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PORT STANLEY, SANTIAGO, BRASILIA, MONTEVIDEO, MODUK.

YOUR TELNO 65 TO WASHINGTON;
FALKLANDS: POSSIBLE FURTHER ARGENTINE AGRSSION

I SAW THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT HIS HOUSE THIS EVENING (15 JANUARY)
AND SPOKE AS IN PARA 7 OF T.U.R. I LEFT A COPY OF THE STATEMENTS
IN YOUR TELNO 66 TO WASHINGTON AND TOLD HIM OF THE INFORMATION IN
YOUR TELNO 34 TO CIVIL COMMISSIONER PORT STANLEY.

~~2. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD NO INFORMATION THAT BORE ON THE~~

~~YOUR TEL NO 34 TO CIVIL COMMISSIONER PORT STANLEY.~~

2. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAD NO INFORMATION THAT BORE ON THE IMMEDIATE POINTS AT ISSUE, BUT HE DID NOT SEEM SURPRISED AT WHAT I TOLD HIM. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT I WAS SPEAKING TO HIM PRIVATELY AND NOTED THAT I WAS NOT MAKING ANY REQUEST. HE WOULD KEEP OUR CONVERSATION TO HIMSELF BUT ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY AND WITHOUT MENTIONING US HE WOULD TELL THE ARGENTINE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ADVENTURES OR FOOLISH STATEMENTS. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL VOLUNTEERED THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OR TWO ARGENTINE OFFICERS MIGHT TAKE SOME INDIVIDUAL ACTION DESIGNED TO FORCE THEIR GOVERNMENT'S HAND.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION THE SECRETARY-GENERAL COULD NOT GIVE A FIRM OPINION ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ARGENTINA. HOWEVER HE HE BELIEVED THAT OVER TIME THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO MILITARY RULE WAS PERONISM WHICH WAS AWFUL AND WOULD TRIGGER A FURTHER COUP.

4. THE SECRETARY-GENERAL NOTED THAT HE HAD A NEW MANDATE ON THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION. HE HAD THEREFORE BEEN OBLIGED TO WRITE TO US AND TO THE ARGENTINES. HE HAD DONE THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE. THE ARGENTINES HAD RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND WE HAD SENT A PRELIMINARY REPLY. IN DUE COURSE WE WOULD NO DOUBT SEND HIM A FURTHER COMMUNICATION. HE WAS IN NO HURRY. THE TIME WAS PLAINLY NOT RIPE.

5. PLEASE SEE MY I.F.T. (NOT TO ALL) FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S ACCOUNT OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

FCO PLEASE PASS ALL SAVING ADDRESSEES EXCEPT OTTAWA

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YOUR TELNO 65: FALKLANDS

WE HAVE DRAWN THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE ARGENTINIANS MAY BE CONTEMPLATING SOME HARRASSING ACTION.
THEY HAVE THE SAME ASSESSMENTS AND WILL LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF
THEY BECOME AWARE OF ANY FURTHER INDICATIONS OF ARGENTINE PLANS.
SHULTZ AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE AWARE OF THE
ASSESSMENTS.

2. THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE MAKING CLEAR
TO THE ARGENTINIANS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE U.S.
POSITION AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT THINK THAT IN THE EVENT OF ANY
RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES THE U.S. ATTITUDE WOULD BE ANY MORE
BENIGN. THE DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN CONE AFFAIRS, WHO IS AT PRESENT
IN BUENOS AIRES, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GET THIS ACROSS TO ARGENTINE
CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS.

3. WE HAVE THANKED THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE ACTION THEY ARE
TAKING. I SHALL BE PURSUING THIS WITH EAGLEBURGER WHEN I SEE
HIM ON MONDAY.

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Repetition to PORT STANLEY
referred for departmental decision,
repeated as requested to other posts.

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AND TO IMMEDIATE ALL EC POSTS, OTTAWA, CANBERRA, WELLINGTON,
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FALKLANDS: BELLICOSE STATEMENTS BY LEADING ARGENTINE
PERSONALITIES

(A) MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA:

(I) ADMIRAL FRANCO, 20 DECEMBER 1982

QUOTE THE OBJECTIVE ESTABLISHED TO RECOVER THE MALVINAS, SOUTH
GEORGIA AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS REMAINS INTACT . . . OUR
DESIRE TO WIN HAS NOT BEEN CRUSHED. UNQUOTE

(II) LT GEN AUGUST HUGHES (COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE),
30 DECEMBER 1982

QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRITISH
OCCUPATION OF OUR MALVINAS ISLANDS ON 3 JANUARY, THE ARGENTINE
AIR FORCE REITERATES ITS SOLEMN PROMISE TO RECOVER OUR SOUTHERN
ARCHIPELAGOS. UNQUOTE.

(B) OTHER MILITARY PERSONALITIES

(I) LT COL MUHSAED ALI SEINEIDIN (FORMER COMMANDER OF 25 INFANTRY
REGIMENT) 15 NOVEMBER 1982

QUOTE WHILE A BRITISH FLAG FLIES ON THE MALVINAS THERE WILL NEVER
BE PEACE FOR BRITAIN . . . 4, 5 OR 6 YEARS MAY PASS BUT WITHOUT
DOUBT WE WILL RETURN. I WOULD NOT WAIT TO DIE BEFORE RETURNING
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFINITIVE RECOVERY OF OUR ISLANDS. UNQUOTE.

(II) MAJOR DOUGLAS PATRIC DOUGLIY (V ARMY CORPS) 15 DECEMBER
1982

QUOTE REGARDLESS OF THE SET-BACK WE HAVE EXPERIENCED, WE MUST
LOOK INTO THE FUTURE BY VIEWING EVENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AS
THE CONTEMPORARY STAGE OF THE SECULAR BATTLE THAT ARGENTINA HAS
BEEN WAGING AGAINST BRITAIN . . . GREAT BRITAIN IS BEING

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PREMPTED BY A DESIRE FOR ATTAINING HEGOMONY IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC AND BY THE ANTARCTIC REGION'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS . . . SINCE THE ONLY CONCRETE RESULTS WILL BE THOSE ATTAINED THROUGH OUR TENACITY, THE V CORPS IS GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER WAR PROFITING BY THE SITUATIONS ALREADY EXPERIENCED. THE V CORPS HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE JUSTICE OF OUR CAUSE AND IS STRONGLY WILLING TO DEFEAT THE BRITISH ENEMY AS HAS HAPPENED ON THREE OCCASIONS IN THE PAST. UNQUOTE.

(C) BY POLITICIANS, ALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS BRITISH SETTLEMENT (3 JANUARY)

(I) DOCUMENT SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF POLITICANS FROM ACROSS THE SPECTRUM

QUOTE THE FOURTEENTH OF JUNE WAS ONLY A DE FACTO CEASEFIRE. THE WAR REMAINED UNFINISHED. WE ARGENTINES RESERVE THE IMPERATIVE RIGHT TO RECOVER DEFINITELY AND TOTALLY OUR ISLANDS BY THE MEANS AND WAYS WHICH MOST SUIT US. UNQUOTE

(II) FRANCISCO MANRIQUE (LEADER OF THE FEDERAL PARTY)
QUOTE ONE MUST NOT DISCOUNT A SECOND ARMED CONFLICT OVER THE ISLANDS. UNQUOTE

(III) BLAS ALBERTI (LEADER OF THE POPULAR LEFTIST FRONT)
QUOTE WE AGREE WITH AN ARMED CONFLICT WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY RECOVER THE ISLANDS. UNQUOTE

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FALKLANDS: POSSIBLE FURTHER ARGENTINE AGGRESSION

1. THERE ARE DANGERS OF RENEWED HOSTILE ACTION BY THE ARGENTINES. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY MAY THINK THAT SUCH ACTION COULD BENEFIT THEM DOMESTICALLY: IT MIGHT BE SEEN BY THE MILITARY TO OFFER A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA OF THE BASIS ON WHICH THEY COULD HAND OVER POWER WITHOUT THREAT OF TRIALS AND RECRIMINATIONS. THEY MAY ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT COST TO THEM INTERNATIONALLY: THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE IT: AND THAT IT COULD INCREASE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON US TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY.

2. WE SHOULD WANT TO ENSURE THAT ANY SUCH ACTION IS IMMEDIATELY CONDEMNED, BUT IT IS BETTER TO PREVENT IT HAPPENING. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT A HIGH LEVEL AS FOLLOWS:

A) WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF INDICATIONS, WHICH WE ARE OBLIGED TO TAKE VERY SERIOUSLY, THAT THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES MAY BE PLANNING FURTHER HOSTILE ACTION AGAINST THE FALKLANDS. THE MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY IS OF A COMMANDO RAID, OR OTHER HARASSING ATTACK. (WE DO NOT THINK AN ATTEMPT AT LARGE-SCALE REINVASION IS VERY LIKELY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.)

B) THESE INDICATIONS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY REPEATED BELLICOSE STATEMENTS ISSUED FROM BUENOS AIRES (EXAMPLES IN MIFT).

C) WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY INDICATIONS OTHERS HAVE HAD POINTING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND FOR ANY ASSESSMENTS OF

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ARGENTINE INTENTIONS WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.
(THE ITALIANS MAY BE WELL-PLACED TO HELP HERE.)

D) IT IS IN OUR VIEW ESSENTIAL THAT THE ARGENTINES SHOULD BE MADE TO REALISE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD NOT (NOT) CONDONE ANY FURTHER USE OF FORCE. WARNINGS TO THIS EFFECT SHOULD HELP TO DISSUADE THE HOT-HEADS IN BUENOS AIRES.

E) WE SHOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF OUR ALLIES AND PARTNERS WOULD TAKE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CLEAR PRIVATELY TO THE ARGENTINES NOT ONLY THAT THEY WOULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES CONDONE ANY FURTHER ACT OF FORCE, BUT THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD SERIOUSLY EFFECT THEIR RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA. THEY SHOULD PIN ANY APPROACH ON THESE LINES TO PUBLIC STATEMENTS ((B) ABOVE.)

F) IN MAKING SUCH REPRESENTATIONS, FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ADD THAT THE ARGENTINES SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION ABOUT THE STRENGTH OF OUR RESPONSE TO ANY HOSTILE ACTION.

3. WASHINGTON SHOULD STRESS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT THE ARGENTINES' PERCEPTION OF LIKELY US REACTIONS TO ANY MOVE BY THEMSELVES IS BOUND TO BE A KEY FACTOR IN THEIR PLANNING. IT IS THEREFORE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY SHOULD BE LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE US ADMINISTRATION WOULD REGARD ANY FURTHER INITIATION OF HOSTILE ACTION.

4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, POSTS SHOULD SAY THAT THIS SITUATION UNDERLINES THE CONCERN WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT CONTINUING ARMS SUPPLIES TO ARGENTINA. OUR REFERENCES TO ARGENTINA'S FAILURE TO ACCEPT A DEFINITIVE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES HAVE NOT BEEN MADE SIMPLY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. THE SITUATION IS POTENTIALLY SERIOUS.

5. YOU SHOULD REBUT FIRMLY ANY SUGGESTION THAT OUR OWN REFUSAL TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY WOULD JUSTIFY THE ARGENTINES IN TAKING AGGRESSIVE ACTION. IT IS THEIR CLEAR DUTY TO RENOUNCE THE USE OF FORCE IN PURSUIT OF THEIR CLAIM, AND FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS IN ANY REPRESENTATIONS THEY MAKE. THEY MAY ALSO WISH TO DRAW THE ARGENTINES' ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO OUR OWN READINESS TO MOVE TOWARDS THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA, TO WHICH THERE HAS SO FAR BEEN SO LITTLE RESPONSE.

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THIS IS THE ROAD WHICH ARGENTINA SHOULD BE TAKING.

6. YOU CAN ALSO POINT OUT IF NECESSARY THAT, WHILE THE CELEBRATION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONTINUOUS BRITISH SETTLEMENT OF THE FALKLANDS MAY BE RESENTED IN ARGENTINA, THIS CELEBRATION IS A NATURAL EXPRESSION OF THE ISLANDERS' OWN FEELINGS. YOU SHOULD ALSO REBUT ANY SUGGESTION THAT HOSTILE INDICATIONS FROM ARGENTINA ARE A RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE, AND THE BELLICOSE PUBLIC STATEMENTS, DATE IN THE VAST MAJORITY OF CASES FROM WELL BEFORE THIS.

7. UKMIS NEW YORK SHOULD FOR THE PRESENT DO NO MORE THAN RECALL PRIVATELY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OR A SENIOR MEMBER OF HIS STAFF THAT OUR REPLY TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 37/9 POINTED OUT ARGENTINA'S FAILURE TO DECLARE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AND REFUSAL TO RENOUNCE USE OF FORCE, AND SHOULD GO ON TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENTS IN MIFT.

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