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MYTELNO 1487: FALKLANDS/CONGRESS

LATE ON 29 APRIL THE UNITED STATES SENATE VOTED BY 79 VOTES TO 1 (HELMS) ON A RESOLUTION WHICH RESOLVES THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT STAND NEUTRAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, RECOGNISES THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO SELF-DEFENCE UNDER THE UN CHARTER AND CALLS FOR PREPARATIONS TO FURTHER ALL EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINIAN FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS. FULL TEXT IN M I F T.

2. THE RESOLUTION, PROPOSED BY SENATORS BIDEN AND MOYINHAN AND COSPONSORED BY SENATOR PERCY (CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE) AND OTHERS IS, AS BIDEN DESCRIBED IT ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE, A FIRM STATEMENT THAT THE SENATE STANDS FOR BRITAIN AND AGAINST ARGENTINA, THAT BRITAIN IS RIGHT AND ARGENTINA IS WRONG.

... MEASURES (AND BIDEN STIPULATED)

ARGENTINA IS WRONG.

WHILE IT DOES NOT CALL FOR SPECIFIC MEASURES (AND BIDEN STIPULATED THAT MILITARY ACTION WAS DEFINITELY NOT ENVISAGED) IT IS AN OVERWHELMING EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION, REFLECTING REALISATION THAT THE ARGENTINA POSITION REMAINS INFLEXIBLE.

3. ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION FOLLOWED A DAY OF FILIBUSTING BY HELMS TO TRY TO PREVENT A VOTE. PERCY AND OTHERS SPENT SEVERAL HOURS DURING THE EVENING NEGOTIATING WITH HELMS WHO EVENTUALLY ABANDONED HIS FILIBUSTER IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME TEXTURAL CHANGES.

PERCY TELEPHONED ME SEVERAL TIMES, AT ONE STAGE CONTEMPLATING DELAY UNTIL NEXT WEEK. I URGED HIM TO PRESS FOR A VOTE.

YOU MAY WISH TO SEND HIM A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION. I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK BIDEN ON YOUR BEHALF.

IT WAS HIS RESOLUTION, DRAFTED AS A RESULT OF YOUR MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK.

4. EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE THE RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY SOLARZ (PARA 1 OF T U R). THE RESOLUTION DESCRIBES BRITAIN AS A LOYAL ALLY THAT HAS STOOD BY THE UNITED STATES AND CALLS FOR FULL DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR GREAT BRITAIN IN ITS EFFORTS TO UPHOLD THE RULE OF LAW. THE SENATE AND HOUSE STAFFS WERE IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGHOUT ABOUT THE DRAFTING OF THEIR RESOLUTIONS.

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MY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TELEGRAM (NOT TO ALL): FOLLOWING IS TEXT
 OF SENATE RESOLUTION ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ADOPTED BY 79 VOTES
 TO 1 ON 29 APRIL.

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RESOLUTION

UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

(INSERT TITLE OF RESOLUTION HERE)

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WHEREAS THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE OF 1947 SPECIFICALLY ENVISIONS THAT THE AMERICAN STATES WILL SEEK QUOTE THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DIFFERENCES UNQUOTE: AND WHEREAS ON APRIL 2, 1982, ARMED FORCES OF ARGENTINA SEIZED AND OCCUPIED THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, A CROWN COLONY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM: AND

WHEREAS THE UNITED NATIONS, THROUGH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 (OF APRIL 3, 1982), HAS DEMANDED QUOTE AN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL ARGENTINE FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS UNQUOTE AND CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM QUOTE TO SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THEIR DIFFERENCES UNQUOTE: AND WHEREAS SUCH RESOLUTION, ARISING FROM A BREACH OF THE PEACE, IS BINDING UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW: AND

WHEREAS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED GOOD OFFICES TO THE SEARCH FOR THE DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION REQUIRED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502: AND CALLED FOR BY THE OAS, BUT

WHEREAS NO TREATY OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THE INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, REQUIRES OR IMPLIES UNITED STATES SUPPORT OF, OR NEUTRALITY TOWARD, ANY ACT OF INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION: AND

WHEREAS UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY SHOULD INDEED BE GUIDED BY THE IMPERATIVES OF OPPOSING INTERNATIONAL AGGRESSION: AND

WHEREAS, IN THE CURRENT DISPUTE, SUCH IMPERATIVES ARE INTENSIFIED BY LONG-STANDING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLEGIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT STAND NEUTRAL WITH REGARD TO IMPLEMENTATION OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 AND RECOGNISING THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ALL OTHER NATIONS TO SELF DEFENCE UNDER THE UN CHARTER, SHOULD THEREFORE PREPARE, THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGRESS, TO FURTHER ALL EFFORTS, PURSUANT TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502, TO ACHIEVE FULL WITHDRAWAL OF ARGENTINIAN FORCES FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

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