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TELEGRAM NUMBER 701 OF 10 MAY

MY TEL NO 693: FALKLANDS : TRUSTEESHIP

1. AT THE BEGINNING OF MY MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THIS EVENING (10 MAY), PEREZ DE CUELLAR SAID THAT ROS HAD COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT A STATEMENT YOU HAD ALLEGEDLY MADE TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT 1630Z TODAY IN WHICH YOU CLEARLY MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF TRUSTEESHIP. THIS WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE ARGENTINES BECAUSE IT SEEMED TO MEAN THAT BRITAIN WAS INTENDING TO KILL THE CURRENT EXERCISE BY PROPOSING TRUSTEESHIP.

2. I SAID THAT I COULD GIVE PEREZ DE CUELLAR AN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE THAT WE WERE NOT CONTEMPLATING INJECTING TRUSTEESHIP INTO THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS. BUT THERE HAD BEEN MUCH INTEREST IN TRUSTEESHIP IN THE HOUSE AND IN PARTICULAR ON THE PART OF DR OWEN AND MEMBERS OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE, WHO HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK AT THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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