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9 INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK
10 MY TELNO 1936: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 1. I asked the American Ambassador to call this morning.
12 2. I told Louis that the Prime Minister had been horrified
13 by the terms of President Reagan's message to her. ^{But} Our
14 ~~resentment~~ ^{RESSENTMENT} had been ~~greatly exacerbated~~ ^{MAGNIFIED TENFOLD} by the publicity
15 given ~~to~~ ^{TO HIS DECISION} ~~her~~ ^{BEFORE HER REPLY COULD BE CONSIDERED.}
16 3. I told Louis that we had been very successful in our
17 lobbying against the Argentine draft as originally tabled
18 and had brought Argentina close to a defeat in UN terms.
19 This had caused her to introduce changes and there were
20 reports, the truth of which I could not judge, that these
21 changes had been decided upon in consultation with US officials.
22 The result was a draft of sickening hypocrisy. The publicity
23 given to the US decision was undermining the support we had
24 in other parts of the world. We had even been making some
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2 impact on the French but now saw virtually no hope of holding

3 them back from a positive vote. The US decision would give

4 encouragement to Argentina to pursue her objective of the

5 transfer of the Islands to herself against the wishes of the

6 Islanders.

7 4. ~~Ambassador~~ Louis said that the Argentines had approached

8 the Americans with various ideas for changes in the draft

9 resolution to which the Americans had responded by stating

10 their objections to the original draft. That draft had

11 prejudged sovereignty and imposed a timetable. These concerns

12 were now met (sic). A reference to the interests of the

13 Islanders had been introduced, which we were free to define

14 as we wished. While the reference to the cessation of hostilities

15 was not fully satisfactory from the UK point of view it was

16 still a valuable improvement to the draft.

17 5. Louis said that the United States believed that they would

18 not be taking a position prejudicial to the United Kingdom on

19 sovereignty or self-determination by voting for the amended

20 draft. They would not press for ~~early negotiations, or any~~

21 ~~other negotiations.~~ **SUPPORTED THE PROPOSITION** They ~~believed~~ that the views of the

22 Falkland Islanders should be ~~given weight.~~ **PARAMOUNT!**

23 forgotten Argentina's use of force but feared they would give

24 the wrong signal to moderate opinion in Argentina if they did

25 not vote in favour.

26 6. I spoke once again of the shock with which we had learnt

27 of the publicity given to the American decision. Reagan's

28 message had said nothing about any intention to publicise

29 it forthwith. Louis asked me whether I had not discussed

30 the American position with Shultz. I confirmed that I had

31 pressed Shultz to abstain but there had been no consultation

32 with regard to American intentions concerning the draft as now

33 revised. **WHICH HAD OF COURSE NOT EXISTED AT THAT TIME.** We felt badly let down.

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2 7. Louis ~~said~~ that the President would reply to the Prime
3 Minister's message of yesterday.

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