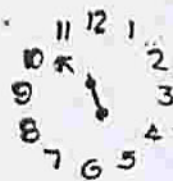


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YOUR TELNOS 906 AND 907: FALKLANDS: SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. YOU SHOULD TELL THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED, THOUGH NOT SURPRISED, BY THE TERMS OF THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE TO THE FIVE-POINT PLAN PEREZ DE CUELLAR PUT TO THEM AND US ON 31 MAY. WE HAVE MADE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO CONTEMPLATE ANY FORM OF MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM THE ISLANDS AND THERE IS CLEARLY NO QUESTION OF OUR SIMPLY HANDING OVER THE TERRITORY TO A THIRD FORCE. THE ARGENTINES ARE ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS FOR THEIR WITHDRAWAL WHICH HAVE NO BASIS IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 AND WHICH WE CANNOT POSSIBLY CONSIDER.

2. AS FOR THE POINTS IN PARAGRAPHS 6-8 OF YOUR FIRST TUR, YOU SHOULD TELL THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICABLE TO ARRANGE FOR A UN PRESENCE AT TALKS BETWEEN THE MILITARY COMMANDERS ON THE SPOT. THE TALKS MIGHT TAKE PLACE AT VERY SHORT NOTICE, AND THERE COULD CLEARLY BE NO QUESTION OF HOLDING THEM UP TO ALLOW TIME FOR UN REPRESENTATIVES TO ARRIVE. YOU SHOULD EMPHASISE ONCE AGAIN THAT WE ARE NOT SEEKING TO HUMILIATE ARGENTINA. THE ARGENTINES CAN HAVE AN HONOURABLE WITHDRAWAL IF THEY WANT IT.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF THE GOVERNOR, YOU SHOULD TELL THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT MINISTERS HAVE NOT YET TAKEN A DECISION ABOUT WHO WILL BE THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ISLANDS IN THE FUTURE. YOU CANNOT ANTICIPATE WHAT THAT DECISION WILL BE. BUT WE ARE ANXIOUS TO RESTORE LIFE ON THE ISLANDS TO NORMALITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE NOT ATTRACTED

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BY THE SUGGESTION THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY OCCUPATION SHOULD BE REPLACED BY BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION DURING THE COOLING-OFF PERIOD.

4. SINCE WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ENTER INTO ANY UNDERTAKINGS TOWARDS ARGENTINA ABOUT THE RUN-DOWN OF BRITISH FORCES AFTER ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL, LET ALONE THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF OUR FORCES, IT FOLLOWS THAT WE CANNOT ACCEPT DE SOTO'S IDEA FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION OF UN OBSERVERS FOR THE PURPOSES HE ENVISAGES. FOR THE TIME BEING YOU CAN DO NO MORE THAN REITERATE THE POINT IN MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 485 THAT WE MIGHT IN THE LONGER TERM WISH TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ISLANDERS.

5. YOU HAVE THE DISCRETION YOU SEEK ON TACTICS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE ILLUSTRATIVE USE OF YOUR DRAFT RESOLUTION.

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