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INFO SAVING CERTAIN OTHER POSTS

MY TELNO 244: FALKLAND ISLANDS: UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS NOW STARTED. YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE AN IDEA OF HOW THE LOBBYING CAMPAIGN HAS GONE SO FAR. WE HAVE NOW HAD REPLIES FROM MOST OF THE POSTS TO WHOM MY TUR WAS ADDRESSED, AND THE INITIAL SIGNS ARE FAIRLY ENCOURAGING. THERE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE SOME SLIPPAGE IN VOTES AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS YEAR, BUT THE RESULTS OF THE ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN HAVE SHOWN THAT WE NEED NOT AT PRESENT FEAR TOO GREAT A REDUCTION IN THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT. ONE OR TWO WHO VOTED IN FAVOUR LAST YEAR MIGHT MOVE TO AN ABSTENTION.
2. IT IS HOWEVER CLEAR THAT THE VOTING INTENTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE TEN ARE GOING TO BE CRITICAL (SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GOING TO THESE POSTS AND WASHINGTON). IF ASKED, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE EXPECT MEMBERS OF THE TEN (OTHER THAN, PERHAPS, THE GREEKS, WHO VOTED FOR THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION LAST YEAR) TO ABSTAIN. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT WE CAN KEEP THE TEN ONSIDE, BUT THE ATTITUDES OF THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE CAUSING CONCERN.
3. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN THE DEBATE WILL BE. IT WILL BE LARGELY UP TO THE ARGENTINES AND THE (LATIN AMERICAN) PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FIX THIS. WE DO NOT EXPECT IT BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER, BUT IT COULD TAKE PLACE SHORTLY AFTER THE ARGENTINE ELECTIONS AT THE END OF OCTOBER. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED SO THAT YOU CAN BUILD UP THE PRESSURE.
4. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE YOUR APPROACHES TO YOUR HOST GOVERNMENT AND REPORT CONTACTS BY TELEGRAM OR OTHER MEANS TO UND. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEPLOY THE ARGUMENTS IN PARA 5 OF MY TUR. YOU MIGHT ALSO FIND IT USEFUL TO DRAW TO YOUR INTERLOCUTORS' ATTENTION HOW THE ARGENTINES HAVE SPENT THE YEAR SINCE THE LAST RESOLUTION: THEY HAVE NOT RENOUNCED HOSTILITIES BUT HAVE RESERVED THE RIGHT TO RENEW THEM. THEY HAVE MADE BELLICOSE STATEMENTS. THEY HAVE BOUGHT OR TRIED TO BUY MODERN WEAPONS,

ESPECIALLY OF KINDS THAT HAD BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE AGAINST BRITISH FORCES IN 1982. THEY HAVE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BRITISH BANKS AND FIRMS, DESPITE AGREEMENT IN SEPTEMBER 1982 TO LIFT FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS, AND WOULD STILL BE DOING SO IF THEY HAD BEEN ALLOWED BY THE IMF TO GET AWAY WITH IT. THEY HAVE MOUNTED PROVOCATIVE INCURSIONS BY SEA AND AIR. THEIR POLICY SEEMS TO BE TO THREATEN THE ISLANDS NOW AND TO MAKE PLANS FOR ATTACKING THEM AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. (IF YOUR INTERLOCUTORS RAISE THE BUILDING OF THE AIRFIELD ON THE ISLANDS OR THE STAGING OF MATERIALS THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY MY TELEGRAM GUIDANCE 094 OF 27 JULY.)

5. IN CONTRAST, WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR WISH TO ESTABLISH A MORE NORMAL BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND TO REDUCE TENSION. WE HAVE TAKEN OR SUPPORTED SEVERAL INITIATIVES INTENDED TO PROMOTE SUCH A DEVELOPMENT: YOU SHOULD POINT IN PARTICULAR TO THE REPEATED INVITATIONS TO THE ARGENTINES BY THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE RECIPROCAL LIFTING OF ALL REMAINING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RESTRICTIONS. BUT THE ARGENTINES HAVE FAILED TO RESPOND TO THIS AND OTHER INITIATIVES.

6. MY TUR DID NOT ASK POSTS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION, BUT IT WOULD NOW BE USEFUL TO US TO HAVE A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED AND FOR WHOM WE HAVE NO INFORMATION: BANGLADESH, BELIZE, BOTSWANA, BURMA, FIJI, JAMAICA, KENYA, LEBANON (WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES HM EMBASSY BEIRUT FACES AT THE MOMENT - PERHAPS UKMIS NEW YORK WOULD PURSUE ?), MAURITIUS, NEPAL, OMAN, PAKISTAN, QATAR, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND, TANZANIA, VANUATU, ZAIRE. GRATEFUL IF UKMIS NEW YORK WOULD MAKE A PARTICULAR POINT OF LOBBYING COUNTRIES IN WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE RESIDENT REPRESENTATION: BHUTAN, CHAD, MALDIVES, MAURITANIA, NIGER, ST KITTS, WESTERN SAMOA (AS WELL AS LEBANON). INFORMATION ADDRESSEES HAVE DISCRETION TO APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS IF THEY SEE ADVANTAGE IN DOING SO.

FOR ACTION ADDRESSEES IN NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

7. POSTS IN NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH ENTERED (OR SAID THEY WOULD ENTER) RESERVATIONS ON THE FALKLANDS PASSAGES OF THE NEW DELHI NAM FINAL DECLARATION, SHOULD DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS THE NAM FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN NEW YORK IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. THE ARGENTINES WILL PROBABLY TRY TO SEEK AGAIN THE ENDORSEMENT OF THIS MEETING. LAST YEAR WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN MOBILISING SUPPORT AT THE FOLLOWING MEETING AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT FRUSTRATED

ARGENTINE OBJECTIVES. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DO SO AGAIN.
POSTS SHOULD REPORT BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO US COPIED TO UKMIS
NEW YORK FOR UKMIS TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION AS NECESSARY. POSTS
IN NAM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THESE WHICH ARE NONETHELESS
SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CASE SHOULD TAKE ACTION UNLESS THEY SEE
OBJECTION.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS: UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From PS to Prime Minister

Mr. Trudeau told the Prime Minister in a tête-à-tête conversation yesterday that on the assumption that the resolution was much the same as last year's Canada would abstain.

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