

MR. COLES

Falklands at the UN

The following are expected to abstain on the Argentine Resolution as currently worded:

Denmark
Antigua ? Vote Against
United Arab Emirates
Australia
Bahrain
Finland
Ireland
Fiji
Singapore
Bahamas
Vanuatu ? Vote Against
Saudi Arabia
Portugal
Cameroon
Lesotho
Iceland
Norway
Jordan
Trinidad and Tobago
Mauritius
Sierra Leone
Swaziland
Netherlands
Belgium
Thailand
Somalia
Canada
St. Lucia.

Liberia

/The following

The following are expected to vote against:

Solomon Islands

Sri Lanka

New Zealand.

The Netherlands have taken no decision. For Egypt see
UKMIS Telno. 1281 below.

DAVID BARCLAY

9 November, 1983

FALKLAND ISLANDS GENERAL (ADVANCES)

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PS
PS/LADY YOUNG
PS/MR WHITNEY
PS/MR RIFKIND
PS/PUS
SIR J BULLARD
SIR I SINCLAIR
MR GIFFARD
MR WRIGHT
MR ADAMS
LORD N G LENNOX
MR EVANS
MR URE
MR CARTLEDGE

ED/PUSD (2)
ED/SAMD
ED/FID

~~ED/NEWS DEPT~~
ED/ED
ED/ECG(E)
ED/UND
ED/PLANNING STAFF

MR KIRK UND

PS/NO 10 DOWNING ST. (3)

PS/S OF S FOR DEFENCE
MR J STEWART AUSD STAFF. MOD.

PS/CHANCELLOR)
MISS M E CUND) TREASURY
MR LITTLER.)

SIR R ARMSTRONG)
MR A D S GOODALL) CABINET OF
DIO)

MR M A PATTISON, FID, ODA

~~MR A TITCHENER DEPT (Victoria)~~

MR A FORTNAM IAT/ D. TRANSPORT

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FALKLANDS LOBBYING: CAIRO

1. THE EGYPTIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOW CONFESSED TO ME THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO CHANGE HIS VOTE TO SUPPORT THE ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLANDS. KHALIL IS UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS BUT BELIEVES IT TO BE THE RESPONSE TO STRONG ARGENTINE LOBBYING IN CAIRO. SO FAR HE IS KEEPING HIS INSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO HIS CHEST AND DOES NOT AIM TO TRY TO INFLUENCE OTHERS TO GO THE SAME WAY.

2. WE IMPRESSED ON KHALIL ONCE AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACHED TO THIS VOTE AND HOW BAD IT WOULD LOOK IF, AS SEEMED LIKELY, EGYPT WOULD BE THE ONLY COUNTRY, OR ONE OF THE VERY FEW COUNTRIES, TO MOVE AWAY FROM US ON THE VOTE. HE SAID THERE MIGHT JUST BE A CHANCE OF APPEALING TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER THROUGH A PERSONAL MESSAGE, IF WE ACTED QUICKLY, BEFORE HE LEFT ON A TRIP ABROAD. HE GAVE A BROAD HINT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO BE INSTRUCTED TO ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE. THEY COULD PERHAPS DEFEND THIS WITH THE ARGENTINES AS A MINOR MOVE IN THEIR DIRECTION WITHOUT DAMAGING RELATIONS WITH THE UK. I RECOMMEND THAT IF THE EGYPTIANS CANNOT BE BROUGHT BACK TO AN ABSTENTION WE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY SHOULD ABSENT THEMSELVES, BUT WITHOUT REFERRING TO KHALIL'S HINT.

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