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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. CHARGE AND ACTING POLCOUNS DELIVERED MESSAGE TO UNDER SECRETARY CURA AT 1700, JANUARY 11. (PRESIDENT HAD RETURNED TO HIS CHAPADMALAL VACATION AND FONMIN OUT OF TOWN.)
3. CURA SAID HE TOOK NOTE OF CONTENTS OF LETTER, WHICH WOULD BE FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT ON PLANE LEAVING FOLLOWING MORNING. HE SAID WE COULD BE CONFIDENT OF A PROMPT REPLY. MEANWHILE, HE SAID, HE HAD INSTRUCTED ARGENTINE DELEGATES TO JANUARY 12 GRAIN EXPORTER'S MEETING TO REMAIN FOR JANUARY 14 MEETING. HE ALSO INDICATED HE HAD INSTRUCTED GOA DELEGATE TO SPECIAL UNGA TO VOTE FOR PAKISTANI RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN.
4. CHARGE THEN SAID WE HAD OBSERVED SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OVER PAST YEAR, ESPECIALLY OVER PAST FEW MONTHS, AND WE HAD

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BEEN CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE WAYS OF RECOGNIZING THESE IMPROVEMENTS. KNOWING OF DIFFICULTIES WHICH FACED GOA IN ITS EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH FULL RULE OF LAW, WE HOPED TO FIND A WAY WHICH WOULD ASSIST PRESIDENT VIDELA

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TO ACHIEVE THOSE OBJECTIVES WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS SET IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. IN THIS CONNECTIONS, IT APPEARED THAT THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MIGHT BE AN OCCASION ON WHICH WE COULD CONSULT FURTHER SHOULD THE PRESIDENT SO WISH.

5. CURA RESPONDED EMOTIONALLY WITH GREAT SATISFACTION, SAYING HE WOULD RADIO THIS NEWS TO PRESIDENT AS SOON AS HE LANDED. CHARGE CAUTIONED THAT WHAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED WAS NOT US SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA, BUT WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZED THOSE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION WHICH MERITED IT. CURA'S SATISFACTION WAS NOT DAMPENED. HE CONTENDED THAT RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS WAS WHAT THEY WANTED. (CURA IMPLIED THAT GENUINE RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS WOULD BRING UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR ARGENTINA.) HE REPEATED WE COULD BE SURE THAT HIS PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE A PROMPT REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE, AND THE MEETING ENDED WITH HIS EXPRESSIONS OF OPTIMISM ABOUT THE FUTURE OF US/ ARGENTINE RELATIONS.
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