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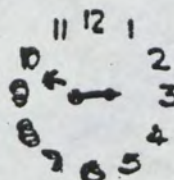
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TELEGRAM NUMBER 748 OF 13 MAY
INFO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON.



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MY TEL NO 739: FALKLANDS.

1. PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAS TOLD ME THAT NOTHING MUCH EMERGED FROM HIS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (13 MAY) WITH ROS. HE HAD EXPLAINED TO ROS THAT, FOR PRACTICAL REASONS, WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME UP TODAY WITH COMMENTS ON THE TWO DIFFICULT ISSUES - INTERIM ADMINISTRATION AND SOUTH GEORGIA. INSTEAD, WE HAD CONCENTRATED ON ONE POINT - HOW TO AVOID A VACUUM IF THE TARGET DATE WAS NOT ACHIEVED. ROS HAD ACCEPTED THIS POSITION. IN PRIVATE, HE HAD PRODUCED WHAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR DESCRIBED AS POINTS WHICH WERE QUOTE A LITTLE MORE CO-OPERATIVE UNQUOTE ON THE VACUUM AND THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION. PEREZ DE CUELLAR CONCLUDED THAT THE BALL WAS NOW BACK IN MY COURT.

2. THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR 2000Z ON 14 MAY MAY BE DIFFICULT. I HAVE FOUND OUT THAT ROS IS SEEING EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL INDIVIDUALLY. MY GUESS IS THAT HE WILL PROBABLY SUGGEST TO THEM THAT THEY SHOULD PRESS ME TOMORROW AFTERNOON ON MILITARY RESTRAINT WHILE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE (I WILL OF COURSE MAINTAIN ROCK-LIKE FIRMINESS

ON THIS) AND AT THE SAME TIME PREPARE THE GROUND TO WRONG FOOT US IF THE NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN, IE BY MAKING THE MOST OF QUOTE ARGENTINE MODERATION AND FLEXIBILITY UNQUOTE AND ALLEGING THAT WE WERE BEING SO INFLEXIBLE AS TO MAKE IT OBVIOUS THAT WE WERE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. I HAVE INCIDENTALLY BEEN WARNED VERY SECRETLY BY PEREZ DE CUELLAR THAT THE CHINESE PRESIDENT IS TOTALLY BIASED AND DANGEROUS. I HAD ALREADY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT HIS TALK ABOUT PRESSURE FROM OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A ROUND OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WAS LIES, AND THAT THE MEETING IS BEING HELD ENTIRELY AT HIS INITIATIVE.

3. URQUHART TOLD ME THIS AFTERNOON IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR WAS CLOSE TO THE END OF HIS TETHER BUT THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF HIS MEETING WITH ME THIS MORNING, HE WAS PREPARED TO KEEP ON TRYING FOR A LITTLE LONGER. HE WAS CONTEMPLATING (HE HAD NOT MADE UP HIS MIND) PRESENTING HIS PAPER (SEE PARA 7 OF MY TEL NO 739) TO BOTH OF US ON SATURDAY AND GIVING A TIME LIMIT OF THREE DAYS THEREAFTER TO MAKE OR BREAK.

4. PLEASE SEE MY IFT.

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