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COPY IS PROHIBITED.
2. LEGALLY SPEAKING, "RETURN OF EICHMANN" TO ARGENTINA WAS AS POINTLESS AS OFFERING REPARATION TO RAVISHED VIRGIN.

3. EICHMANN WOULD BE TRIED IN ISRAEL UNDER "CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY".

FABREGAT (URUGUAY), MISSION OFFICER, WAS TO MEET TODAY, MUNICIPAL DIARY CONSIDERED EICHMANN CASE AND LISTEN TO AMADO (ARGENTINA), WOULD MEET TOMORROW. TEL-AVIV: EICHMANN CASE.

ELIAN (ISRAEL) ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH MISSION OFFICER. He described EICHMANN's case involving INTEL as "IMMEDIATELY ARGENTINE EMBASSY TEL-AVIV HAD UNDERSTANDABLE IMMEDIATELY". EICHMANN AS "FACE". EICHHAMM ALSO MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.
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AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE; TWO JEWISH QUISLINGS HAD BEEN TRIED UNDER
THIS LAW BUT NEITHER SENTENCED TO DEATH.

4. THEY HOPED "CONSENSUS" PROCEDURE COULD BE ADOPTED
IN SC BUT DOUBTED SOVIETS WILLING ACCEPT CONSENSUS FROM TSIANG
(CHINA). THEY WONDERED IF JUNE 22 MEETING COULD BE LIMITED TO
SPEECHES BY ARGENTINA AND ISRAEL, FOLLOWED BY POSTPONEMENT FOR SC
MEMBERS TO CONSIDER PROBLEM AND NEW MEETING CALLED IN JULY WHEN
ECUADOR WOULD BE SC PRESIDENT.

5. ISRAELIS HOPED TONE OF MEETING WOULD BE "DIGNIFIED"
BUT PRO-NAZI ATTITUDE ARGENTINA DURING WAR COMMON KNOWLEDGE AND
US STATE DEPARTMENT BOOK THIS SUBJECT VERY USEFUL. AMADEO,
HIMSELF, KNOWN AS PRO-NAZI. IF ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION TABLED THEY
MIGHT HAVE DESCEND TO DISCUSSION AT THIS LEVEL.

6. EILAN THEN SAID BEST SOLUTION WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE "COMPROMISE"
PRIOR MEETING SC AND MEETING BEN GURION AND FRONDIZI WOULD BE STEP
IN THIS DIRECTION IF SOME FORMULA COULD BE DEVISED. HE SPECULATED
ON ADMITTEDLY "BYZANTINE" POSSIBILITY OF EICHMANN BEING RELEASED
TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY TEL AVIV WITH UNDERSTANDING THEY RELEASE
HIM TO WEST GERMANS WHO WOULD IN TURN EXTRADITE HIM TO ISRAEL.
HE SAID HE WAS SURE OF ADENAUER RETURNING EICHMANN TO ISRAEL THAN OF
ARGENTINA TURNING HIM OVER TO WEST GERMANY.

HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION US HAD NOT FAVORED MEETING UNTIL
WEDNESDAY. COMAY (ISRAEL) HAS ASKED TO SEE US AT 3:30 PM
TOMORROW.

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SENT DEPARTMENT 1394: REPEATED INFORMATION PARIS 69, TEL AVIV 36, BUENOS AIRES 15, BONN 6, LONDON 44.

RE: ARGENTINA; EICHMANN CASE IN SC

TETTAMANTI (ARGENTINA) DURING LONG DISCUSSION MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

1. ARGENTINA HAD HOPE TO FIND BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITH ISRAEL WHICH WOULD AVOID NEESSITY OF APPEALING TO SC. HOWEVER, ISRAEL HAD LEFT NO BASIS ON WHICH TO HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATION SINCE ISRAEL WHILE CONCEIVING THAT ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY HAD BEEN VIOLATED AND INTERNATIONAL LAW DISRESPECTED REFUSED TO TAKE ANY STEPS CONSTITUTING "REPARATION". TETTAMANTI SAID IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARGENTINA HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO SC. IN SC ARGENTINA WOULD STRESS THAT EFFORT TO SOLVE QUESTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, AS PROVIDED BY CHARTER, HAD BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND WAS NO LONGER PRACTICAL IN VIEW ISRAELI REFUSAL TO PROVIDE REPARATION EVEN THOUGH CONCEIVING ARGENTINE CASE.

2. TETTAMANTI EMPHASIZED MORE THAN ONCE DURING CONVERSATION THAT ARGENTINA HAD TWO CHOICES: ONE, TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WHICH SHE WOULD DO IF SC GAVE NO SATISFACTION; OR, TAKE CASE TO SC AND GET DECISION OF SC SUPPORTING ARGENTINE CASE. IN TETTAMANTI'S VIEW, PUBLIC PRESSURE ON ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOVERNMENT TO DO LESS. HOWEVER, IF SC CONFIRMED ARGENTINE CASE, ARGENTINA WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO DROP WITHOUT BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. IN GROUNDS GOVERNMENT HAD DONE AS MUCH AS IT COULD AND RESPONSIBILITY RESTED WITH SC. TETTAMANTI SAID ARGENTINA DID NOT WISH TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL SINCE TWO COUNTRIES HAD "MANY COMMONS..."
3. Tettamanti said Argentina would stress two points in its speeches and resolution would contain same two points: (A) Israel had violated Argentine sovereignty; (B) Israel should make reparation. (Tettamanti said resolution should also contain reference to "dispute which if continued might endanger international peace and security" following pattern of language in S.A. case.)

4. Concerning US position, Tettamanti said Amadeo (Argentina) encouraged by his conversation with Lodge (USUN 1374) as well as with other council members. He said he hoped US would explain its position to Argentine government as soon as possible since this would be of great importance in Argentine presentation of case. (In view close relationship we have had in recent years with Argentine delegation, including Tettamanti, we believe he was sincere in his implication that Argentina did not want to push case any further than it had to protect its own position, and wished to coordinate its action as closely as it could with wishes of us.)

5. Tettamanti several times emphasized Argentina would be "mild" in its speeches and in resolution. At no time during conversation did he refer specifically to necessity for Israel to return Eichmann to Argentina; he consistently spoke of need for "reparation," "satisfaction," etc. Concerning idea of Israel delivering Eichmann to Argentine embassy in Tel Aviv, Tettamanti did not indicate position except to comment that Israel had made no offer to do so and had not left any avenue of negotiation open. (Tettamanti did not make any suggestions as to what might be done if Eichmann was turned over to Argentine embassy.)

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DURING HOUR AND HALF CONVERSATION TODAY, STEVENS, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY, FOREIGN OFFICE, INDICATED PREOCCUPATION EICHMANN CASE, IN WHICH UK TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGAL ASPECTS, ARAB REACTION, ARGENTINE RELATIONS, DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES, AND UN TACTICS AND PRECEDENTS.

ON ASSUMPTION ARGENTINA HAS SOUND LEGAL CASE AND INTENDS PRESS FOR DISCUSSION, STEVENS BELIEVES UK SHOULD NOT OPPOSE DEBATE AND SHOULD PROBABLY VOTE FOR INSRIPTION.

REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION, STEVENS OBVIOUSLY HOPED ISRAEL AND ARGENTINA CAN WORK OUT AGREED TEXT, BUT RECOGNIZED 2 PARTIES SO FAR SHOW LITTLE FLEXIBILITY. IF RESOLUTION MERELY CONDENSING ACTION AND DOES NOT CALL FOR EICHMANN'S DEPARTURE ISRAEL, STEVENS THOUGHT UK MIGHT BE ABLE VOTE FAVORABLY. IF RESOLUTION WENT FURTHER, UK MORE LIKELY ABSTAIN. DOMESTIC PRESSURES WOULD PROBABLY NOT PERMIT UK TAKE STRONGER POSITION.

STEVENS ASSUMES ISRAEL WOULD ISSUE APOLOGY IF MILD RESOLUTION PASSED BUT WOULD NOT IN ANY INSTANCE AGREE TO EICHMANN'S RETURN TO ARGENTINA OR WEST GERMANY. FACT ISRAEL IS UNLIKELY COMPLY WITH STRONG RESOLUTION MIGHT BE USED IN EFFORT DISSUADE ARGENTINA PRESSING FOR CLAUSE CALLING UPON ISRAEL GIVE UP EICHMANN, SINCE NON-COMPLIANCE WOULD BE AFRONT BOTH TO UN AND ARGENTINA.

WHILE STEVENS EXPRESSED HOPE FOR BEHIND-THE-SCENES ACCOMMODATION OF DIVERGENT POINTS OF VIEW IF CASE DISCUSSED

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BY SC, HE BELIEVED SIR PEARSON DIXON SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. RECOGNIZED FACT SOVIET AND ARAB COUNTRIES MUST BE ENJOYING THIS SITUATION, STEVENS AS YET SAW NO COMPROMISE PROPOSAL WHICH HAD REAL CHANCE ISRAEL-
ARGENTINE ACCEPTANCE. HE THEREFORE INCLINED CONCLUDE SIMPLE DEPLORATORY RESOLUTION LESSER OF EVILS.

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IN DISCUSSION, SECRETARY GENERAL AGREE ON MINISTRY.
GRAZZI TODAY SAID IT WAS TOLD THAT GOI HAD GIVEN ARGENTINA
PRESIDENT FUENTES MORE-YESTERDAY TO SUPPORT THEM IN TICHMANN
CASE WHICH SHOWED IN SECURITY COUNCIL. GRAZZI SAID
OSTOIA IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TRY TO WORK OUT
CONFLICT WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION RAISED FORMALLY BUT THAT
IN LATE ANALYSIS, AND ALTHOUGH ITALY WAS SECOND-GUESSING IN
REACTING AGAINST NATURE OF TICHMANN CRIMES, ITALY WOULD
SUPPORT ARGENTINA AS ASSESSED BY STRENGTH OF THEIR CASE.
JURIDICAL GROUP.

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RE: EICHHORN CASE.

1. MET WITH BEN-GURION (ISRAEL) AND DIXON (UK) THIS NOON ON
EICHHORN CASE. AGREED THREE DELS SHOULD RECOMMEND TO RESPECTIVE GOVT. THAT WE ACCEP APPROACH BEN-GURION PROMPTLY TO
URGE HE INITIATE TALK WITH FRONDIZI ON BASIS MAINTENANCE THEIR
GOOD RELATIONS IN EFFORT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE (I.E.: INVITATION BE OPEN-ENDED FOR TALK WITHOUT ASKING BEN-GURION TO
MADE ANY SPECIFIC PROPOSAL). OFFER TO TALK SHOULD BE EXTENDED
AND MADE PUBLIC BY SATURDAY AT LATEST IN ORDER TO MAKE POSSIBLE
POSTPONEMENT (WHICH HOPEFULLY MIGHT LATER BECOME PERMANENT)
OF SC SESSION.

2. RECOMMEND DEPT REQUEST US AND ROMA WHERE WE UNDERSTAND BEN-
GURION NOW IS, MAKE SUCH APPROACH AND HAVE US AND PARIS FOLLOW
UP WITH FRENCH TO HELP ASSURE THEY TAKE ACTION ALSO. FROM ATTITUDE
DIXON BELIEVE THERE IS NO PROBLEM ABOUT UK MAKING SUCH APPROACH.

3. BERARD SAID IN MEETING HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE THAT DEBATE
SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE AND THAT HE SHOULD VOTE AGAINST
INSCRIPTION. IF NECESSARY VOTES TO PREVENT IT WOULD BE OBTAINED.
WE AND BRITISH TOLD HIM WE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS POSSIBLE.
BERARD SAID HE THOUGHT ISRAELIS WERE IN FAVOR OF MEETING WITH
FRONDIZI BUT BEN-GURION HAD NOT MENTIONED EICHHORN CASE WITH
DE GAULLE SO FRENCH HAD NEVER TAKEN ISSUE UP WITH THEM. BERARD

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ALSO SAID HE THOUGHT ARGENTINE CASE NOT AS STRONG LEGALLY AS AMADEO SEEMED TO THINK AS EICHMANN HAD BEEN IN BUENOS AIRES ILLEGALLY AND THEIR CASE FOR HAVING HIM RETURNED THEREFORE NOT SO STRONG.

4. PRESSES BERARD STRONGLY ABOUT DESIRABILITY FRENCH URGING BEN-GURION TO TAKE INITIATIVE FOR MEETING WITH FRONDIZI. DIXON BACKED THIS POINT OF VIEW WITH FINAL RESULT OF JOINT DEL RECOMMENDATION EXPRESSED ABOVE.

5. DIXON ALSO SAID THAT IF SC SESSION HELD HE HOPED IT COULD BE KEPT AS NON-CONTENTIOUS AS POSSIBLE. HE THOUGHT RES ASKING FOR EICHMANN TO BE SENT BACK WOULD PROBABLY BE GOING TOO FAR. THERE WAS POSSIBILITY OF RES. UPHELD ISRAEL SOVEREIGNTY, SAYING KIDNAPPING WAS BAD CHOICE; EICHMANN WAS BAD MAN, NOTING ISRAEL AND ARGENTINA HAD FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP CALLING ON THEM TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

6. BERARD ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF EICHMANN BEING TURNED OVER TO ARGENTINE EMB. IN BUENOS AIRE WITH SC TO DECIDE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT HIM. HE SAID CORREA (ECUADOR) THINKING OF SOME WAY TO SEND CASE TO ICJ IF DIFFICULTY BERARD SAW WITH PROPOSAL WAS THAT YOU COULD NOT POSSIBLY DO ANYTHING IN LESS THAN SIX MONTHS.

7. INTERESTING ARGUMENT THAT BEN-GURION SHOULD ASK FOR MEETING WITH FRONDIZI. IF POINTED OUT ISRAELIS COULD NOT LOSE ON SUCH APPROACH AND THAT IT COULD ONLY BE HELPFUL TO THEM. IF FRONDIZI ACCEPTED IT WOULD OPEN WAY TO AVOID SC. FROM WHICH ISRAELIS COULD ONLY GAIN, AND TO POSSIBLE ULTIMATE AMICABLE SOLUTION. IF FRONDIZI DID NOT ACCEPT, ISRAELIS' POSITION WOULD STILL HAVE UPGRADED FROM HAVING MADE GESTURE. DIXON AND BERARD AGREED THIS LINE OF REASONING.

8. WE HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH COMAY (ISRAEL) LATER THIS AFTERNOON BUT DO NOT INTEND TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH HIM AS WE THINK IT WOULD DIMINISH IMPACT OF DIRECT APPROACH TO BEN-GURION BY OUR RESPECTIVE

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