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1. YOUR OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY ARE:-

A) TO OBTAIN FINAL ARGENTINIAN VIEWS IN WRITING. THE MORE UNREASONABLE THEY ARE THE BETTER FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW:

B) TO GET THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ANNOUNCE THAT HIS EFFORTS HAVE COME TO AN END IN A MANNER AS ACCEPTABLE AS POSSIBLE FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW BUT NOT(NOT) BEFORE 6 PM NEW YORK TIME:

C) TO CONVEY IN APPROPRIATE FASHION AND AT THE RIGHT TIME THAT THE ARGENTINIAN POSITION IS UNACCEPTABLE TO US AND THAT THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED:

D) TO HANDLE THE PRESS.

2. AS REGARDS ARGENTINIAN VIEWS (OBJECTIVE(A)) THE SUMMARY CONVEYED TO US IN YOUR TEL NO 780 IS EQUIVOCAL AND OF COURSE IN MANY RESPECTS UNACCEPTABLE, NOTABLY OVER THE DEPENDENCIES AND OVER ACCESS FOR ARGENTINE PEOPLE IN THE INTERIM PERIOD. THEY ARE ALSO UNSATISFACTORY ON BOTH THE MODALITIES AND THE TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL AND AS YOU POINTED OUT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OVER ARTICLES 6(3) AND (4). YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONFIRM TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT THIS IS OUR FORMAL VIEW WHICH WILL NO DOUBT BE REINFORCED WHEN YOU SEE, AS YOU WERE PROMISED, THE FULL ARGENTINE POSITION IN WRITING. YOU COULD GO ON TO ASK THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ASK ROS URGENTLY TO CONVEY THE ARGENTINE FORMAL POSITION TO HIM IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, BY THE EXISTING DEADLINE OF NOON NEW YORK TIME TODAY. THIS IS OF COURSE HIS DEADLINE (ALTHOUGH YOU PUT IT TO HIM ORIGINALLY). YOU SHOULD TELL THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT IF ARGENTINA DOES NOT REPLY OR REPLIES IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN TO ACCEPT THE BRITISH DRAFT AGREEMENT WE SHALL CONSIDER HER TO HAVE

REJECTED IT AND TO HAVE BROUGHT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO AN END. YOU CAN CERTAINLY TELL THE SECRETARY GENERAL THAT OUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE IN NO WAY DETRACTS FROM OUR APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS MADE.

3. AS REGARDS OBJECTIVE B) IT IS, AS YOU KNOW, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HIMSELF SHOULD ACCEPT AND MAKE CLEAR IN PUBLIC THAT HIS NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT AN END. GIVEN THE TIMETABLE HERE WHICH THE PUS EXPLAINED TO YOU, WE DO NOT WANT THE NEWS TO BREAK TOO EARLY, HENCE OUR DESIRE THAT HE SHOULD NOT (NOT) ACT BEFORE 6 PM NEW YORK TIME. YOU CAN PERHAPS SPIN THINGS OUT BY HAVING A SECOND MEETING OR HE COULD BE DISCUSSING WITH YOU THE TERMS OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND WHAT HE MAY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT HIS OWN PROPOSALS. ALTERNATIVELY HE COULD BE PUTTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE PICTURE BEFORE GOING PUBLIC.

4. OBJECTIVE C) HAS BEEN LARGELY DEALT WITH IN THE FOREGOING.

5. AS REGARDS OBJECTIVE D) NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL BE TAKING THE LINE AT NOON TODAY THAT THE INDICATIONS OF THE ARGENTINE RESPONSE SO FAR LOOK UNPROMISING. I DO NOT THINK THAT WE CAN DECIDE ON SUBSEQUENT PRESS COMMENT UNTIL WE KNOW HOW THINGS HAVE GONE AT YOUR END. WE SHALL HAVE TO BE IN TOUCH ABOUT THIS.

6. YOU WILL RECEIVE SEPARATELY COMMENTS ON ACTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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