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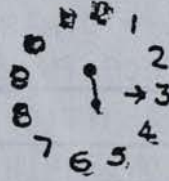
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FALKLANDS: CONGRESS

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1. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES YESTERDAY ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE THE RESOLUTION SPONSORED BY CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ (D NEW YORK) WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK (MY TELNO 1528). THE RESOLUTION RESOLVED QUOTE THAT ARGENTINA SHOULD WITHDRAW ITS FORCES FROM THE FALKLANDS ISLANDS AND, IF THE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CONFLICT THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS FAIL, THE US SHOULD PROVIDE FULL DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT TO GREAT BRITAIN IN ITS EFFORTS TO UPHOLD THE RULE OF THE LAW UNQUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING THE MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY THE US GOVERNMENT ON 30 APRIL, IT HAD BEEN SOLARZ' INTENTION NOT TO PUT HIS RESOLUTION TO THE VOTE IN THE FULL HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE REDUNDANT BY THE US STATEMENT. IN THE END, HOWEVER, SOLARZ AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ZABLOCKI) DECIDED THAT NOT TO PUSH FOR A VOTE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS A WEAKENING OF CONGRESSIONAL OPINION ON THE PRINCIPLES AT STAKE IN THE DISPUTE.

3. MRS KIRKPATRICK ANSWERED QUESTIONS BEFORE AN APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF CONGRESS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. THE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CLARENCE LONG - D MARYLAND), SAID THAT THE US ADMINISTRATION'S TACIT ACQUIESCENCE IN MASSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN ARGENTINA, IN THE ANTI-SEMITIC CAMPAIGNS OF THE JUNTA, AND IN ARGENTINA'S DELIBERATE UNDERMINING OF THE US GRAIN EMBARGO, HAD ENCOURAGED THE GENERALS TO BELIEVE THAT THEY COULD INVADE THE FALKLANDS WITH IMPUNITY. MRS KIRKPATRICK SAID THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE A SERIOUS MISCALCULATION AND THAT THE US GOVERNMENT WAS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ARGENTINE DECISION TO QUOTE MOVE ITS TROOPS INTO THE FALKLANDS UNQUOTE. THE US GOVERNMENT STOOD FOUR SQUARE BEHIND THE PRINCIPLE OF OPPOSING THE USE OF FORCE TO SETTLE CONFLICTS.

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