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FALKLANDS AT THE UNGA

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS FROM BUENOS AIRES ON 5 AUGUST: CHILE HAS INFORMED ARGENTINA THAT IT WILL CO-SPONSOR THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AT THE UN THIS YEAR URGING BRITAIN TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THIS NEWS WAS LATER CONFIRMED PUBLICLY BY THE CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL AS THEIR EMBASSY IN BUENOS ALRES -

2. DURING A TALK & HAD TODAY WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY (LAGOS), E EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THIS NEWS SHOULD REACH 2. DURING A TALK I HAD TODAY WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY (LAGOS), I EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THIS NEWS SHOULD REAC'US BY WAY OF A PRESS LEAK FROM BUENOS AIRES. HE SAID THAT HE EXPLEDED THAT THE LEAK CAME FROM THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND APOLOGISED

WHAT EXACTLY CHILE HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT. LAST YEAR THEY AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAD MADE SOME EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOLUTION OMITTED AT LEAST SOME OF THE MORE OBJECTIONABLE ARGENTINE POLEMICS. LAGOS REPLIED THAT IN SUBSTANCE THE RESOLUTION THEY HAD AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR WAS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. HE GAVE ME THE TEXT A COPY OF WHICH FOLLOWS BY CONFIDENTIAL BAG LEAVING HERE 11 AUGUST (TO FCO AND UKMIS ONLY).

3. LAGOS ADDED THAT THEY HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE ARGENTINES FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO AGREE TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. LAGOS CLAIMED THAT ALL OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES (BAR NICARAGUA) HAD ALREADY AGREED TO THIS AND SAID THAT CHILE COULD NOT STAND OUT ALONE AGAINST THE CLAIMS OF LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY. HE ASSURED ME, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHILEAN SPEECH ON THE SUBJECT IN NEW YORK WOULD AS LAST YEAR MAKE CLEAR THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE CHILEAN AND THE ARGENTINE POSITIONS.

4. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPELL OUT TO LAGOS THE ARGUMENTS IN YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 143 TO ABIDJAN OF 11 OCTOBER, 1982 ET AL.

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