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MR LITTLER)
MR HAWTIN)
MR PERETZ) TREASURY
MR ILETT)
MR McINTYRE)

MISS DICKSON (EIP DIV) D/EN
DIO CABINET OFFICE
MR WADE-GERY CABINET OFFICE
MR FULLER SAPU/DIO " "

SIR M PALLISER CABINET OFFICE
SIR R ARMSTRONG " "

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FM QUITO 302107Z APR 1982

TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 061 OF 30 APR

REPEAT TO (FOR INFO) WASHINGTON

FALKLANDS: US SANCTION

1. THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION WAS MADE AT 13:30 HOURS LOCAL BY THE ECUADOREAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

BEGINS:

" I HAVE JUST LEARNT WITH PROFOUND CONCERN OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES IN IMPOSING SANCTIONS AGAINST THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC AND IN SUPPORTING GREAT BRITAIN. I MUST POINT OUT THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE 20TH CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ADOPTED BY 17 VOTES IN FAVOUR, NONE AGAINST AND 4 ABSTENTIONS, IS OBLIGATORY FOR ALL THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE TREATY OF INTER-AMERICAN RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE. THE TREATY SO RULES EXPRESSLY WHEN IT STATES THAT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE TREATY ARE OBLIGATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. THE DRAFT (SIC) RESOLUTION RECALLS THE DECLARATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN LEGAL COMMITTEE IN THE SENSE THAT " THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC HAS AN UNIMPEACHABLE RIGHT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLAS MALVINAS". THIS IS A LEGAL AND MORAL OBLIGATION WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE TREATY HAVE ASSUMED BY VIRTUE OF THE RESOLUTION. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE SUPPORT WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AND DECLARED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND THE IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

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DATED 30 APRIL 1982.

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