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SUBJ: BARBADOS MEMBERSHIP IN OAS

ACTION TAKEN

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH FONOFF OIC OAS AFFAIRS DEC 30. LATTER SAID:

A. ARGENTINE POLICY IS TO FOLLOW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES WHICH, AS HE OUTLINED THEM, ARE THOSE IN REFTEL.

B. IF BARBADOS REQUESTS MEMBERSHIP, HE THOUGH ARGENTINA WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OPENING OAS CHARTER FOR ACCESSION.

C. OUT OF CONSIDERATION FOR GUATEMALA AND VENEZUELA, ARGENTINA MIGHT NOT RPT NOT VOTE FAVORABLY ON APPLICATIONS BY BELICE AND GUYANA, RESPECTIVELY, UNLESS RESPECTIVE LATIN COUNTRY AGREED FIRST. HE MENTIONED THIS REGARD MALVINAS/FALKLANDS AND ASKED EMBOFF IF THERE ANY CHANCE MALVINAS MIGHT TRY BECOME INDEPENDENT STATE. EMBOFF ANSWERED HE HAD NO RPT NO IDEA, THOUGH HE UNDERSTOOD POPULATION TOO SMALL FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE.

D. DESPITE RELATIVELY FAVORABLE ARG DISPOSITION RE BARBADOS, FONOFF MAN THOUGH ACCESSION LARGE NUMBER SMALL ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES WOULD PRODUCE SEVER PSYCHOLOGICAL SHOCK TO OAS, PROFOUNDLY CHANGING ITS OPERATION AND WAY LAS LOOK AT OAS AND THEIR POLICIES TOWARD IT AND IN IT.

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