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SINCE MY MESSAGE OF 1 NOVEMBER, MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE BEEN GIVING ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF OUR RELATIONS. I AM PLEASED THAT OUR AMBASSADORS ARE NOW IN POST AND ARE ALREADY MAKING A HELPFUL AND THOUGHTFUL CONTRIBUTION. I HAVE BEEN GLAD TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF A NUMBER OF EXCHANGES WITH SR ORTIZ DE ROZAS AND HE HAS DEVELOPED GOOD CONTACTS WITH OFFICIALS IN THE FCO. ANTHONY WILLIAMS HAS REPORTED THE COURTEOUS AND FRIENDLY MANNER IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN BUENOS AIRES. I DETECT A NEW ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY IN OUR EXCHANGES. IT IS ONE I WOULD LIKE TO BUILD ON.

IT IS THEREFORE WITH MUCH PLEASURE THAT I SHOULD NOW LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE SEEK TO GET TOGETHER FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE MATTER OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND RELATED ISSUES. I WOULD WANT THIS FIRST DISCUSSION SINCE WE TOOK OFFICE IN THE UK TO BE THOROUGH AND WIDE RANGING AND TO PROVIDE A FULL OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER'S VIEWS. WE MIGHT PREFER TO DO WITHOUT ANY FORMAL AGENDA AT THIS STAGE. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL THAT ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ISLAND COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATE AND THE COUNCILLORS HAVE ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION TO DO SO AS PART OF THE BRITISH TEAM.

I WOULD NOW WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHEN WE MIGHT MEET AND WHERE WOULD SUIT YOU. DEPENDING ON YOUR COMMITMENTS AND TO GIVE US BOTH TIME TO PREPARE, A MEETING AFTER EASTER, PERHAPS LATER IN APRIL OR EARLY MAY, MIGHT BE CONVENIENT, AS TO VENUE, I WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW YOUR WISHES: GENEVA OR NEW YORK OR BARBADOS WOULD BE EQUALLY WELCOME TO ME.

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