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MY TEL NO 187 : FALKLAND ISLANDS AND ICRC

1. WE HAVE JUST HEARD FROM THE ICRC THAT THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT GAVE A WRITTEN NOTE TO THE ICRC REPRESENTATIVE IN BUENOS AIRES A FEW HOURS AGO. THE NOTE CONFIRMS ACCEPTANCE OF THE ICRC OFFER MADE ON 8 APRIL TO PROVIDE HELP AND PROTECTION TO THE CIVILIAN POPULATION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. ICRC SAY THAT THE TEXT OF THE ARGENTINIAN NOTE IS VAGUE AND DOES NOT (NOT) SPECIFICALLY CONFIRM THAT THE ICRC MAY NOW VISIT THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. THEY ARE HOWEVER NATURALLY THEMSELVES INTERPRETING IT IN THIS SENSE AND WILL SEEK TO ORGANISE AN EARLY VISIT.

2. OUR ICRC CONTACT COMMENTED (PLEASE PROTECT) THAT THIS MOVE MAY BE PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO PUT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IN A GOOD LIGHT AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND. BUT THEY MEAN TO

GOOD LIGHT AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE WEEKEND. BUT THEY MEAN TO
EXPLOIT IT. THEY WILL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US. I AM TO SEE THE
PRESIDENT OF THE ICRC MYSELF TOMORROW MORNING.

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