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INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON, UKMIS NEW YORK

YOUR TELNOS 90, 91 AND 95: FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. WE AGREE THAT WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE PERUVIAN WISH NOT TO COME DOWN TOO SOLIDLY ON THE SIDE OF ARGENTINA. BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FOR A TRUCE, WHICH AS IT STANDS WOULD SIMPLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMING THE ARGENTINE OCCUPATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

2. WE HAVE CONSIDERED YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE MIGHT AGREE TO THE TRUCE PROPOSAL ON CONDITION THAT THE ARGENTINES WITHDREW THEIR TROOPS. HOWEVER, APART FROM THE FACT THAT THE TRUCE SUGGESTION WOULD SCARCELY BE RELEVANT ONCE WITHDRAWAL WAS COMPLETED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE SAY NOTHING WHICH WOULD IMPLY THAT THE FLEET WOULD BE HALTED.

3. SINCE THE SECOND PERUVIAN MESSAGE HAS NOW BEEN CIRCULATED IN THE UN (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO 476), WE ACCEPT THE NEED FOR A REPLY. THIS IS IN MY FIRST IFT. UKMIS NEW YORK HAVE DISCRETION TO CIRCULATE IT.

4. THE PERSONAL MESSAGE WHICH DR ARIAS HAS NOW SENT ME (YOUR TELNO 95) DOES NOT REFER TO THE TRUCE PROPOSAL. IT WOULD SEEM BEST TO GIVE THIS A RATHER FULLER RESPONSE. PLEASE THEREFORE ALSO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AS IN MY SECOND IFT.

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