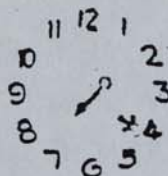


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MIPT: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT MESSAGE FROM ME TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR.

BEGINS:

I HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERING THE IDEAS THAT CAME UP IN OUR CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK ON 2 MAY. I WARMLY APPRECIATE THE CONCERN YOU HAVE SHOWN TO CONTRIBUTE TO A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS CRISIS. I FOR MY PART AM ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN THE CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH YOU.

AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESENT CRISIS HAS ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE RESORT TO FORCE BY ARGENTINA AT A TIME WHEN NEGOTIATIONS WERE IN PROGRESS BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IN A MANDATORY RESOLUTION, DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THAT RESOLUTION IS IMPLEMENTED.

THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ITS PART ACCEPTED RESOLUTION 502 IMMEDIATELY AFTER ITS ADOPTION AND I REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO ENTER INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AS CALLED FOR BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, ONCE ARGENTINA HAS WITHDRAWN. I FURTHER REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN A CEASEFIRE SO LONG AS THAT IS CLEARLY LINKED TO PROMPT ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL AND DOES NOT LEAVE ARGENTINA IN OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES ILLEGALLY SEIZED IN DEFIANCE OF THE CHARTER.

I AM URGENTLY STUDYING THE IDEAS THAT CAME UP IN MY DISCUSSION WITH YOU ON 2 MAY AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND AND ALONGSIDE OTHER IDEAS THAT HAVE REACHED US FROM, FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENTS OF PERU AND THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE MANY POINTS OF SIMILARITY BETWEEN YOUR THINKING AND THOSE OTHER IDEAS AND I AM SURE YOUR IDEAS WILL BE REFLECTED IN MY SOLUTION WHICH

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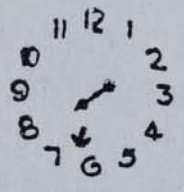
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YOUR TELS 631-2 AND 648 AND MY TELNO 344: SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS ON FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. I WOULD SEE MERIT IN YOUR DELIVERING A MORE SUBSTANTIVE, THOUGH STILL TEMPORISING, REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S IDEAS IN THE FORM OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MYSELF TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR. A TEXT, BASED ON THE STATEMENT I MADE IN THE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON IS IN MIFT. GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS TEXT AND ALSO ON THE TIMING OF ITS DELIVERY. IT HAD BEEN MY INCLINATION, DESPITE THE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO THE QUOTE DEADLINE UNQUOTE OF 5 MAY, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WARNING YOU HAVE GIVEN THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT A REPLY IS UNLIKELY BEFORE 6 MAY AT THE EARLIEST AND TO HOLD IT FOR DELIVERY THEN OR LATER IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL STARTING TONIGHT. BUT SUBJECT TO YOUR FURTHER ADVICE, I THINK IT MIGHT NOW BE BEST, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES IN THE HOUSE, TO DELIVER IT TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR TODAY. YOU HAVE DISCRETION TO DO SO IF YOU AGREE WITH THE TEXT AS IT STANDS.

2. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM TELEGRAMS TO WASHINGTON THAT I AM GIVING PRIORITY TO THE PERUVIAN/AMERICAN INITIATIVE. WE SHOULD NOT SAY ANYTHING TO PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT MIGHT ENCOURAGE ARGENTINA TO LOOK TO HIS IDEAS RATHER THAN HAIG'S AND THUS AVOID THE NEED TO TAKE DECISIONS ON THE LATTER. FOR VARIOUS REASONS, INCLUDING THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN NEW YORK, WE HAVE NOT SPELLED OUT THE PRIMACY OF THE PERUVIAN/AMERICAN INITIATIVE IN THE DRAFT MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. BUT IN DELIVERING IT I WOULD WISH YOU TO EMPHASISE TO HIM THAT THAT IS HOW WE SEE MATTERS FOR THE PRESENT. I SHOULD ALSO WISH YOU TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I AM NOT IN ANY WAY TURNING DOWN HIS OWN IDEAS. I DO NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY OPTIONS AND THERE COULD WELL BE A PLACE FOR ACTION BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT A LATER STAGE. MEANWHILE WE SHALL NEED HIS HELP IN MAKING IT CLEAR TO SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IS CONTINUING, THAT HIS OWN IDEAS ARE STILL UNDER STUDY AND THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD DO NOTHING THAT MIGHT CUT ACROSS THESE EFFORTS.

3. I ASSUME THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR IS BRIEFED, AT LEAST IN GENERAL TERMS, ON THE PERUVIAN IDEAS AND HOPE HE WILL UNDERSTAND OUR PREFERENCE FOR OPERATING ON THAT BASIS FOR THE TIME BEING NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES, WITH ITS UNIQUE INFLUENCE, IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION BY THAT ROUTE.

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