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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 10 OF 13 JANUARY

INFO IMMEDIATE CAIRO (FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY)

PERSONAL FOR AMBASSADOR

YOUR TELNO. 7: MESSAGE TO CAVANDOLI.

1. MINISTERS WILL NEED TO GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE ISLANDERS' RESPONSE AND TO NEXT STEPS BEFORE ANY DECISION CAN BE TAKEN ON A MEETING WITH CAVANDOLI OR ON THE TIMING OF A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS. WE MAY BE UNABLE TO PRESENT FIRM PROPOSALS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

2. HOWEVER WE FULLY APPRECIATE THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S DIFFICULTIES. GRATEFUL THEREFORE IF YOU WOULD PASS THE INTERIM MESSAGE IN MIFT FROM MR RIDLEY TO CAVANDOLI AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE LATTER'S RETURN ON 14 JANUARY. IN DOING SO YOU SHOULD STRESS AGAIN WHAT YOU SAID TO OLIVERI LOPEZ (YOUR TELNO. 6), THAT, HOWEVER LIMITING THE WORDING OF THE COUNCILLORS' MOTION, NO OPTIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. IF CAVANDOLI SUGGESTS ARGENTINES ARE NOT PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT A FREEZE, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT, WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THEIR DIFFICULTIES OVER THIS CONCEPT, ITS PREMATURE REJECTION AT THIS STAGE COULD REMOVE THE BASIS FOR PROCEEDING TO A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS. IT IS ONLY THROUGH A CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE THAT ISLANDER OPINION IS LIKELY TO EVOLVE AND IT WILL BE UP TO US ALL TO SEE THAT SUBSEQUENT ROUNDS LOOK AT OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

3. WE WILL BE BRIEFING ORTIZ DE ROZAS ON THE PRESENT POSITION AND INFORMING HIM OF THE MESSAGE TO CAVANDOLI.

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