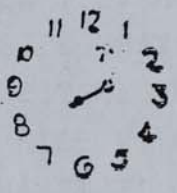


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MESSAGE IS AS FOLLOWS

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1. (TO ALL EXCEPT DUBLIN). IN VIEW OF THE VERY VALUABLE SUPPORT WHICH YOUR COUNTRY/THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION HAS BEEN GIVING TO US DURING THE WHOLE PERIOD OF THE CRISIS OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (TO ALL) I THOUGHT IT RIGHT TO SEND YOU THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO SUPPLEMENT WHAT YOU WILL HAVE HEARD THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADORS/HIGH COMMISSIONERS IN LONDON AND ELSEWHERE.
2. THE POSITION THIS MORNING IS THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE CERTAIN PROPOSALS. AS I SAID YESTERDAY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, WE WELCOME THESE IDEAS, WE ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE AUTHORS AND WE EXPECT TO RESPOND SHORTLY. AS THEY STAND, THERE COULD BE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR US IN CONNECTION WITH THE LINK BETWEEN STAGE 1 (CEASEFIRE) AND STAGE 2 (WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES), AND ALSO OVER THE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS MUST BE RESPECTED IN ANY DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT. WE ARE CONSIDERING URGENTLY WHETHER A WAY ROUND THESE DIFFICULTIES CAN BE FOUND WITHOUT LOSING THE VALUABLE IMPETUS WHICH THE PERUVIAN INITIATIVE HAS GENERATED.
3. AS REGARDS THE UNITED NATIONS, A NUMBER OF IDEAS ARE IN CIRCULATION BUT NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS OF SUBSTANCE HAVE YET BEEN FORMULATED. WE AGREE OF COURSE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION MAY BE ABLE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND WE ARE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE

SECRETARY-GENERAL PERSONALLY, AS WE HAVE BEEN THROUGHOUT THE CRISIS

4. TURNING TO THE MILITARY SIDE, I NEED NOT SAY HOW BITTERLY I AND MY COLLEAGUES IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT REGRET THE LOSS OF LIFE WHICH HAS OCCURRED ON BOTH SIDES IN RECENT DAYS. ALL THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST MONTH ARGENTINA HAD SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATORY RESOLUTION NO 502, ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, OR IF SHE HAD KEPT HER SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT WELL AWAY FROM THE BRITISH TASK FORCE. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU WILL RECALL THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN LONDON OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE, SUBSEQUENT CONVERTED INTO A TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE, THE FOLLOWING WARNING WAS PUBLISHED HERE ON 23 APRIL AND COMMUNICATED AT THE SAME TIME TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THROUGH SWITZERLAND, THE PROTECTING POWER. QUOTE: IN ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE AROUND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, HMG MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS MEASURE WAS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE RIGHT OF THE UK TO TAKE WHATEVER ADDITIONAL MEASURES MAY BE NEEDED IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. IN THIS CONNECTION, HMG NOW WISHES TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ANY APPROACH ON THE PART OF ARGENTINE WARSHIPS, INCLUDING SUBMARINES, NAVAL AUXILIARIES, OR MILITARY AIRCRAFT WHICH COULD AMOUNT TO A THREAT TO INTERFERE WITH THE MISSION OF BRITISH FORCES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC WILL ENCOUNTER THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. ALL ARGENTINE AIRCRAFT INCLUDING CIVIL AIRCRAFT ENGAGING IN SURVEILLANCE OF THESE BRITISH FORCES WILL BE REGARDED AS HOSTILE AND ARE LIABLE TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY. UNQUOTE.

5. AS YOU WILL KNOW, OUR NAVAL FORCES CAME UNDER HEAVY AND SUSTAINED ATTACK FROM THE ARGENTINE FORCES ON 1 MAY, AND WERE FORTUNATE TO SUSTAIN ONLY LIGHT DAMAGE. IT WAS CLEAR THAT FURTHER ATTACKS WERE PLANNED. ON 2 MAY THE CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO AND OTHER ARGENTINE NAVAL UNITS APPROACHED THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TOTAL EXCLUSION ZONE, POSING AN IMMINENT THREAT TO OUR NAVAL UNITS OPERATING NEAR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. AS A CONSEQUENCE, AND IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WARNING REFERRED TO ABOVE, THE CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO WAS ENGAGED AND SEVERELY DAMAGED BY A BRITISH SUBMARINE PROTECTING OUR TASK FORCE. OTHER

ARGENTINE SHIPS WERE IN A POSITION TO GO TO THE AID OF THE CREW OF THE GENERAL BELGRANO BRITISH SUBMARINE TOOK NO ACTION AGAINST THESE SHIPS.

6. AS I EMPHASISED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 4 MAY, OUR MILITARY ACTIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN AS AN END IN THEMSELVES. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO HELP CREATE THE CONDITIONS FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO USE THE MINIMUM OF FORCE. THE ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN HAVE BEEN IN APPLICATION OF OUR INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER, AND HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT ARTICLE. THE SAME WILL BE TRUE OF ANY FURTHER MILITARY ACTION WHICH WE MAY BE OBLIGED TO TAKE IN EXERCISE OF THE SAME RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENCE AND TO PROTECT OUR OWN SHIPS, AIRCRAFT AND MEN. THE ARGENTINE ATTACKS ON 1 MAY AND NOW THE LOSS ON 4 MAY OF HMS SHEFFIELD AND OF A BRITISH MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAS SHOWN THAT THE THREAT TO THEM IS VERY REAL AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THEM OF VITAL IMPORTANCE.

7. I AM MOST GRATEFUL, AS YOU KNOW, FOR THE INVALUABLE SUPPORT WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN GIVING US IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST ARGENTINA. WITH THE MOOD IN BUENOS AIRES AS IT APPEARS TO BE, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THIS ECONOMIC PRESSURE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. (TO ALL EC COUNTRIES EXCEPT IRELAND). AT OUR MEETING NEXT WEEKEND I SHALL BE SEEKING YOUR AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMUNITY BAN ON ARGENTINE IMPORTS SHOULD BE RENEWED ON 16 MAY FOR A FURTHER MONTH IF THE SITUATION WHICH NECESSITATED THE ORIGINAL BAN CONTINUES UNALTERED, THAT IS TO SAY IF ARGENTINA CONTINUES IN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. I AM AWARE OF THE SACRIFICES THE EMBARGO HAS MEANT FOR SOME OF OUR PARTNERS, AS IT HAS FOR US. BUT ITS EXTENSION WILL BE IMPORTANT TO HELP SECURE THE NEGOTIATED SOLUTION WHICH WE, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, HAVE BEEN SEEKING THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS. ONE MEMBER STATE HAS ALREADY SPOKEN PUBLICLY AGAINST THE BAN. COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION OVER POLAND HAS SHOWN THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN ACT EVEN WITH ONE MEMBER STATE OPPOSING. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT NO MEMBER STATE WOULD PREVENT A COMMUNITY DECISION WHICH MOST MEMBER STATES WANT AND THAT THE

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COMMUNITY WOULD MAINTAIN ITS STRENGTH OF PURPOSE AT THAT CRITICAL JUNCTURE.

8. (DUBLIN ONLY). I WAS DISMAYED TO READ THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT ON 4 MAY. IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BOTH BILATERALLY AND WITHIN THE TEN, I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED SOME CONSULTATION BEFORE YOU ACTED PUBLICLY IN THIS WAY. AS IT IS, THE CONSEQUENCES COULD BE SERIOUS. THE ENDING OF THE BAN ON IMPORTS FROM ARGENTINA WOULD GREATLY WEAKEN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THAT COUNTRY TO COMPLY WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IT WOULD ALSO SEND, AS YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT OF YESTERDAY HAS ALREADY SENT, PRECISELY THE WRONG POLITICAL SIGNAL TO ARGENTINA AT A MOST CRUCIAL TIME. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE ARGENTINES WOULD BE GREATLY ENCOURAGED, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR ACCEPTING SOMETHING ON THE LINES OF THE PERUVIAN PROPOSALS GREATLY REDUCED. THE COMMUNITY TOOK A GREAT STEP FORWARD IN ITS IMPRESSIVE AND RAPID JOINT DECISION OF PRINCIPLE IN SUPPORT OF ACTION AGAINST ARGENTINE AGGRESSION. IT WOULD BE AN EVEN GREATER SETBACK FOR THE COMMUNITY IF THAT SUCCESS WERE NOW TO BE DEMOLISHED. RECOGNISING THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS DOUBTS ABOUT THE MILITARY PRESSURE WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE OVERALL PRESSURE FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION, I NONETHELESS URGE YOU NOT TO PREVENT A COMMUNITY DECISION TO CONTINUE THE BAN IF THAT IS WHAT OUR PARTNERS ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT, AS GREECE DID OVER ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION.

9. (TO OTTAWA, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON, OSLO.) I SHALL BE ASKING MY COLLEAGUES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO AGREE TO RENEW THE COMMUNITY IMPORT BAN, IF NECESSARY, WHEN I SEE THEM ON 8/9 MAY. I HOPE THAT THE NEGATIVE POSITION ANNOUNCED ON 4 MAY BY THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PREVENT THEM FROM ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE OUTVOTED: A COMMUNITY DECISION WOULD THUS STILL BE POSSIBLE, AS IT WAS WHEN GREECE VOTED AGAINST BUT ACQUIESCED IN ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN CONNECTION WITH POLAND. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE LIKEWISE TO GIVE US ITS SUPPORT. ENDS.

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FALKLANDS: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING THE INCIDENTS IN WHICH THE TASK FORCE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, I KNOW OF THE CONCERN AMONGST SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE FIRMNESS OF OUR MILITARY RESPONSES. IT IS THEREFORE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT I KEEP OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE OLD COMMONWEALTH AND NORWAY INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AND ABOUT OUR LATEST THINKING.

2. MIFT CONTAINS THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO M CHEYSSON, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN OTHER CAPITALS TO WHICH THIS TELEGRAM IS ADDRESSED AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION, WHICH I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE IRISH GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TODAY ABOUT REFERRAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION OF EC SANCTIONS, I HAVE ADDED A FURTHER MESSAGE TO DUBLIN ONLY.

4. SEE MIFT.

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