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FROM MEXICO CITY 212030Z APRIL 82
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELEGRAM NUMBER 299 OF 21 APRIL 82

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WASHINGTON TELNO 1378: FALKLANDS/OAS

1. I SPOKE TO THE MEXICAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THIS MORNING, AND ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR THE MEETING OF OAS FOREIGN MINISTERS ON 26 APRIL.

2. MANUEL TELLO SAID THAT THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ATTENDING. NOR, SO FAR AS HE UNDERSTOOD, WOULD ANY OF HIS COLL-EAGUES. THE MEXICAN POSITION WOULD DEPEND ON THE CHARACTER OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE PRODUCED BY ARGENTINA. THE MEXICANS HAD ALREADY TOLD THE ARGENTINES THAT IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD MEXICO VOTE FOR A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST BRITAIN: NOR WOULD THEY ACT ON SUCH A RESOLUTION IF IT WERE PASSED.

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"9T TO ALL) THAT THIS RESOLUTION MEANT LITTLE, BUT WAS A MEANS OF SHOWING LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY. HE ADDED THAT THE MEXICANS THOUGHT THAT BEFORE IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON ARGENTINA, THE COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE RAISED THE MATTER AT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ACTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO 502.

4. TELLO PROMISED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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