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FALKLANDS: MESSAGE FROM BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT

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1. How to respond to a message from the Brazilian Government urging that no military action should be taken which might impede the negotiating process.

Recommendation

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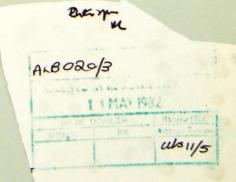
- 3. The message from the Brazilian Government was not a formal one, and Mr Harding was able to respond effectively. However, since he undertook to convey the message to London, we need to consider whether a reply should be sent.
- 4. The Brazilian message implies that they believe Britain to be abandoning the negotiating process. We should correct this impression: and a reply would be an opportunity once again to state the British case about the need for compliance with SCR 502 and to demonstrate our determination to ensure that Argentina is brought to withdraw its forces from the Falkland Islands. It is still uncertain how Brazil will tilt in the event of conflict and it would be helpful to show that we are ready to listen to and respond to their preoccupations.

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M J Williams Emergency Unit

29 April 1982

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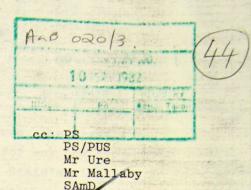
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FALKLANDS: UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER SUMMONED ME AT 5.30 PM (302030Z) AND HANDED TO ME COPIES IN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE OF AN URGENT MESSAGE WHICH HE HAD JUST SENT TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IN NEW YORK (TEXT IN MIFT).

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- 2. GUERREIRO EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE, WHICH PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED, WAS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE SECRETARY—GENERAL IN HIS EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE FALKLANDS DISPUTE, NOW THAT THE HAIG MEDIATION WAS EFFECTIVELY AT AN END. GUERREIRO SAID THAT HE HAD CONTEMPLATED ADDRESSING A SUITABLY PHRASED MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS THE ORGAN RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS RESOLUTION NO 502. BUT HE HAD OPTED IN FAVOUR OF SENDING ONE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL (WHO I GATHER HAD SOLICITED MESSAGES OF THIS KIND), ON THE GROUNDS THAT HE WAS BEST PLACED TO DECIDE HOW TO PLAY THE UN HAND AND THAT IT MIGHT ANYWAY BE PREFERABLE TO HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE TWO PARTIES BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS CONVENED.
- 3. I ASKED THE MINISTER WHETHER HE HAD ANY CLEAR IDEA AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE THE MOST SATISFACTORY WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATING DEADLOCK. HE SAID THAT, AS HE HAD TOLD ME AT THE DEGINNING OF THE CRISIS, BRAZIL WOULD BE READY TO PUT FORWARD EVEN THE MOST CRACKPOT IDEAS IF THEY SEEMED TO OFFER ANY WAY OUT. ONE SUCH IDEA, WHICH WAS NOT HIS OWN, WAS THAT BOTH FARTIES SHOULD RENOUNCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR COVEREIGNTY IN FAVOUR OF SOME KIND OF UN

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CAUSE NO DIFFICULTY IN BRAZIL'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

COMMENT

5. THIS MESSAGE, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE WIDE PUBLICITY HERE, SEEMS TO BE A CAUTIOUS, IF MISGUIDED, EFFORT BY THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT TO BE SEEN TO BE MAKING A CONSTRUCTIVE MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF A SOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CRISIS, WITHOUT ACTUALLY STICKING THEIR NECKS OUT. I WOULD GUESS THAT THE MESSAGE OWES MORE TO PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO THAN TO GUERREIRO, WHO TOLD ME ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO THAT HE THOUGHT RECOURSE TO THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD OFFER LITTLE PROSPECT OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A SOLUTION IN THE SHORT TERM. THIS INTERPRETATION WOULD ACCORD BOTH WITH THE INDICATIONS FIGUEIREDO GAVE TO THE AMERICAN DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE EARLIER THIS WEEK (MY UNNUMBERED TEL DATED 272045Z PARAGRAPH 4, REFERS) AND WITH HIS PUBLIC REMARKS TO JURNALISTS DURING A VISIT TO PORTO ALEGRE ON 28 APRIL, WHEN HE CAREFULLY PROFESSED EQUALLY FRIENDLY FEELINGS FOR BOTH THE ARGENTINE AND BRITISH PEOPLES AND EXPRESSED THE PIOUS HOPE THAT THE LATTER WOULD USE THEIR WELL-KNOWN GOOD SENSE TO FIND A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT CRISIS - IMPLYING THAT THE ARGENTINES COULD HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO HAVE ANY.

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INDEED, I THINK HE SHARES PRESIDENT FIGUEIREDO'S VIEW THAT WE ARE MORE LIKELY TO COME UP WITH A SATISFACTORY ANSWER TO THE SOVEREIGNTY CONUNDRUM THAN ARE OUR OPPONENTS. GIVEN THE FACT THAT HE SAW A GOOD DEAL OF THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS WEEK'S DAS MEETING, YOU MAY THINK THE TIME IS RIPE FOR YOU YOURSELF TO SEND HIM A MESSAGE OUTLINING YOUR VIEWS. EVEN IF THIS DOES HO MORE THAN REPEAT WHAT YOU HAVE SAID IN PARLIAMENT, I THINK THAT THE EFFECT OF THE GESTURE BOTH ON GUERREIRO AND ON FIGUEIREDO WOULD BE POSITIVE. IT MAY HELP WHEN WE NEED THEIR SUPPORT, AS WE SURELY WILL EVENTUALLY.

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MIPT: FALKLANDS: UNITED NATIONS INVOLVEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TEXT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL COMMUNICATED BY TELEPHONE TO THE BRAZILIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN NEW YORK AT 302000Z.

BEGINS. GIVEN THE CONTINUING WORSENING OF THE CRISIS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND THAT THE JOUBREAK OF AN ARMED CONFLICT IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC IS IMMINENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL BELIEVES IT IS IMPERATIVE TO IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE THE MECHANISMS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO TAKE PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES, INCLUDING THOSE OF A PREVENTIVE NATURE, TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 (1982), IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

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BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

- 1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS PROPOSAL CAREFULLY. WE ACCEPT THE NEED TO KEEP THE BRAZILIANS IN PLAY AND TO PREVENT AN INCREASING BRAZILIAN TILT TOWARDS ARGENTINA.
- 2. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE LITTLE TO SAY TO THE BRAZILIANS AT THIS STATE WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY A PERSONAL MESSAGE. IT WOULD NEED TO REFER TO SR GUERREIRO'S MESSAGE TO THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHICH, AS YOU SAY, IS WELL-MEANT BUT NOT HELPFUL. ALSO, FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE HAIG NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH A SHARPER FOCUS ON THE MILITARY ASPECTS, IT WOULD BE HARD TO STRIKE A LINE TO WHICH THE BRAZILIANS COULD RESPOND. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM BEST TO KEEP SUCH A MESSAGE IN RESERVE IN CASE WE NEED TO SEEK THEIR SUPPORT FOR ANY DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, FOLLOWING MY VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK.
- 3. STRICTLY FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, BRAZIL'S NAME HAS COME UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RECENT PERUVIAN PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE NOW RECEIVED PUBLICITY. WERE THESE PROPOSALS, TO WHICH I REFERRED IN THE HOUSE TODAY, TO DEVELOP, WE MIGHT THEN HAVE SOMETHING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE TO PUT TO THE BRAZILIANS. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM BEST TO HOLD OUR HAND ON MESSAGES AT THIS STAGE UNTIL DECISIONS ON POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS ARE TAKEN.

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