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WASHINGTON TELNO 1397: FALKLANDS/OAS

1. IT IS CLEAR FROM WHAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER TELLO TOLD ME (MY TELNO 299) THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON BRITAIN EVEN IF A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY WERE TO VOTE FOR SUCH SANCTIONS.
2. A MEXICAN PRESS COMMENTATOR HAS POINTED OUT THAT AT THE TIME OF SIGNATURE OF THE RIO TREATY, THE MEXICAN DELEGATION MADE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL DECLARATION: QUOTE THE DELEGATION OF MEXICO CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF LEGITIMATE DEFENCE, THE COLLECTIVE MEASURES REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 8 CANNOT BE APPLIED IN AN OBLIGATORY FORM, GIVEN THEIR COERCIVE NATURE, WITHOUT THE THE AUTHORISATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS. UNQUOTE.

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