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②- YOUR TELNO 81 : FALKLANDS CRISIS

1. I AM MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSIDERATION SHOWN IN THESE INSTRUCTIONS. I HAVE USED THE DISCRETION OFFERED ME TO SUBSTITUTE QUOTE TO THIS END I PROPOSE TO SEND TO BUENOS AIRES A SENIOR OFFICIAL, ARMED WITH CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS, TO SUPPORT OUR AMBASSADOR IN WORKING OUT WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES A FORMULATION WHICH OUR OWN POSITION UNQUOTE FOR THE ORIGINAL PASSAGE STARTING QUOTE TO THIS END UNQUOTE AND ENDING QUOTE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS UNQUOTE.

2. I DELIVERED THE MESSAGE IN THIS FORM TO COSTA MENDEZ A LITTLE AFTER 2236Z HAVING DELAYED BEYOND MY APPOINTED TIME OF 2215Z TO SEE YOUR TELEGRAM NO 92 (NOT TO ALL). I EXPLAINED ORALLY THAT IT WAS LIKELY TO BE JOHN URE (WHOM COSTA MENDEZ SAYS HE HAS MET) WHO WILL BE THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

3. COSTA MENDEZ SAID THAT HE COULD GIVE NO IMMEDIATE REACTION BUT WOULD COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY WITH THE PRESIDENT AND COME BACK WITH A RESPONSE LATER TONIGHT. HE THEN SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT QUITE THE MESSAGE HE HAD HOPED FOR, HE QUESTIONED WHETHER A NEW PERSON WAS THE KEY SINCE HE FELT THAT THERE HAD BEEN COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIMSELF AND ME. HE AGREED WITH YOU ON THE NEED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION BUT YOUR STATEMENT AND THAT OF MR LUCE', TOGETHER WITH PRESS REPORTS OF THE MOVEMENT OF WARSHIPS DID NOT ENCOURAGE HOPE FOR A QUICK SOLUTION.

4. I INTERJECTED THAT WE HAD OF COURSE ALSO SEEN REPORTS OF BOTH ARGENTINE AND BRITISH WARSHIP MOVEMENTS. AS I UNDERSTOOD IT HOWEVER YOUR MESSAGE CONVEYED NOT ONLY NEWS OF A NEW PERSON BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE DISCUSSION BUT CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS WITH THE OBJECT OF RESOLVING THE QUESTION BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS. COSTA MENDEZ THEN EXCUSED HIMSELF TO GO TO THE PRESIDENCY, WHOM HE INDICATED HE HAD ALERTED. I NOW AWAIT HIS CALL.

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