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INFO SAVING UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR TELEGRAM NO 122: FALKLANDS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. THANK YOU FOR THOSE TIMELY INSTRUCTIONS, WHICH ENABLE D ME TO EXPRESS THANKS TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON BEHALF OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

2. I ALSO GAVE HIM A COPY OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE DELIVERED TO HIS OFFICE ON 29 OCTOBER, REMARKING THAT IT HAD NOW BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. HE TOLD ME THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD SEEN IT. WHILE ON HOLIDAY, HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY AIDE THAT THERE WAS A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER ASKING ZAIRE NOT TO VOTE FOR THE ARGENTINE DRAFT RESOLUTION. BECAUSE OF THE GOOD RECEPTION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM MRS THATCHER IN LONDON IN DECEMBER 1981, HE HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS THAT ZAIRE SHOULD ABSTAIN. ZAIRE HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE FROM ARGENTINE, SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, AND THE DECISION HAD NOT BEEN AN EASY ONE.

3. FULL RECORD OF THE MEETING (WHICH COVERED ALSO OTHER TOPICS) FOLLOWS BY BAG.

4. FCO PLEASE PASS COPY SAVING TO UKMIS NEW YORK

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