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MY TELNO 56: FALKLANDS

1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER LEONARDO MATHIAS TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF FURTHER TALK WITH ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HERE ON 7 APRIL TO TELL LATTER OF PORTUGUESE CONVICTION THAT BRITISH MILITARY PREPARATIONS AND INTENTIONS WERE IN EARNEST HE ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO PORTUGUESE STATEMENT SUPPORTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (MY TELNO 57). MATHIAS TOLD ME YESTERDAY HE WAS HOPEFUL AMBASSADOR HAD REPORTED TO BUENOS AIRES

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