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YOUR TELNO 52 : FALKLANDS TALKS

1. AS ROS IS STILL CLOSETED IN THE PRESIDENCY I HAVE DELIVERED MESSAGE TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEL CAMPO, FOR HIM. DEL CAMPO WAS FRANKLY APOLOGETIC AND RECOGNISED THAT GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT HAD BEEN BREACHED UNDER PRESSURE OF LOCAL FEELING THAT JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS INADEQUATE. I EMPHASISED OUR CONCERN AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION THAT RESULT WOULD BE FURTHER TO RESTRICT OUR AREA OF POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY. DEL CAMPO OFFERED TO DISCUSS WITH ROS WHETHER SOME FURTHER GUIDANCE TO THE PRESS COULD SERVE TO COOL THE ATMOSPHERE AND IN PARTICULAR TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE WERE NOT BEING ASKED TO REACT TO THREATS.

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1. FOLLOWING MR LUCE'S MESSAGE TO ROS. BEGINS.
THE ISSUE OF A STATEMENT BY YOUR MINISTRY ON 1 MARCH GIVING
DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL YOU PUT FORWARD AT OUR TALKS LAST WEEK
CONTRAVENES OUR UNDERSTANDING IN NEW YORK THAT THESE SHOULD
REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL WE HAD EACH HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
CONSULT OUR GOVERNMENTS. IT ALSO CONTRAVENES THE SPIRIT OF OUR
DISCUSSIONS. THIS STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE FURTHER COMMENT
IN THE ARGENTINE PRESS, ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO GOVERNMENT SOURCES
(AND WHICH HAS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE HERE), INEVITABLY CREATES
A MORE DIFFICULT AND UNHELPFUL CLIMATE FOR CONTINUING THE
NEGOTIATING PROCESS. I AM DEEPLY DISTURBED BY STATEMENTS AND
COMMENT WHICH MAY BE INTERPRETED AS THREATS: THE IMPLICATIONS
ARE SERIOUS. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE PROGRESS UNLESS
THERE IS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS ISSUE CAN ONLY BE
RESOLVED THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. ENDS.

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