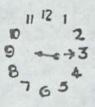
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TO FLASH UKMIS NEW YORK
TELEGRAM NUMBER 435 OF 19 MAY
AND TO IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON



YOUR TELNOS 783 AND 784 AND TELECONS PARSONS/ACLAND: FALKLAND ISLANDS: STATEMENT

- 1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT WHICH WE ARE RECOMMENDING TO MINISTERS FOR ISSUE BY NUMBER TEN TONIGHT (PROBABLY NOT BEFORE 22.00Z). THE SINGLE NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES WOULD BE USED SIMPLY TO AVOID THE BLEAKLY NEGATIVE IMPRESSION OF THE UNADORNED STATEMENT.
- 2. BEGINS. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY TODAY THEIR DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHICH WERE CONVEYED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY SIR ANTHONY PARSONS ON MONDAY, 17 MAY, FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH MINISTERS AT CHEQUERS ON L6 MAY.
- 3. WE RECEIVED THIS RESPONSE THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TONIGHT. IT AMOUNTS TO A REJECTION OF OUR PROPOSALS.
- 4. IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS DOCUMENT THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ARE NOT SERIOUS ABOUT CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS. THE TEXT REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL HARDENING OF THE ARGENTINE POSITION.
- 5. WE HAVE MADE OUR VIEWS CLEAR TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL.
- 6. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE MAKING A FULL REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TOMORROW. WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY FOR THE MOMENT. ENDS.

NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES - STRICTLY UNATTRIBUTABLE

7. BEGINS. QUESTION: HOW HAS THE ARGENTINE POSITION HARDENED?
ANSWER: THROUGHOUT THE SUCCESSIVE ROUNDS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE
ARGENTINES HAVE SOUGHT TO PRE DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE ISLANDS
AND THE ISLANDERS EITHER BY PREJUDICIAL LANGUAGE IN THE TERMS
OF REFERENCE FOR EVENTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, OR BY THE ARRANGEMENTS
TO BE MADE ON THE GROUND IN THE INTERIM PERIOD. THIS TEXT DOES
BOTH. ENDS NOTES FOR SUPPLEMENTARIES.





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	13	1. The present intention is to issue a short statement at
	14	1100Z 20 May confirming rejection of the Argentine proposals
	15	and our view that an end to the present round of negotiations
	16	has been reached. We will telegraph text to you before issue.
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