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BEGINS:

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APPARENTLY ARE STILL IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATION, WILL BE CHOTE FIRM AND CLEAR UNQUOTE, AND WILL SET VERY PRECISE TIME LIMITS FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AND THE FINAL RETURN OF THE ISLANDS TO ARGENTINA, A PROPOSITION WHICH GREAT BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO RECOGNISE EXPLICITLY IN ADVANCE SEMI COLON THEY WILL ALSO ESTABLISH THE ORDER OF SUBJECTS WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE TALKS AND, LOGICALLY, ALSO THE ORDER OF THOSE STAGES THEMSELVES.

THIS PLAN IS NO DOUBT LINKED WITH THE DECISIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CONCERNING THE BEAGLE CHANNEL, WHICH HAVE JUST CRYSTALISED IN THE REPLACEMENT OF MONCAYO BY ORTIZ DE ROZAS, THE DENUNCIATION OF THE 1972 TREATY, AND THE DESPATCH OF A DOCUMENT TO THE VATICAN SETTING OUT ARGENTINA'S MINUMUM ASPIRATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION. THESE ASPIRATIONS MAY BE SUMMARISED AS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SO-CALLED BI-OCEANIC PRINCIPLE, COMPLETE ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ATLANTIC COAST AND IN THE QUOTE SEA OF PEACE UNQUOTE, AND HER TANGIBLE PRESENCE ON THE ISLANDS IN THE BEAGLE IN A WAY WHICH WOULD GIVE HERE JURIDICAL SECURITY IN HER JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, THAT IS TO SAY, OVER AT LEAST 188 MILES OUT TO SEA.

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