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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1629 OF 5 MAY

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FALKLANDS

HAIG HAS TELEPHONED AT 11 PM. HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AT ALL ENCOURAGED BY THE INITIAL PERUVIAN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS. HE BELIEVED THAT THE ARGENTINIANS WERE NO LONGER INTERESTED IN THE USA/PERUVIAN PLAN. THEY WERE BENT ON RESORTING TO THE UN ROUTE. THEY CONSIDERED THEY WERE SECURING GROWING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT E.G. FROM IRELAND AND THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WAS CRACKING. THE SINKING OF THE SHEFFIELD HAD GREATLY EMBOLDENED THEM, WITH THE RESULT THAT THEY WERE NOW CONVINCED THEY WOULD TRIUMPH MILITARILY AND DIPLOMATICALLY.

HAIG SAID THAT WE SHOULD WAIT FOR THE FORMAL ANSWER FROM PERU TOMORROW AND THEN, IF IT WAS NEGATIVE AS HE EXPECTED, DECIDE HOW TO GET ACROSS TO THE WORLD OUR READINESS TO NEGOTIATE ETC. HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER THE AMERICANS WOULD BE BEST ADVISED TO PUBLISH THEIR PROPOSALS OR SIMPLY A SUMMARY OF THEM.

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AS HE SAW IT WE WOULD JUST HAVE TO HUNKER DOWN FOR A LONG SIEGE. TAKING CARE TO KEEP OUR SHIPS OUT OF RANGE OF ARGENTINIAN ATTACK. THE NEXT DIPLOMATIC STRUGGLE WOULD BE IN THE UN. HAIG ADDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE RUSSIANS HAD BEEN BEHIND THE ARGENTINIAN SWITCH TO THE UN. THERE WERE SIGNS OF INCREASED SOVIET SHIPS IN ARGENTINIAN PORTS. THE ARGENTINIANS WOULD GO FOR A CEASE-FIRE AT THE UN WITHOUT ANY COMMITMENT TO WITHDRAW.

THIS IS OF COURSE, HIGHLY DISAPPOINTING AFTER ALL OUR EFFORTS TO MEET WHAT THE USA TOLD US WERE PROPOSALS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NEGOTIABLE WITH ARGENTINA. WE WILL HAVE TO BE SURE, I SUGGEST, THAT THEY DO NOT PULL THEIR PUNCHES IN ATTRIBUTING BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS FOR THE BREAKDOWN.

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