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OUR TEL NO 645: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1. MINISTER CALLED ON KADOTA, DIRECTOR- GENERAL OF THE UN BUREAU, ON 29 OCTOBER, TO FOLLOW-UP YOUR MESSAGE TO MR SAKURAUCHI, WHICH I DELIVERED ON 27 OCTOBER.
2. WHITEHEAD DREW ON GUIDANCE TEL 204 AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE JAPANESE POSITION ON THIS RESOLUTION WOULD BE SEEN BY US AS A TEST OF THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO GOOD FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THE U K.
3. KADOTA GAVE AWAY NO MORE ON THE JAPANESE ATTITUDE THAN AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING ( OUT TELNO 613). BUT HE CONTINUED TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN EUROPEAN VIEWS. HE SPECIFICALLY SUGGESTED THAT THE FRENCH HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. WHITEHEAD REPLIED THAT WE EXPECTED MOST IF NOT ALL OF THE E C TO ABSTAIN AND ONE OR TWO TO VOTE AGAINST.
4. COMMENT: WE HAVE LOBBIED A NUMBER OF OTHER SENIOR M F A OFFICIALS IN RECENT DAYS AND THE JAPANESE CAN BE IN NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR POSITION OR THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THEIR VOTE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE OF THEIR ABSTAINING. BUT THEIR POSITION IS LIKELY TO BE BASED MORE ON A CALCULATION OF HOW OTHERS WILL VOTE THAN ON AN APPRECIATION OF THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED. THIS MEANS THEIR RESOLVE MIGHT CRUMBLE IF IT APPEARED THAT WESTERN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE AMERICANS, GERMANS AND FRENCH, MIGHT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD BE KEPT CLOSELY INFORMED OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN ATTITUDES IN THE RUN-UP TO THE VOTE. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL ( A POINT KADOTA HIMSELF STRESSED) IF WE COULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE JAPANESE DELEGATION IN NEW YORK.  
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