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FM UKMIS GENEVA 291600Z JUL 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 444 OF 29 JULY 1982
INFO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, CASTRIES

First round to the U.K. -
but it will not be so easy in
the General Assembly.

A.S.C. 30/7

YOUR TELNO 317 (NOT TO CASTRIES): ECOSOC/ARGENTINA SANCTIONS

1. A PROCEDURAL PROPOSAL BY ST LUCIA UNDER RULE 67(2) THAT ECOSOC SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON THE ARGENTINIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION (L51) WAS ADOPTED TODAY (29 JULY) BY 20 VOTES TO 18 WITH 15 ABSTENTIONS. VOTING PATTERN IS BEING SENT TO THE FCO BY FACSIMILE.

2. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS INTRODUCED BY VENEZUELA WITHOUT POLEMICS. ST LUCIA (ST AIMEE) DREW ATTENTION TO THE LATE SUBMISSION OF THE DRAFT, DEPLORED ITS DIVISIVE CHARACTERISTICS, CONTRASTED IT WITH OUR ATTEMPTS TO "REVITALISE" ECOSOC AND FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT NO DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN UPON IT. DENMARK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY SPOKE IN SUPPORT (TEXT IN MIFT). VENEZUELA REPLIED BRIEFLY BUT UNCONVINCINGLY AND ASKED THAT THE VOTE SHOULD BE BY ROLL CALL. AFTER THE ARGENTINIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ATTEMPTED TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE THE COUNCIL VOTED WITH THE RESULT INDICATED ABOVE.

3. AFTER THE VOTE VENEZUELA SAID TTHAT THEY WOULD REVERT TO THE QUESTION DURING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BULGARIA MADE A RAMBLING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET BLOC ALLEGING THAT ST LUCIA WAS ACTING UNDER COERCION.

4. IN A WELL PRESENTED RIGHT OF REPLY AT THE END OF THE SESSION ST AIMEE REJECTED THE BULGARIAN ALLEGATION.

5. SEE MY 2 IPTS.

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FROM UKMIS GENEVA 291618Z JUL 82

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 446 OF 29 JULY

INFO PRIORITY UKMIS NEW YORK, CASTRIES

MY 2 IPTS: ECOSOC/ ARGENTINA SANCTIONS

1. THIS OUTCOME WAS A SERIOUS DEFEAT FOR ARGENTINA, COMING ON TOP OF THEIR FAILURE TO SECURE G77 ENDORSEMENT. IT WAS ALSO A VICTORY FOR COMMONWEALTH AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION. THE RISK WE FACED WAS THAT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WHILE UNHAPPY ABOUT THE RESOLUTION, WOULD NOT FEEL ABLE TO VOTE AGAINST IT, AND THAT AS A RESULT THE ARGENTINIANS WOULD BE ABLE TO GET A SMALL MAJORITY IN ITS FAVOUR. THEY WERE INDEED CONFIDENT OF THEIR ABILITY TO DO SO. BUT, FOR THE REASONS EXPLAINED IN MY TELNO 441, I FELT WE COULD ACHIEVE OUR OBJECTIVE IF WE WERE TO STYMIE THE ARGENTINIAN DRAFT PROCEDURALLY. OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMONWEALTH SHOWED THAT A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THEM MIGHT BE PREPARED TO VOTE IN FAVOUR OF SUCH A PROCEDURAL MOTION WHEREAS THEY COULD ONLY HAVE ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION ITSELF.

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2. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE RAPID ACTION TAKEN IN LONDON AND IN
CASTRIES TO HELP SECURE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY FOR THE ST LUCIA
DELEGATE, ST. AIMEE, TO PROPOSE THE PROCEDURAL MOTION. HE DID THIS
CONVINCINGLY. BAHAMAS, KENYA, MALAWI AND SWAZILAND IN ADDITION TO
ALL THE EUROPEANS, USA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, JAPAN AND NEPAL VOTED
IN FAVOUR OF THE PROCEDURAL MOTION. FIJI WAS ABSENT. INDIA,
BANGLADESH, NIGERIA AND CHINA ABSTAINED, AS DID MOST OF THE ASIAN
COUNTRIES AND SOME OF THE AFRICANS. THE LATIN AMERICANS VOTED
SOLIDLY AGAINST THE PROCEDURAL MOTION. THEY HAD THE SUPPORT ONLY
OF THE SOVIET BLOC, BENIN, ETHIOPIA, IRAQ, LIBYA AND TUNISIA.
THE FRANCOPHONE AFRICANS DID NOT COME UP TO SCRATCH.

3. THE MATTER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME UP AGAIN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
BUT THE OUTCOME IN ECOSOC MAY GIVE SOME OF THE FAINT HEARTS PAUSE
FOR REFLECTION AND POSSIBLY ENCOURAGEMENT. THE DANES DID A VERY
GOOD JOB ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY IN CAPITALS AS WELL AS IN
GENEVA. THE HEAD OF THE US DELEGATION, SORZANO FROM NEW YORK,
SAID TO ME RATHER WISTFULLY THAT ONCE AGAIN THE POLITICAL APPOINTEES
HAD BEEN SHOWN BY THE BRITISH PROFESSIONALS HOW TO USE THE UN.

4. YOU MAY WISH TO CONVEY TO THE ST LUCIA AUTHORITIES AND EXPRESSION
OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE WAY IN WHICH ST AIMEE HANDLED THE ISSUE.

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