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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASKED ME THIS MORNING WHETHER WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE I WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE A VERY EARLY AND DISCREET MEETING WITH HIM AND THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HERE TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO ACHIEVE A CEASE FIRE. MINISTER SAID THAT DOUBTLESS THE BRITISH WOULD TAKE PORT STANLEY BUT AT AN APPALLING COST. HE KNEW THAT COSTA MENDEZ WANTED THE FIGHTING STOPPED AS INDEED DID THE STATE DEPARTMENT HE HIMSELF WAS PREPARED TO TRY TO PERSUADE THE ARGENTINIANS TO WITHDRAW EVEN IF HE WERE TO BE ACCUSED OF BEING A TRAITOR.

2. I SAID THAT I WOULD TRANSMIT THIS SUGGESTION IMMEDIATELY ALTHOUGH I WONDERED HOW HIS SUGGESTION WOULD FIT IN WITH THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. MINISTER SAID HE WOULD NOT CONVENE THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR AND MYSELF WITHOUT FIRST HAVING A TELEPHONIC WORD WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

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