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TO IMMEDIATE BUENOS AIRES

TELEGRAM NUMBER 29 OF 4 FEBRUARY

INFO IMMEDIATE PORT STANLEY (PERSONAL FOR GOVERNOR) UKM: NY

MIPT: FALKLAND TALKS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTE.

BEGINS. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT ARE GRATEFUL TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT FOR THE CLEAR EXPOSITION OF THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TALKS ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DISPUTE, CONTAINED IN THE BOUT DE PAPIER HANDED TO THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES ON 27 JANUARY.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT THEY ARE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, THE FALKLAND ISLANDS DEPENDENCIES, THEIR MARITIME ZONES AND CONTINENTAL SHELVES. THEY CAN NOT THEREFORE ACCEPT THE ARGENTINE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS THE EVENTUAL RECOGNITION BY HMG OF ARGENTINE SOVEREIGNTY IN THE AREA.

NEGOTIATIONS SO FAR HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED ON THE BASIS THAT THE SOVEREIGNTY POSITION OF NEITHER SIDE IS PREJUDICED. IT IS ON THAT BASIS THAT HMG REMAIN READY TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AND ON WHICH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HMG ATTENDING THE FORTHCOMING TALKS IN NEW YORK WILL BE READY TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS TO LOOK AT PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE DISPUTE.

HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT IT IS THEIR WISH TO FIND, BY NEGOTIATION, AN EARLY AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THIS DISPUTE WHICH CAN BE ACCEPTED BY ALL CONCERNED, NAMELY THE BRITISH AND ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. ENDS.

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