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TO IMMEDIATE FCO TELEGRAM NUMBER 064 OF 22 APRIL
INFO OO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON TELNO 1378: FALKLANDS

1. THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TOLD ME LAST NIGHT THAT, HAVING TALKED EARLIER IN THE DAY WITH THE TRINIDADIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, HE DID NOT THINK THAT ARGENTINA WOULD GET ITS TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY ON 26 APRIL. MCINTYRE EVIDENTLY EXPECTED MEXICO AND BRAZIL TO VOTE AGAINST AND THOUGHT THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD PICK UP AT LEAST THREE MORE NEGATIVE VOTES THROUGH PRESSURE BETWEEN NOW AND MONDAY.

WM IN TALKING WITH INCE ABOUT THE RIO TREATY I DREW ON THE MATERIAL IN PARA 2.B OF YOUR GUIDANCE TELNO 55. (THIS MORNING'S TRINIDAD GUARDIAN PUBLISHES A LETTER FROM ME ALSO MAKING THIS POINT.) INCE, WHO IS LIKELY TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON ON 25 APRIL, SAID THAT HE WAS GOING HOME TO RE-READ THE RIO TREATY AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. HE ASKED WHAT YOUR VIEW WAS ON A

~~SAID THAT HE WAS GOING HOME TO RE-READ THE RIO TREATY AND THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. HE ASKED WHAT YOUR VIEW WAS ON A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL PEACE-KEEPING FORCE AND/OR A UNITED NATIONS INTERIM ADMINISTRATION AFTER THE ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL. I SAID I WOULD ENQUIRE: THOUGH IN NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES I THOUGHT THAT PEACE WAS MAINTAINED IN THE ISLANDS BY TWO OR THREE POLICEMEN AND THE ADMINISTRATION CARRIED ON WITH THE HELP OF A HANDFUL OF EXPATRIATE ADMINISTRATORS.~~

3. SINCE TRINIDAD SEEMS TO BE PLAYING A HELPFUL ROLE IN THE OAS (WASHINGTON TELNO 1372, PARA 4), AND TO BE THE ONLY COMMONWEALTH SIGNATORY OF THE RIO TREATY, I HOPE I MAY BE AUTHORISED TO GIVE INCE SOME IDEA OF YOUR VIEWS ON THE INTERIM SITUATION AFTER AN ARGENTINE WITHDRAWAL.

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