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FALKLANDS: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE

1, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PUT SPECIFIC IDEAS TO YOU AND MY ARGENTINE COLLEAGUE OVER THE WEEKEND IS NOW WIDELY KNOWN HERE. THIS IS IN SPITE OF WHAT HE SAID TO THE PRESS ON LEAVING THE WORKING DINNER WITH YOU AND IS, I SUSPECT, LARGELY ACCOUNTABLE TO RAFAE AHMED. IT ALSO RESULTS FROM SPECULATION ARISING OUT OF HIS AND LING QING'S CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL YESTERDAY (3 MAY). AT YESTERDAY'S PRESS BRIEFING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPOKESMAN USED THE TERM 'CONCRETE IDEAS'. THIS LED UPI TO FILE A STORY ABOUT A 'UN PEACE PLAN'. AT TODAY'S BRIEFING (4 MAY) THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 'PEACE PLAN' WAS NOT A TERM THE UN WAS USING, BUT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD PUT FORWARD 'VARIOUS IDEAS' TO YOU AND THE ARGENTINES OVER THE WEEKEND AND BOTH HAD

IDEAS* TO YOU AND THE ARGENTINES OVER THE WEEKEND AND BOTH HAD
AGREED TO CONSIDER THEM. THE GUARDIAN'S UN CORRESPONDENT
TOLD US THAT SHE IS FILING A STORY FOR TOMORROW'S PAPER ABOUT THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S IDEAS; IT WAS CLEAR FROM WHAT SHE SAID THAT
SHE KNOWS A GOOD DEAL ABOUT THEIR CONTENTS.

2. THE MORE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S INITIATIVE IS USED IN ORDER
TO DRIVE OFF THE IRISH, THE GREATER THE RISK, OF COURSE, THAT
HIS IDEAS WILL BECOME KNOWN.

3. ALL THIS REINFORCES THE NEED AT THIS END FOR US TO RESPOND
FAIRLY QUICKLY TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR AS SUGGESTED IN MY TELNO 643.
HAVING HEARD THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN YOU AND MR HEALEY IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS THIS AFTERNOON ON THE SUBJECT, I SUGGEST THAT I MIGHT
AS A PRELIMINARY STEP INFORM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT "YOU
ARE CONSIDERING ALL THE IDEAS WHICH YOU AND HE DISCUSSED ON 2
MAY AND THAT YOU HOPE TO GET COMMENTS TO HIM SHORTLY". THIS
WOULD HOLD THE LINE HERE AND, IF HE OR HIS STAFF REVEALED
AFTERWARDS WHAT I HAD SAID, WOULD NOT GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT
WE WERE FORMALLY REACTING TO A SPECIFIC PLAN.

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MY TEL NO 645: FALKLANDS; SECURITY COUNCIL.

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1. I ASKED DORR AT 1700Z WHETHER WE WOULD BE IN THE COUNCIL BY EVENING.
2. HE SAID SHAMEFACEDLY THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF HIS CABINET'S ANNOUNCEMENT, HE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO AHEAD. HE WOULD THEREFORE BE SUBMITTING A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON. BUT IT WOULD SIMPLY ASK FOR A MEETING, NOT AN IMMEDIATE MEETING. IF THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ASKED HIM WHEN HE WANTED THE MEETING TO TAKE PLACE, HE WOULD NOT PRESS FOR THIS TO HAPPEN EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW. HE WOULD THEN EXPECT ROUTINE CONSULTATIONS TO START AND A MEETING TO BE CALLED PERHAPS ON 6 MAY.

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3. HE SAID THAT THIS WAS THE BEST HE COULD DO AND THAT HE WOULD NOT ASK ME FOR MY COMMENTS. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT I HAD COMMENTED SUFFICIENTLY TO HIM FOR ONE DAY.

4. I HAVE TOLD DE NANTEUIL (FRANCE) WHAT I SAID TO DORR THIS MORNING AND HAVE ALSO SIMILARLY BRIEFED MY OLD COMMONWEALTH COLLEAGUES AND THE US MISSION.

5. MEANWHILE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL HAS STATED THAT HE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN HIS OFFICE THIS AFTERNOON TO ANY DELEGATIONS WHO WISHED TO SPEAK TO HIM. SO FAR, ZAIRE, PANAMA, AND SPAIN (THE LAST NAMED PRESUMABLY TO INTRODUCE PEREZ LLORCA, AMONGST OTHER THINGS) HAVE RESPONDED. DORR INTENDS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT LATER TO PRESENT HIS LETTER.

5. AT THIS MORNING'S PRESS BRIEFING, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SPOKESMAN READ OUT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

BEGINS

THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS DEEPLY SADDENED AND PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED OVER THE MOUNTING LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (ISLAS MALVINAS) CONFLICT. THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 IS ESSENTIAL. THIS IS OF EXTREME URGENCY NOW FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE MANY ADDITIONAL HUMAN LIVES WHICH MAY OTHERWISE BE LOST.

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DUBLIN TEL'S NO'S 124 AND 125: FALKLANDS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

1. DORR (IRELAND) TELEPHONED ME FIRST THING THIS MORNING (4 MAY) TO SAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING IN DUBLIN, TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO GET A CEASEFIRE. I TOLD HOLMES (PRIVATE OFFICE) OF THIS BY TELEPHONE AND THEN RANG DORR BACK.
2. I DISEMBOWELLED HIM. WHEN I HAD DRAWN BREATH, I SUMMED UP AS FOLLOWS: HE COULD TELL HIS GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME THAT
 (1) I WAS NOT PLEADING FOR A DELAY. I WAS READY TO MOVE INTO THE COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY. BUT I WAS ALSO READY TO VOTE IMMEDIATELY ON ANY RESOLUTION WHICH HAD THE EFFECT OF ENABLING ARGENTINA TO CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE ITS POSITION IN THE FALKLANDS WHILE LEAVING US WITH

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(II) A COUNCIL MEETING AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE POLEMICAL AND DIVISIVE. THIS DID NOT WORRY ME PERSONALLY BUT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY PRECLUDE ANY USEFUL ROLE IN THE FUTURE FOR THE COUNCIL OVER THIS CRISIS:

(III) SUCH A DEBATE AT THIS STAGE WOULD KILL THE CURRENT CONFIDENTIAL INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.

3. I ADDED THAT I HAD HEARD THAT ONE OF HIS MINISTERS HAD DESCRIBED BRITAIN IN PUBLIC AS THE AGGRESSOR. I WARNED HIM THAT I MIGHT HAVE TO TOUCH ON THIS IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE IN THE COUNCIL.

4. DORR WAS OBVIOUSLY SHAKEN. HE KEPT ON SAYING THAT IT WAS TOO LATE, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD GONE PUBLIC. HOWEVER, HE COULD ASK FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING WITHOUT INSISTING THAT THE MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING THE NEXT DAY OR SO, IE HE COULD GIVE US AND THE ARGENTINES A CHANCE TO RESPOND TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S IDEAS. I SAID THAT HE KNEW AS WELL AS I DID THAT THIS IDEA WOULD NOT FLY. OUR ADVERSARIES, (I.E. PANAMA, THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND) WOULD BE GLEEFUL AT THIS PLAIN EVIDENCE THAT THE WEST HAD SPLIT AND THAT ONE MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAD COME OUT IN OPEN OPPOSITION TO ANOTHER. AS SOON AS HE ASKED FOR AN IMMEDIATE MEETING THE NASTIES WOULD PRESS THINGS TO A HEAD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WAS READY FOR THIS. I HOPED THAT HE WAS,

5. URQUHART SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED AND I TOLD HIM WHAT I HAD SAID TO DORR. HE AGREED WITH EVERY WORD AND IS GOING TO PRESS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SPEAK TO DORR ON SIMILAR LINES, IE THAT, IF HE GOES AHEAD, HE WILL DESTROY ANY CHANCE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL PLAYING A USEFUL ROLE IN THE CRISIS.

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