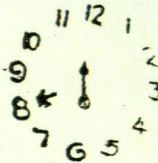


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MY TELNO 1611 FALKLANDS

1. ENDERS HAS SPOKEN ABOUT THE TIMETABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASEFIRE.

2. AFTER READING CAREFULLY YOUR MESSAGE TO HAIG OF TODAY'S DATE, HE REALISES THAT, THOUGH WE MAY BE PREPARED TO ANNOUNCE OUR READINESS FOR A CEASEFIRE AT THE TIME WE RECEIVE THE US/PERUVIAN PROPOSALS, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT IT UNTIL THE ARGENTINIANS HAVE GIVEN SIMILAR CEASEFIRE ORDERS AND HAVE ACCEPTED THE US/PERUVIAN PROPOSALS. THIS LEADS THE STATE DEPARTMENT ON, I THINK, TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE ADVANTAGE IN TELESCOPING THE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOWED BETWEEN THE TRANSMITTING OF THE PROPOSALS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND THE NEED FOR A REPLY. AT PRESENT THIS GAP IS SUGGESTED TO BE 48 HOURS. IF IT WAS REDUCED TO 24 HOURS IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY ENABLE THE CEASEFIRE TO COME INTO OPERATION EARLIER. NOR, INCIDENTALLY, SHOULD IT NECESSARILY BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE ARGENTINIANS TO ACCEPT 24 HOURS RATHER THAN 48 HOURS IN THIS PARTICULAR PART OF THE TIMETABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL ALREADY HAVE BEEN SHOWN THE PROPOSALS BY THE PERUVIANS AT AN EARLIER STAGE AND THE LATTER WILL NOT HAVE PUT THEM FORWARD FORMALLY TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS UNLESS THE ARGENTINIANS WILL HAVE ACCEPTED THEM.

3. I PRESUME THAT 24 HOURS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSALS WOULD NOT POSE PROBLEMS FOR US. IT STILL LEAVES US A FURTHER 24 HOURS BEFORE THE CEASEFIRE WOULD HAVE TO COME INTO EFFECT.

HENDERSON