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SUBJECT: FALKLAND ISLANDS: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO
COSTA MENDEZ

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2. AMBASSADOR TAKACS SAW DAS BOSWORTH APRIL 22 TO DELIVER MESSAGES FROM COSTA MENDEZ RESPONDING TO SOME POINTS MADE BY THE SECRETARY TO TAKACS IN A BRIEF MEETING APRIL 21. THE ONLY NEW ELEMENT WAS THE APPARENT CONCERN ON THE PART OF TAKACS (AND PRESUMABLY COSTA MENDEZ) THAT THE USG MIGHT HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE BRITISH ATTACK AGAINST SOUTH GEORGIA. THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO COSTA MENDEZ DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY HERE APRIL 22 IS INTENDED TO DISPEL ANY GOA IDEA THAT THE BRITISH ARE INFORMING US ABOUT THEIR MILITARY INTENTIONS. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR NICANOR: THANK YOU FOR THE MESSAGES CONVEYED BY AMBASSADOR TAKACS.
REGARDING YOUR JUDGMENT THAT ANY OCCURRENCES OF MILITARY ACTION WOULD END EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION

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TO THE CRISIS, YOU WILL RECALL I INDICATED TO YOU ON MONDAY THAT WE SHOULD ALL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION IN THE AREA OF SOUTH GEORGIA.

THE POINT I WISHED TO MAKE TO YOUR AMBASSADOR ON WEDNESDAY IS THAT THIS POSSIBILITY OF IMMINENT MILITARY ACTION UNDERSCORES ANEW THE URGENT NEED FOR DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THIS CRISIS.

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AS I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE NO INFLUENCE WITH THE
BRITISH WITH REGARD TO THESE MATTERS. ANY DECISION THEY
MIGHT TAKE WOULD BE THEIRS ALONE, WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH US. WITH BEST REGARDS,
SINCERELY, AL. END QUOTE.
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