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YOUR TELNO 375: FALKLANDS

1. I DELIVERED THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO THIS MORNING.

2. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS WARM THANKS FOR SUCH A LOGICAL AND REASONABLE STATEMENT. HE DID NOT WANT TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S CURRENT EFFORTS, WHICH HE DEVOUTLY HOPED WOULD SUCCEED. HIS OWN SUGGESTION HAD PRECEDED THE PRESENT ROUND OF NEGOTIATION: IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AGAIN IF AND WHEN PEREZ DE CUELLAR'S INTERVENTION FAILED.

3. THE PRESIDENT ASKED WHERE THE MAIN POINT OF DIFFICULTY NOW LAY. I REPLIED I UNDERSTOOD IT TO BE ARGENTINE INSISTENCE ON PREDETERMINATION OF THE ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY. ALTHOUGH WE WERE READY IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS TO DISCUSS SOVEREIGNTY AMONG OTHER MATTERS, WE COULD OBVIOUSLY GIVE NO ADVANCE UNDERTAKINGS. IN PARTICULAR WE HAD TO ENSURE THAT THE WISHES OF THE ISLANDERS, WHO FORMED

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4. THE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT HIS INITIATIVE AND EXCHANGES WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT GALTIERI SHOULD REMAIN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. AS I LEFT HE UNDERLINED HIS DESIRE TO DO ANYTHING WHICH COULD HELP TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS.

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