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TELEGRAM NUMBER 44 OF 20 JANUARY 1983

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BUENOS AIRES TELNO 24: PUBLIC COMMENTS BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE FALKLANDS.

1. PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S STATEMENT (PARA 3 OF TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE) OCCURRED DURING AN UNSCRIPTED PANEL DISCUSSION WITH FIVE UN CORRESPONDENTS RECORDED ON 17 JANUARY AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHOWN TO UN CORRESPONDENTS. IT IS TO BE BROADCAST ON LOCAL CABLE TELEVISION (AT 1.00AM) ON 24 JANUARY.

2. WE HAVE OBTAINED A TRANSCRIPT (FULL TEXT BY BAG). FOLLOWING IS FALKLANDS PASSAGE:

BEGINS

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SECRETARY-GENERAL: WELL, I DO NOT KNOW IN WHAT ASPECT THEY WANTED ME TO BE TOUGH. FOR INSTANCE, ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, I OFFERED MY GOOD OFFICES ONLY WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAIG GAVE UP. IT WAS NOT FOR ME TO INTERFERE WITH THE EFFORTS OF ONE OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF FOR INSTANCE, THERE IS A PROBLEM BETWEEN OTHER COUNTRIES AND EITHER FRANCE OR THE SOVIET UNION OR THE UNITED KINGDOM IS MAKING A PERSONAL EFFORT, WHY SHOULD THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TELL THEM, "LISTEN, FORGET ABOUT YOUR EFFORTS BECAUSE I AM THE ONE WHO HAS THE ROLE OF OFFERING HIS GOOD OFFICES". I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO BELIEVE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS THE ONLY CHANNEL OR THE ONLY FORUM FOR DISCUSSING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. I FEEL THAT THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE IN A WAY COMMITTED TO USING THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS A CHANNEL OR AS A FORUM FOR SOLVING PEACEFULLY INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT OTHER COUNTRIES CANNOT TRY TO HELP SETTLE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

LITTLEJOHNS: BUT THE FALKLANDS PROBLEM IS STILL NOT RESOLVED...

SECRETARY-GENERAL: IT IS NOT YET RESOLVED. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE EVEN TWO MANDATES OF GOOD OFFICES. ONE GIVEN BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND THE OTHER ONE GIVEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS LAST RESOLUTION. I HAVE BEEN AS YOU KNOW, IN TOUCH WITH THE TWO SIDES. I HAVE ALREADY GOT A REACTION FROM THE ARGENTINIANS; HAVE RECEIVED A PROVISIONAL FIRST REACTION FROM THE BRITISH AND I EXPECT THEIR SECOND REACTION.

LITTLEJOHNS: ANY ENCOURAGING REACTIONS?

SECRETARY-GENERAL: THE ARGENTINIAN, OBVIOUSLY IS. FROM THE BRITISH I HAVE NOT YET ANY OFFICIAL, FORMAL REACTION. AS FAR AS THESE PARTICULAR GOOD OFFICES ARE CONCERNED, AS ANY OTHER EFFORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE TIMING IS REALLY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I AM, AS YOU KNOW, AN OLD DIPLOMAT, AND I THINK THAT THE KEY FOR A DIPLOMAT, THE GOLDEN RULE, IS TIMING -- TO INTERVENE OR TO ACT WHEN NECESSARY. NOT TO RUSH, NOT TO PRESS WHEN PRESSURE IS NOT NECESSARY OR CAN BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. I THINK ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WE HAVE TO ALLOW SOME TIME FOR SOME OTHER THINGS TO EVOLVE AND THEN I THINK THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRY AGAIN MAY WELL PRESENT ITSELF.

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3. SEE MIFT.

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