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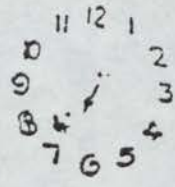
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FALKLAND ISLANDS: POSSIBLE CANADIAN ROLE
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MR MACQUIGAN'S MESSAGE:
QUOTE

DEAR MR PYM,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE TODAY. AS OUR DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER INDICATED TO YOU THIS MORNING, WE WERE BEING SOUNDED OUT BY THE PERUVIANS ABOUT ASSOCIATING CANADA WITH THEIR PROPOSED PEACE INITIATIVE. THIS AFTERNOON, THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR MADE A DIRECT APPROACH TO ME THAT EFFECT. THE PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED TO US IN TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN POINTS:

1. IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES:
2. MUTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES:
3. PRESENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT TO ADMINISTER THE ISLANDS TEMPORARILY:
4. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF DIFFERING AND CONFLICTING CLAIMS REGARDING THE SITUATION OF THE ISLANDS:

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS RECOGNISE THAT THE ASPIRATIONS AND INTERESTS OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE FINAL SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM:

6. A CONTACT GROUP THAT WILL INTERVENE ON AN IMMEDIATE BASIS IN NEGOTIATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE COMPOSED OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO BE NOMINATED BY COMMON ACCORD:
7. BEFORE 30 APRIL 83, A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE BEEN REACHED, UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES MENTIONED ABOVE.

IN ADDITION, THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED US THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS PROPOSING THAT PERU AND CANADA BE TWO OF THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONTACT GROUP, AS WELL AS IN PROMOTING THE PRESENT INITIATIVE. I AM INFORMING THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER THAT CANADA WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING ANY INITIATIVES IN WHICH ALL PARTIES CONCERNED FELT WE COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN YOUR REFERENCE TO THE VALUABLE IMPETUS YOU CONSIDER THE PERUVIAN INITIATIVE TO HAVE GENERATED. I NOTE AS WELL YOUR SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH THE LINK BETWEEN THE CEASEFIRE AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES AND WITH YOUR FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS MUST BE RESPECTED IN ANY DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT. THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS WILL NEED CLARIFICATION AND AMPLIFICATION. BUT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE FIRST QUESTION IS WHETHER CANADA'S ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PROMOTING AN EARLY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. I AM OF COURSE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE YOU CONTINUE TO ATTACH TO SECRETARY HAIG'S ROLE AND OF YOUR VIEW THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL MAY HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THEREFORE WHY I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON PERU'S PROPOSAL TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE RECENT TRAGIC DEATHS ON BOTH SIDES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF ARGENTINA HAD COMPLIED WITH THE

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TERMS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 502 AND I HOPE THAT THEY WILL
YET BE PERSUADED TO DO SO. I HAVE EMPHASIZED IN A NUMBER OF
PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND AGAIN LAST NIGHT BEFORE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DEFENCE THAT WE CONSIDER
THE BRITISH ACTION IN RESPECT OF THE CRUISER GENERAL BELGRANO TO
HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON THE BASIS OF BRITAIN'S INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF
DEFENCE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. I KNOW
THAT YOU APPRECIATE AS WELL AS I THE DANGERS OF DIFFERENT PUBLIC
PERCEPTIONS AND REACTIONS TO SUCH DEVELOPMENTS AND I AM CONFIDENT
THAT FOR THESE AND OTHER REASONS THE BRITISH FORCES WILL MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO LIMIT THEIR USE OF FORCE TO THE MINIMUM POSSIBLE.

I ALSO SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE IRISH
GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE COMMUNITY'S ECONOMIC MEASURES AND I HOPE
THAT IT DOES NOT SET IN TRAIN A PATTERN TO BE FOLLOWED BY OTHER
MEMBERS. WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO ALTER OUR PRESENT POSITION IN REGARD
TO SANCTIONS BUT I WILL WANT TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU IN THE
COMING DAYS AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN
CURRENT COMMUNITY MEASURES WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON OPINION HERE
WHICH WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, THOUGH OUR GOVERNMENT'S
DISPOSITION WOULD BE TO REMAIN AS SUPPORTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

YOURS SINCERELY,
MARK MACGUIGAN.
UNQUOTE

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