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YOUR TELSNOs 137-139, FALKLANDS

FOLLOWING FROM PRIVATE SECRETARY

1. YOU SHOULD BY NOW HAVE RECEIVED COPIES OF WASHINGTON TELEGRAMS NOS 1566 AND 1569 TO FCC, WHICH GIVE THE BACKGROUND. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND/OR PRESIDENT'S OFFICE TO ENSURE (YOUR TELNO 139) THAT NO ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE WHICH IMPLIES THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO THESE PROPOSALS OR EVEN HAD THEM FORMALLY PRESENTED TO US. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S POSITION IS AS DESCRIBED IN WASHINGTON TELS UNDER REFERENCE.

2. YOU MAY AT YOUR DISCRETION ASSURE YOUR INTERLOCUTORS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH PRESIDENT BELAUNCE IS MAKING TO SECURE A SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE EFFORTS WHICH PRESIDENT BELAUNDE IS MAKING TO SECURE A SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE ON A BASIS WHICH RESPECTS THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY ANY IDEAS PRESENTED TO US WHICH SEEM LIKELY TO ENSURE WHAT MUST BE THE FIRST REQUIREMENT: A WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINE TROOPS WHICH UNLAWFULLY INVADED AND OCCUPIED THE FALKLANDS. BUT WE MUST BE SATISFIED THAT THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE PROPERLY SUPERVISED, THAT THERE WILL BE EFFECTIVE GUARANTEES THAT THE ARGENTINES WILL IMPLEMENT WHATEVER AGREEMENT MAY BE REACHED, AND THAT ANY INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS AND THE FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT ARE NOT SUCH AS TO PREJUDICE THE PRINCIPLES TO WHICH WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE. WE ARE PREPARED TO WORK HARD FOR A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION, BUT WE CANNOT CUT CORNERS WHEN MATTERS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE ARE AT STAKE. NEITHER CAN WE RENOUNCE THE EXERCISE OF OUR RIGHT OF SELF DEFENCE WHILE ARGENTINE TROOPS MAINTAIN THEIR UNLAWFUL OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLANDS.

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