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MY TELNO 663: RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

1. THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME TODAY TO HEAR THE OUTCOME OF HIS ACTIVITIES IN BUENOS AIRES. MORAN SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN THERE TO CAPUTO. THE SPANISH PRIME MINISTER HAD SPOKEN IN SIMILAR TERMS TO ALFONSI. THEY HAD URGED THE ARGENTINES TO ENTER INTO NORMAL RELATIONS WITH HMG WITHOUT PRE-CONDITIONS (YOUR TELNO 323). THE ARGENTINES HAD SAID THEY FULLY RECIPROCATED THE PRIME MINISTER'S FRIENDLY MESSAGE, WHICH ALFONSI HAD BEEN VERY GLAD TO RECEIVE. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS THEY WERE UNABLE TO ABANDON THEIR OWN CLAIM TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS OR TO TAKE SUCH OVERT ACTION AS WOULD APPEAR TO RENOUNCE THAT CLAIM. THE ARGENTINES, FOR THEIR PART, UNDERSTOOD OUR OWN POSITION AS REGARDS SOVEREIGNTY. ALFONSI AND CAPUTO ACCEPTED THAT AN EFFORT SHOULD NOW BE MADE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS ON EITHER SIDE.

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2. MORAN ADDED THAT THE NEW ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT CLEARLY FACED THREE ENORMOUS PROBLEMS OVER THE FATE OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD DISAPPEARED, THE TREATMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FALKLANDS WAR, AND THE ECONOMY.

3. I THANKED MORAN AND UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY HIS MESSAGE TO YOU.

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