORT IS AS YET UNSUBSTANTIATED FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE,  
IT SHOULD OBVIOUSLY BE TREATED WITH CARE. THE OUTWARDLY SURPRISING  
FEATURE OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT (IF TRUE) IS THAT A HARD-LINER  
IN THE JUNTA LIKE ADMIRAL ANAYA WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAND OVER  
RESPONSIBILITY TO A CIVILIAN. BUT WITH A DEGREE OF PANIC BEGINNING  
TO SPREAD, I SUPPOSE ONE WAY OUT OF SUCH A DIFFICULT SITUATION  
WOULD BE TO FIX ON A CONVENIENT CIVILIAN SCAPEGOAT WHO CAN LATER  
BE DISOWNED WITHOUT UNDULY TARNISHING THE MILITARY IMAGE.

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