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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1619 OF 5 MAY
INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK (PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR)

FALKLANDS

1. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE ARGENTINIANS WILL NOW BE SEEKING TO SHIFT THE FOCUS OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION ON THE FALKLANDS ISSUE TO THE UN. WHY OTHERWISE SHOULD COSTA MENDEZ BE GOING TO NEW YORK? THE ARGENTINIANS MAY WELL THINK THAT THEY COULD IMPROVE ON 502, THAT THEY CAN WORK UP OPINION IN FAVOUR OF A CEASEFIRE AND DO SO WITHOUT NECESSARILY INVOLVING A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ISLANDS. NOT ONLY DOES THERE SEEM TO BE A DANGER TO US IN THE UN FORUM BUT IF WE LOSE THE US PERUVIAN PLAN WE MAY MISS THE OPPORTUNITY OF GETTING ACROSS OUR READINESS FOR A CEASEFIRE UPON REASONABLE TERMS.

2. IF THEREFORE BY TOMORROW, OR SOME TIME SOON AFTERWARDS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE ARGENTINIANS ARE NOT GOING TO COMPLY WITH THE US PERUVIAN PROPOSALS WOULD IT BE WORTH HMG COMING OUT WITH A STATEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING SORT OF LINES:

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- I) WE ARE PREPARED FOR A CEASEFIRE AT AN EARLY DATE PROVIDED THE ARGENTINIANS ARE ALSO READY: BUT
- II) SUCH A CEASEFIRE CANNOT SIMPLY LEAVE THE ARGENTINIANS IN POSSESSION OF THE ISLANDS WITH THE ABILITY TO RESUPPLY. THEREFORE:
- III) IMPLEMENTATION OF A CEASEFIRE MUST DEPEND UPON SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ISLANDS, WITH OUR OWN FORCES ALSO STANDING OFF I.E. WITHDRAWAL OF THE FORCES OF BOTH SIDES.
- IV) WE WOULD ALSO SAY THAT AS PART OF THE CEASEFIRE PROCESS WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION ON THE ISLANDS WHICH WOULD ACT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POPULATION AND
- V) WE WOULD ALSO DECLARE OUR READINESS THAT THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE ISLANDS SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR. WE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THIRD PARTIES TO GIVE IMPARTIAL HELP TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN AGREEMENT, TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE ASPIRATIONS AND INTERESTS OF THE ISLANDERS.

3. THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THIS MANOEUVRE WOULD BE TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE IN THE PRESENT DIPLOMATIC MAELSTROM, AND DEMONSTRATE THE REASONABLENESS OF OUR POSITION, AND WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEADLOCK LIES.

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