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11 May 1982

Prime Minister

Content that

(a) the attached reply is sent to the President of Mexico?

(b) to tell Mr. du Cann the gist of your reply? A.J.C. 11/5

Dear John,

Falkland Islands

Thank you for your letter of 7 May. We have sent an interim reply to the President of Mexico about his initiative with Galtieri and the proposed face-to-face encounter in Cancun both through our own Ambassador in Mexico City and through the Mexican Ambassador here. (FCO Telnos 363 and 364, attached.)

It is clearly right to continue to devote our full energies to the efforts being made by the Secretary General of the UN in New York. Until such time as these efforts succeed or fail, it would be unwise to switch to another channel.

At the same time, we must not offend President Lopez Portillo whose concern is clear and whose good offices might possibly be of value at some stage in the future. I enclose a draft telegram to Mexico City containing a reply from the Prime Minister.

In addition to Mr du Cann, Mr 'Tiny' Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sandys have also been involved in the President's initiative through Sr Rosell de la Lama. There would of course be no objection to your passing on to Mr du Cann, on a confidential basis, the gist of the Prime Minister's reply.

Yours ever

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TO FLASH MEXICO CITY  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 363 OF 7 MAY  
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YOUR TELS NOS 366 AND 367: FALKLANDS

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1. WE HOPE TO LET YOU HAVE A CONSIDERED RESPONSE TO LOPEZ PORTILLO'S SUGGESTION ON 10 MAY.
2. MEANWHILE YOU MAY INFORM LOPEZ PORTILLO THAT WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR HIS CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL INITIATIVE. WE WILL WISH TO CONSIDER HIS <sup>PROPOSAL</sup> ~~PROPOSAL~~ CAREFULLY AND A FULL RESPONSE WILL BE SENT SHORTLY. WE ARE NATURALLY DISAPPOINTED BY ARGENTINE REJECTION OF THE US/PERUVIAN PROPOSALS. BUT WE ARE NOW WORKING THROUGH THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HOPE THIS MAY PROVIDE A PROSPECT OF PROGRESS.

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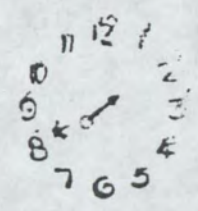
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 YOUR TELNO 369

7-8 MAY

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1. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR (OLLOQUI) HAS BEEN TELEPHONED BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO FROM SONORA AND ASKED WHEN HE IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE A FULL RESPONSE TO HIS OFFER OF HELP. THE PRESIDENT HAS REPEATED HIS CLAIM THAT GALTIERI IS READY FOR A MEETING IN MEXICO EG. AT CANCUN.

2. WE HAVE GIVEN OLLOQUI THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MESSAGE WHICH YOU CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT ON 7 MAY. DRAWING ON SIR A PARSONS' PRESS CONFERENCE TEXT (UKMIS NEW YORK TELNO.681 NOT TO YOU) WE ALSO DESCRIBED THE RECENT ACTIVITY IN NEW YORK AND EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE NOW BOUND TO AWAIT THE OUTCOME OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EFFORTS. OLLOQUI EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND HAS PROMISED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO THE PRESIDENT.

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	10	MY TELNOS 363 AND 364: FALKLANDS
	11	1. Please pass as soon as possible following message to
	12	President Lopez Portillo. Begins.
	13	<sup>Mr.</sup> Dear President: I was most grateful for your recent message
	14	about President Galtieri's willingness to meet me on Mexican
	15	soil to discuss our differences. I am grateful for the evident
	16	concern which lay behind your initiative. We must neglect no
	17	possibility in the urgent search for a solution to a dispute
	18	which has already had such tragic consequences, but, as you know,
	19	we are at this present moment making intense efforts through the
	20	UN Secretary General in New York to work out a basis for an
	21	early ceasefire and a subsequent negotiated settlement. I and my
///	22	colleagues are now giving these matters our undivided attention
//	23	and will continue to do so during the coming days until it is
/	24	clear that the Secretary-General's intervention has either
	25	succeeded or failed. I am sure you would agree that our first

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 2 priority must be to do all we can to ensure that Sr Perez de  
 3 Cuellar's efforts come to a satisfactory conclusion.  
 4 In these circumstances, I do not believe that it would be right  
 5 to cut across what is happening in New York. I shall not  
 6 hesitate to contact you again if some new approach seems  
 7 desirable. In the meantime I should be grateful for anything  
 8 you can do to impress upon President Galtieri the crucial  
 9 importance of reaching early agreement in New York so that  
 10 hostilities can cease. These efforts will only succeed if  
 11 Argentina can be persuaded to withdraw her forces and refrain  
 12 from previous insistence on predetermined Argentine sovereignty  
 13 over the Falkland Islands. For our part, we are ready to return  
 14 to the negotiating table in good faith once Argentine forces  
 15 have been withdrawn.  
 16 In view of intense worldwide speculation which has already placed  
 17 the UN Secretary General under great pressure, I am sure you  
 18 would agree with me that it would be best to make no public  
 19 reference to our own exchanges and to your initiative with  
 20 President Galtieri.  
 21 I send to you my warmest good wishes and personal thanks for your  
 22 active interest and help. Ends.  
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