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TELNO 1351 OF 19 APRIL 1981,

AND TO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK,

INFO IMMEDIATE NASSAU, BRIDGETOWN, LA PAZ, BRASILIA, SANTIAGO,
BOGOTA, SAN JOSE, QUITO, KINGSTON, SANTO DOMINGO, TEGUCIGALPA,
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FALKLANDS - OAS

1. WE HAVE HEARD FROM A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IN THE OAS THAT ARGENTINA HAS JUST REQUESTED THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL TOMORROW, 20 APRIL, AT 10.30 LOCAL TIME. THE REQUEST APPARENTLY CITES ARTICLE 12 OF THE RIO TREATY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION (I.E. THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL) TO ACT AS A PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION UNTIL A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF RIO

(I.E. THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL) TO ACT AS A PROVISIONAL ORGAN OF CONSULTATION UNTIL A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF RIO SIGNATORIES CAN BE ASSEMBLED.

2. THE REQUEST IS ALSO MADE UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE 6 OF THE RIO TREATY WHICH DEALS WITH "AGGRESSION WHICH IS NOT AN ARMED ATTACK".

3. THIS BEING A MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL RATHER THAN ONLY THE SIGNATORIES OF THE RIO TREATY, THE ANGLOPHONE CARIBBEANS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE.

4. WE SHALL IF POSSIBLE ATTEND AS OBSERVERS.

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