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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 247 OF 5 APRIL

TELECON WITH WHITE:FALKLANDS:POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO

1. I HAVE ASKED TO SEE PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER CASTANEDA SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO HELP. IT WOULD, I THINK, MAKE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION IF THE PRIME MINISTER COULD SEND THE PRESIDENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE. I HAVE THEREFORE, AS YOU SUGGESTED, TRIED MY HAND AT A DRAFT. THE TEXT IS IN MIFT.

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MIPT: POSSIBLE MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ
PORTILLO

BEGINS:

- 1 I WRITE TO YOU AT A DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS MOMENT IN WORLD AFFAIRS. I DO SO CONCIIOUS OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN US WHEN I VISITED MEXICO LAST YEAR.
2. THROUGH AN ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST VIRTUALLY UNDEFENDED ISLANDS HUNDREDS AND IN SOME CASE THOUSANDS OF KMS FROM THEIR OWN SHORES, ARGENTINE FORCES HAVE OUTRAGED THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE INTERNAT-
-IONAL ORDER IS BASED AND ON WHICH MY COUNTRY, AS YOURS, HAS BUILT ITS FOREIGN POLICY: IN PARTICULAR SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. AS YOU KNOW THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL HAS SINCE PASSED A MANDATORY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. UNFORTUNATELY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH THIS RESOLUTION.
3. THIS CHALLENGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND RULE OF LAW

CLEAR THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION OF COMPLYING WITH THIS RESOLUTION.
3. THIS CHALLENGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND RULE OF LAW AFFECTS ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, AND I APPEAL FOR YOUR HELP IN BRINGING HOME TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT THE SERIOUSNESS OF ITS ACTIONS AND THE GREAT DANGERS WHICH ITS FAILURE SO FAR TO RESPECT THE DECISIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR WORLD PEACE. THE GREATER THE WEIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF ARGENTINE AGGRESSION, THE MORE LIKELY A SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

4. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS DESPATCHED SUBSTANTIAL FORCES TO THE AREA. WE HOPE IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO USE THEM TO RECOVER THE FALKLAND ISLANDS AND LIBERATE THEIR INHABITANTS FROM ALIEN RULE. WE REMAIN DETERMINED TO PURSUE ALL PEACEFUL MEANS OF SETTLING THE DISPUTE. BUT FAILURE TO SETTLE IT BY ONE MEANS OR ANOTHER WILL MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO PREVENT FURTHER ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY POWERFUL COUNTRIES AGAINST WEAKER OR SMALLER NEIGHBOURS.

5. I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE, THROUGH OUR AMBASSADORS, TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH THROUGH THIS UNHAPPY PERIOD AND TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER.

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