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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 615 OF 30 APRIL

INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON

MIPT: FALKLANDS

1. FOLLOWING IS THE UN PRESS SERVICES SUMMARY OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER SHORTLY AFTER MID-DAY ON 30 APRIL, FOLLOWING HIS CALL ON THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. (SOME AGENCY REPORTS HAVE APPARENTLY GIVEN THE IMPRESSION THAT COSTA MENDEZ HAD OFFERED UNCONDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF SCR 502, WHEREAS HE RESTATED ARGENTINE INSISTENCE ON SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS AS THE ATTACHED ACCOUNT MAKES CLEAR.)

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NICANOR COSTA MENDEZ, FOREIGN MINISTER OF ARGENTINA, SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD MET THIS MORNING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. IN THOSE MEETINGS HE HAD PUT FORTH THE POSITION THAT ARGENTINA WAS ALWAYS READY TO COMPLY WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502.

HE SAID THAT ARGENTINA WOULD ACCEPT THE INTERVENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ANY OF ITS ORGANS, OR THE SECRETARY-GENERAL. HE ADDED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONALITY WOULD IN NO WAY INTERFERE WITH HIS ABILITY TO WORK FOR A RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION.

HE STRESSED ARGENTINA'S WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE: "ARGENTINA WILL NOT STOP NEGOTIATING. ARGENTINA WANTS A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT..." THE PRINCIPLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION, HE SAID, WAS ARGENTINA'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ISLANDS. ARGENTINA WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE EVERY OTHER ASPECT OF THE SITUATION.

HE SAID ALSO THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT REJECTED THE PLAN PUT FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE. ARGENTINA HAD NO PROBLEM WITH MR. HAIG AND THE UNITED STATES CONTINUING TO WORK TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.

MR. COSTA MENDEZ HAD NO COMMENT WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS OFFERING MATERIAL AID TO THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE GAVE NO ANSWER WHEN ASKED REPEATEDLY WHEN AND HOW NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE.

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